

Family Firework Event at Marsh Farm
4th, 5th and 6th November 2021

Our Animal Care Policy

The care and protection of all the animals at Marsh Farm is a priority for the business. We have a full time animal care team who are solely responsible for the welfare of the animals and are supported by a veterinary service.

The firework launch area is located at the furthest point of the farm from the animals and we put lots of precautions in place to make this a stress-free experience for the animals here at Marsh Farm.

The animals at Marsh Farm are worked with daily so that they are very comfortable with being in a leisure attraction setting, meeting visitors and the resulting movement and noise.

They have very close relationships with the animal team and this team will be on site with the animals during this event.

The following actions are being taken:

- Our ponies are normally put out to graze in the fields overnight but on this occasion, they will be left within the stables with the doors closed and a member of staff, whom they know well, to oversee their welfare. Our small pets will also be with staff in this building.
- The Woodland Walk will be closed to the public and the animals will be placed in pens overnight as normal, which gives them protection from noise and lights. The animals in this area are rabbits, geese, ducks and turkeys. The Pygmy Goats are also in this area who will have free range of their pen with their shelter open to go to if they wish. A staff member will be present in this area to oversee the animals.
- Our Highland cows will remain in their existing paddocks and have free range of the area. A staff member will be present to supervise them and oversee their welfare.
- Alpaca's and Llama's will have free range in their existing paddocks. While they have their own pen for shelter, we will allow to roam their paddock as they will naturally run on hearing noise and it is therefore in their best interest not to be in a confined area. This will minimize any distress. A staff member will be present in this area to oversee and reassure them.
- The animals in the animal shed will have use of their enclosures as normal. A staff member will be present within this area to oversee the animals.
- The same strategy will apply to our Kune Kune Pigs who will have free range of their pen with their shelter to go to if they wish.

We would like to reassure all our visitors that our animals are being well cared for during the Marsh Farm Firework Event but also throughout this period where fireworks will be let off in the surrounding town from private houses and other planned events.

