



## **Torr's Animal Handling Policy**

### **Purpose**

To ensure the safety and well-being of both participants and animals during handling sessions.

### **Scope**

This SOP applies to all staff and participants involved in animal handling activities.

### **Responsibilities**

- Staff: Ensure all procedures are followed and provide guidance to participants.
- Participants: Follow instructions carefully and respect the reptiles.

### **Preparation**

#### **1. Training Sessions**

- Ensure all staff are trained in animal handling techniques.
- Provide participants with a briefing on animal behavior and handling procedures.

#### **2. Equipment Check**

- Verify that all necessary equipment is available:
- Gloves (if needed)
- Handling tools (e.g., hooks, tongs)
- Secure transport containers

#### **3. Health Checks**

- Confirm that all animal are healthy and suitable for handling.

### **Procedure**

#### **1. Participant Briefing**

- Explain the purpose of the handling session.

- Discuss safety protocols, including:
- Keeping hands away from the Animal mouth.
- Avoiding sudden movements.
- Recognizing signs of stress in reptiles.

## **2. Demonstration**

- Conduct a live demonstration of proper handling techniques.
- Highlight how to approach, pick up, and support the reptile's body.

## **3. Supervised Handling**

- Allow participants to handle reptiles under direct supervision.
- Ensure staff are present to assist and monitor.
- Remind participants to remain calm and gentle.

## **4. Post-Handling Care**

- Encourage participants to wash their hands after handling.
- Discuss the importance of respecting the animal space and well-being.

## **Emergency Procedures**

### **1. In Case of Bites or Scratches**

- Remain calm and assess the situation.
- Provide first aid as needed:
- Clean the wound with soap and water.
- Apply a bandage.
- Seek medical attention if necessary.

### **2. Animal Escape**

- Immediately inform staff.
- Avoid chasing the reptile; instead, calmly contain the area.

## **Review and Feedback**

- Conduct a debriefing session after each handling event.

- Gather feedback from participants and staff to improve future sessions.

**Documentation**

- Maintain records of animal health checks, incidents, and participant feedback.

This SOP is designed to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for all individuals involved in animal handling activities. Following these guidelines will help ensure the safety and comfort of both participants and animal.