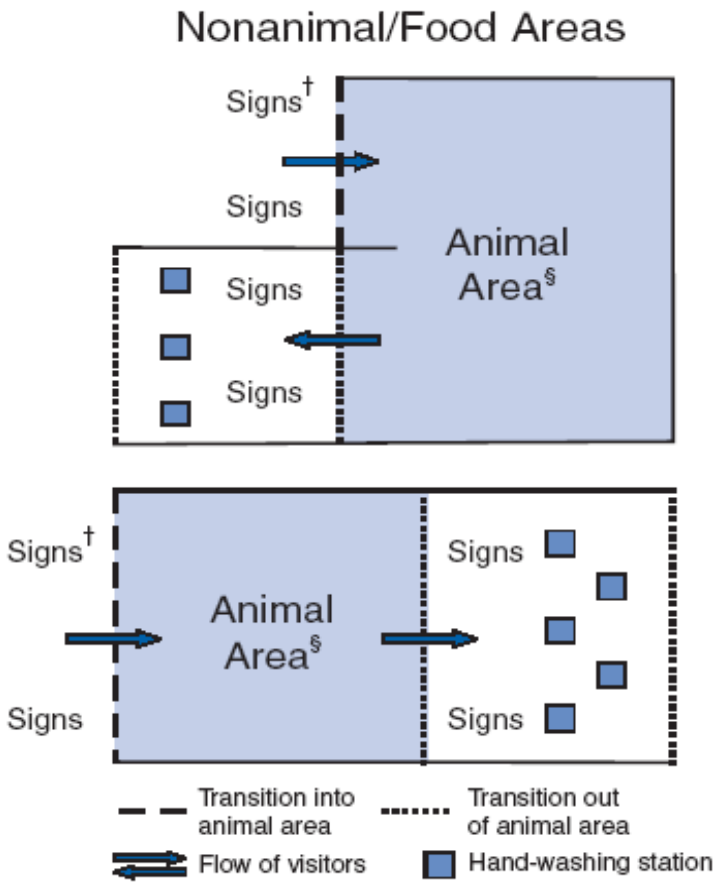
PETTING ZOOS AND ANIMAL DISPLAYS

DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS
TO REDUCE DISEASE SPREAD AND INJURIES

FIGURE. Examples of designs for animal contact settings, including clearly designated animal areas, nonanimal areas,* and transition areas with hand-washing stations and signage



* Nonanimal areas — Areas in which animals are not permitted, except for service animals (e.g., guide dogs). Food and beverages should be prepared, served, and consumed only in the designated nonanimal areas.
† Signs should be in different formats depending on the audience (e.g., children and persons who do not speak English). Nonwritten information (e.g., verbal instructions and videos) can also be used.
§ Animal area — Areas in which animal contact is possible (e.g., county fairs) or is encouraged (e.g., petting zoos).

Note: The Wisconsin Food Code requires at least 100 feet between animal enclosures and food and beverage stands. Food stands must have separate hand washing for food workers with signs encouraging use. Contact the Health Departments or go to the following web site for information about effective public hand wash stations.

Source: Nat'l Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, Compendium of measures to prevent disease associated with animals in public settings.
www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/RR/RR5404.pdf