



Importance of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

1. Protection from Injury

- **Bites and Scratches:** PPE such as gloves and protective clothing prevents bites and scratches from animals.
- **Impact Injuries:** Sturdy footwear and protective clothing shield handlers from kicks and other impacts.
- **Eye and Face Protection:** Eye protection and face masks prevent injuries from splashes or debris.

2. Preventing Disease Transmission

- **Zoonotic Diseases:** PPE reduces the risk of transmitting diseases from animals to humans.
- **Maintaining Hygiene:** Wearing PPE helps maintain a clean environment and prevents the spread of pathogens.

3. Comfort and Confidence

- **Handling Stress:** Proper PPE ensures handlers can work confidently without fear of injury.
- **Animal Stress:** Proper use of PPE and handling equipment minimises stress for the animal by ensuring secure and controlled handling.

Items of PPE Required for Handling and Restraining Animals

1. Gloves and Gauntlets

- **Use:** Protect hands from bites, scratches, and contamination.
- **Suitability:** Suitable for handling small mammals, birds, and reptiles.

2. Protective Clothing

- **Long Sleeves and Trousers:** Provide full coverage to protect skin from scratches and bites.
- **Sturdy Closed Shoes:** Protect feet from being stepped on or injured by sharp objects.
- **Suitability:** Appropriate for handling large animals like horses, livestock, and aggressive dogs.

3. Eye Protection

- **Use:** Protect eyes from splashes, dust, and debris.
- **Suitability:** Essential when dealing with animals that may spray or when working in dusty environments.

4. Face Masks

- **Use:** Prevent inhalation of pathogens, dust, and hair.
- **Suitability:** Useful when handling birds, livestock, or animals with respiratory infections.

5. No Loose Clothing or Jewellery

- **Importance:** Prevents animals from grabbing or getting entangled, which could lead to injury.
- **Suitability:** Important when handling all types of animals, especially those prone to grabbing or chewing.



Handling and Restraint Equipment (Species Specific)

1. Head Collar and Lead Rope

- **Use:** Control and guide large animals like horses and cattle.
- **Suitability:** Horses, cattle, and other large livestock.

2. Collars and Leads

- **Use:** Securely lead and control dogs during handling.
- **Suitability:** Dogs and similar-sized animals.

3. Harnesses

- **Use:** Provide secure control while distributing pressure evenly across the animal's body.
- **Suitability:** Dogs, rabbits, and small mammals.

4. Nets

- **Use:** Capture and restrain birds and small, fast-moving animals.
- **Suitability:** Birds, small mammals, and reptiles.

5. Carry Cages and Crush Cages

- **Use:** Transport and temporarily restrain animals.
- **Suitability:** Cats, small mammals, and reptiles.

6. Pig Board

- **Use:** Direct and control the movement of pigs.
- **Suitability:** Pigs and other large livestock.

7. Muzzles

- **Use:** Prevent animals from biting during handling.
- **Suitability:** Dogs, cats, and small mammals.

8. Graspers and Nooses

- **Use:** Safely capture and restrain animals from a distance.
- **Suitability:** Reptiles, small mammals, and birds.

9. Towels and Blankets

- **Use:** Wrap and restrain small animals to prevent movement.
- **Suitability:** Cats, small mammals, and birds.