

Animal Encounters

RIVERBANKS
ZOO & GARDEN

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Animal Encounters are a great way to enhance any indoor or outdoor, private event! Please select an encounter from the four options below. If you have any specific species preferences, we'd be happy to note those too, although cannot make promises due to availability. On event day, your guests will then have a unique opportunity to learn a little about the animal(s), take photos and even touch certain species! So whether you book Iggy the Blue-Tongued Skink to mingle with delegates or you request our friendly ponies to greet wedding guests upon arrival, Riverbanks will do everything to ensure everyone leaves having had a fun and unforgettable animal experience.

SMALL MAMMAL ENCOUNTER

From African hedgehogs and ferrets to domestic rats and guinea pigs, guests of any age are sure to delight in meeting one or more of these furry friends. An ideal addition for any event!



Rate: \$100 per encounter
Monthly availability: All year
Daily availability: 9am-8pm
Temperature Range: 50-80°F
Location: Any
Duration: 30 mins

REPTILE ENCOUNTER

Perfect for social events, these cool creatures include bearded dragons, blue-tongued skinks, box turtles, Texas tortoises, corn snakes, bull snakes, and a rainbow boa.



Rate: \$100 per encounter
Monthly availability: All year
Daily availability: 9am-8pm
Temperature Range: 70-90°F
Location: Any
Duration: 30 mins

FARM ANIMAL ENCOUNTER

Want to add a certain "wow factor" to your event? Our Shetland ponies and Nubian goats are ideal for larger events as you can't miss them! We also recommend them for arrival entrances or outdoor open spaces. Two animals of the same species are included with your encounter!



Rate: \$250 per encounter
Monthly availability: All year
Daily availability: 6pm-8pm
Temperature Range: 60-100°F
Location: Any, except Magnolia Rm
Duration: 45 mins

GIRAFFE FEEDING

Feeding our inquisitive herd of giraffes is one of the most unique experiences in Columbia! In small groups, your guests can hand feed some hungry candidates while their keeper happily answers any questions that your guests may have. Those big eyes and long eyelashes create some unforgettable photo opportunities!



Rate: \$500 per session
Monthly availability: All year
Daily availability: 6pm-8pm
Temperature Range: 50-100°F
Location: Giraffe Deck
Duration: 45 mins

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