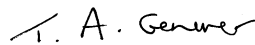


THE BLUE CROSS RISK ASSESSMENT

LOCATION: Visits to nursery, schools and youth groups		
ACTIVITY UNDER ASSESSMENT: Taking a live dog to a group of children by a volunteer or member of staff		
NAME OF ASSESSOR: T Genever		
NUMBER OF PERSONS INVOLVED: Average 30 - 300		
AGE RANGE OF PERSONS INVOLVED: Children from 3 years to 16 years old and adults		
FREQUENCY AND DURATION OF ACTIVITY: Usually 1 hour		
PERSONS WHO COULD BE AT RISK (ELDERLY, DISABLED, YOUNG PERSONS): Young people and adults. People with disabilities will have a separate risk assessment carried out by the school/group		
IDENTIFIED HAZARDS (PLEASE LIST): Bite, scratch, knocked over, allergy, phobia, zoonoses, tripping over, slipping on wet, pulling over		
ACTIONS PREVIOUSLY TAKEN TO REDUCE RISK OF INJURY (PLEASE LIST): Dog: Only healthy dogs used, fully vaccinated and wormed, deflea'd, aptitude tested. Dog at least 12 months old and owned for at least 6 months. Hand washing facilities required after touching the dog. Parents informed by school/group regarding the visit (allergies and phobias) Handler: trained in working with children, familiar with dog, carries equipment to clean up urine, etc, only allow up to two children at a time to approach dog. All Blue Cross staff and volunteers CRB checked and aware of health and safety issues.		
ASSESSMENT OF REMAINING RISKS (LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH): Remaining risks: children behaving badly which upsets dog - low risk		
FURTHER ACTIONS OR CONTROLS NEEDED (PLEASE LIST): Reduced by giving children a code of conduct before the visit Dog handlers receive guidance in the use of the dog and noticing the signs of stress in their dog. Member of staff always present to supervise the children.		
HOW WILL THESE ACTIONS OR CONTROLS BE IMPLEMENTED. BY WHOM AND WHEN BY: T Genever by March 2011		
SIGNATURE OF ASSESSOR: 	DATE: 1.3.11	REVIEW DATE: 31 st March 2012
PRINT NAME: T GENEVER	POSITION: Education Development Manager	