

# Wash Hands When Leaving Animal Exhibits

## WHO

 Everyone, especially young children, older individuals, and people with weakened immune systems

## WHEN

### Always Wash Hands:

-  After touching animals or their living area
-  After leaving the animal area
-  After taking off dirty clothes or shoes
-  After going to the bathroom
-  Before preparing foods, eating, or drinking



## HOW

-  Wet your hands with clean, running water
-  Apply soap
-  Rub hands together to make a lather and scrub well, including backs of hands, between fingers, and under fingernails
-  Rub hands at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the “Happy Birthday” song from beginning to end twice
-  Rinse hands
-  Dry hands using a clean paper towel or air dry them. Do not dry hands on clothing



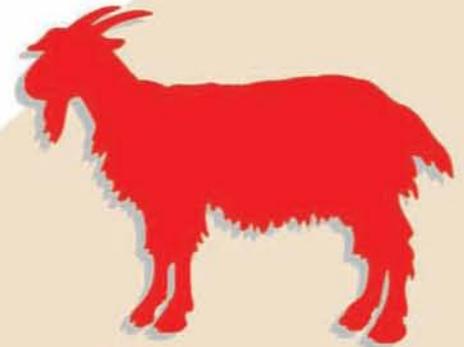
For more information, visit CDC's Healthy Pets, Healthy People website ([www.cdc.gov/healthypets](http://www.cdc.gov/healthypets)) and CDC's Handwashing website ([www.cdc.gov/handwashing](http://www.cdc.gov/handwashing)).

**K**now that animals carry germs that can make people sick

**N**ever eat, drink, or put things into your mouth in animal areas

**O**lder adults, pregnant women, and young children should be extra careful around animals

**W**ash your hands with soap and water right after visiting the animal area



**How to be Safe Around Animals!**

