

Appendix E: Handling Test

Animal: _____

Handler: _____

Date: _____

	2 = Major mistakes, issues, concerns <i>(does not currently have the handling skills or comfort level needed for handling specific animal)</i>	1 = Minor mistakes, issues, concerns <i>(needs more training before moving forward on specific animal)</i>	0 = No mistakes, issues, concerns <i>(able to move forward with handling/certification)</i>
Comfort/ Confidence	Handler lacks confidence OR is over confident in handling abilities. Handler appears uncomfortable handling the animal to the point where animal or human safety could be an issue.	Handler appears to lack some confidence, but is able to handle the animal in an appropriate manner.	Handler demonstrates confidence and is relaxed while handling the animal.
Attitude	Handler demonstrates a lack of respect for animal or safety and is not open to feedback.	Handler shows respect for animal and accepts feedback, but has room for improvement.	Handler demonstrates great care and respect for animal and willing accepts feedback.
Removal from holding	Handler was unable to properly remove animal from holding without assistance and/or was unable/or unwilling to follow trainer's instructions.	Handler had some difficulty properly removing animal from holding, but followed trainer's instructions.	Handler had little to no difficulty properly removing animal from holding.
<input type="checkbox"/> Mark and flip program card to 'Out On Program' <input type="checkbox"/> Close enclosures and check locks			
Kenninging/ Crating	Handler was unable to properly set up travel container.	Handler had some difficulty setting up travel container.	Handler had little to no difficulty setting up travel container.
<input type="checkbox"/> Safely pick up animal and place in carrier <input type="checkbox"/> Check carrier is for secure before closing <input type="checkbox"/> Carriers animal carrier properly			
Handling/ presentation	Hander lacked confidence OR was over confident while presenting animal. Was unable/unwilling to follow handling guidelines. Animal/handler/public safety was not exhibited by handler.	Handler had some difficulty while presenting animal, but followed handling guidelines.	Handler had little to no difficulty while presenting animal and followed handling guidelines.
<input type="checkbox"/> Hands are clean and washed <input type="checkbox"/> Follows proper guidelines for public contact <input type="checkbox"/> Presents accurate/age appropriate information			
Return animal to holding	Handler was unable to properly return animal to holding without assistance and was unable/or unwilling to follow trainer's instructions.	Handler had some difficulty properly returning animal to holding, but followed trainer's instructions.	Handler had little to no difficulty properly returning animal to holding.
<input type="checkbox"/> Puts animal in proper enclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Locks & double checks enclosure <input type="checkbox"/> Flips program animal card <input type="checkbox"/> Cleans/disinfects carrier & returns properly put away			
Understanding of handling policies	Handler is unable/ unwilling to adhere to institutional handling policies. Does not demonstrate an understanding or importance of policies. Handler poses a potential risk to animal/handler/public safety.	Handler requires written and/or verbal coaching on policies, but willing accepts feedback. Handler poses a potential risk to animal/handler/public safety.	Handler has little to no difficulty understand and following handling policies. Handler is proficient in this area.
<input type="checkbox"/> Outside temps chart for handling times <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosure Card: Daily usage (2Xs/day only); Date last fed (snakes); Opaque (snakes); Other notes on program/enclosure card <input type="checkbox"/> Program Calendar (check animals assigned to program) <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Sanitizer packed <input type="checkbox"/> Radio & Keys			

A passing grade of 0 is required to move forward with passing handling for each animal handling test.