



Memorandum of Understanding between EAZA and EAZWV 2011-2016

The European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA) represents 322 members from 36 countries who together employ approximately 32,000 people. The activities of the association focus on the conservation of wildlife through breeding programmes, projects and campaigns focused on preserving species in the wild, and through raising awareness among the 140 million citizens which visit EAZA members on an annual basis. Good veterinary standards and animal welfare are paramount to achieving our conservation, education and research aims. EAZA is the representative voice of the progressive zoos and aquariums of Europe.

The European Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians (EAZWV) unifies more than 600 members in 48 countries or territories. The association is aiming at promoting the advancement of veterinary knowledge and skill in the field of zoo and wild animals, and improving the husbandry of zoo animals and the management of wild animal populations. The EAZWV is committed to the protection of animals and the conservation of species, and encourages the full and proper use of veterinary services. It provides a European body for international coordination and exchange of information encourages a good basic training and promotes and supports the further training in zoo and wildlife medicine.

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA) and the European Association of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians (EAZWV) is to coordinate their activities, policies and practices related to veterinary medicine aiming to achieve best animal husbandry, welfare and management standards in EAZA member institutions.

Close collaboration will facilitate sharing bilateral information and dialogue, and will strengthen the position of both associations in lobbying endeavours in general and when representing our memberships to the European Union in particular.

Within the framework of this third edition of the MoU between EAZA and EAZWV the parties agree the following:

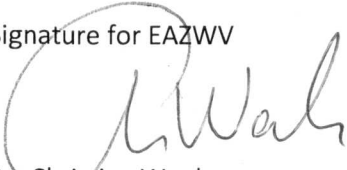
- The EAZA Veterinary Committee and EAZWV board will have a proportion of overlapping expertise represented in their membership to guarantee and facilitate exchange of information and dialogue between both organisations. Updates from the partner associations will be tabled on the agenda for each of these meetings.
- The associations will develop a joint action plan for the period 2012-2015 and will monitor progress against this plan.
- The associations will strive to avoid overlapping conferences.
- Both associations will take part in relevant governmental stakeholder consultations and meetings most importantly at European Union level and particularly in relation to the EU Animal Health Strategy and EU Animal Health Law (as currently in preparation). Whenever appropriate the associations will support each other's lobbying activities or develop joint position statements.
- Further integrating veterinary practise into EAZA's breeding programme structure by matching expert veterinary knowledge to the relevant species programmes, in particularly where it will address the most significant needs.

- To jointly develop a number of veterinary medicine training courses within the framework of the EAZA Academy.
- Whenever possible EAZA will support and sponsor relevant EAZWV initiatives and publications such as the Infectious Diseases Handbook and the Journal for Zoo and Wildlife Medicine.
- To jointly facilitate veterinary research where possible and appropriate.
- To jointly promote awareness of Balai, promoting Balai approval to the EAZA membership as well as the importance of correct implementation.
- Both associations will join each other's membership in the "associate" membership category.

The duration of this MoU is 5 years and is renewable for identical periods after evaluation. This MoU can otherwise be terminated at any time, with the mutual written consent of the participants.

Signed in Montpellier, September 2011

Signature for EAZWV



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Signature for EAZA



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