

Course Title:	Aquatic Animal Welfare
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Aimed at:	Anyone interested in improving the welfare of their aquatic species, understanding the factors that affect animals' welfare in zoos and aquariums and adopting a holistic approach to animal welfare best-practice within animal management practices.
Language taught in:	English
Taught hours:	32
Extra hours for study etc:	0
Cost:	EAZA members: €335 Non-members: €420
Minimum group size:	20
Dates:	20 – 23 June 2016
Delivery Method:	Face to Face
Location(s) :	Oceanário de Lisboa, Portugal
Links to other courses:	No other courses necessary

Course Aim(s):

The workshop is designed to assist aquatic animal care professionals in understanding and applying animal welfare best-practice. The programme aims to develop a holistic approach to continued improvement in aquatic animal welfare. The workshop will involve theory and practical activities concerning identifying factors affecting your animals' welfare, problem-solving techniques and applying animal welfare best-practice within your own aquarium.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this workshop you will:

- Understand animal welfare as a scientific discipline.
- Be able to identify the factors affecting aquatic animal welfare and recognise their influence on the lives of animals.
- Be able to problem-solve to improve to welfare.
- Be able to identify and problem solve to meet animals' motivations.
- Be able to confidently and competently conduct an animal welfare assessment and problem solve to improve welfare.

Content:

- What is animal welfare?
- Is there a difference between fish and other taxa in terms of welfare
- Holistic understanding of welfare: Psychological, physiological and Behavioural
- How does the zoo visitor affects your animals' welfare?
- Conducting animal welfare assessments
- Problem solving to improve welfare

- Addressing animal motivations
- Collection planning to achieve good welfare in the aquarium
- Diets and food presentation
- Health and treatments and their relationship with welfare
- Group welfare vs individual welfare in a community aquarium setting
- Avoiding poor welfare when handling and transporting aquatic animals

Additional information:

All resources, including practical materials, lunch and refreshments will be provided.

The workshop will contain both practical and theory elements; including discussions, group work, research tasks and active work within animal enclosures.

The workshop is delivered across four full days. You must attend all sessions to complete the course.

How to apply:

Complete an application form (available at <http://www.eaza.net/academy/courses/>) and send it to info@eaza.net, putting the course title in the subject line. Once you have submitted your application you will be contacted to confirm whether you have been accepted onto the training event.