



Course Title:	Introduction to Animal Welfare Assessments online course
Developed by:	EAZA Animal Welfare Working Group and Sally Binding
Aimed at:	Zoo staff (particularly those involved in animal management), anyone interested in an introduction to the topic (no experience necessary)
Language taught in:	English
Estimated time to complete:	~ 4 hours
Cost:	FREE for EAZA Members
Delivery Method:	Self-paced online modules

Course Description :

Animal welfare assessments are rapidly becoming an essential tool used by zoos and aquariums to understand and improve animals' welfare. They can be used to recognise both where animal welfare is high and where animal welfare needs to be improved. Correctly designed and conducted, animal welfare assessments can be a powerful tool used by animal management professionals, to support and inform decision making to promote positive animal welfare.

This course has been developed by the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria ([EAZA](#)) and aligns with the European Professional Zookeepers Qualification Framework ([EPZQF](#)) - 2.10.3 Animal Welfare Assessments - to support professional development of those working in zoos and aquariums. This course will give you an introduction to the fundamentals of animal welfare assessments within zoological institutions.

The aim of this e-course is to provide participants with introductory knowledge and practical understanding of:

- Theoretical understanding of animal welfare assessments
- Developing and conducting animal welfare assessments

Learning Outcomes: By the end of this course you will be able to:

- Explain what animal welfare assessments are
- Summarise why animal welfare assessments are important
- Conduct an animal welfare assessment
- Identify areas requiring welfare intervention and apply

Assessment:

There are no formal assessments, but knowledge checks are included throughout the course to enable self-evaluation.

Additional information:

The course materials are currently available in English. If you would like to translate them into another language to increase accessibility, then please contact carolina.collinge@eaza.net.

Registration:

Registration is currently open to staff, students, and volunteers working for an EAZA Member. Please contact carolina.collinge@eaza.net to request access, mentioning which institution you work or volunteer for.