# Risk assessment for animals in Pre-School

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| (1)Bronte (Claire’s tortoise) (2) Snails found in garden | ○ Look closely at living creatures to find out more about them  
○ Use various materials, mark making, etc to represent and express the experience  
○ Care for other living things.  
○ Have a positive approach to new experiences | ○ Infection from contact with snails or tortoise  
○ Scratch/ injury from tortoise claws  
○ Contamination from contact with animal waste  
○ Contamination from putting snail in mouth/ hands after handling them  
○ Allergic reaction | ○ Handling the animals will only be done with direct adult supervision  
○ Tortoise will be kept safely in pen, where children can see her, and will only have direct access with Claire.  
○ Any waste will be quickly cleaned up and anti-bac used  
○ Children to wash hands prior to and after handling the animals.  
○ Parental permission sought and checks on known allergies carried out.  
○ All staff aware of what could be initial signs of allergic reaction & aware of those with history, predisposition. |

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