EAZA ANIMAL WELFARE FORUM 2024

HOSTED BY PARCO NATURA VIVA, ITALY 19-22 MARCH 2024 PARC HOTEL PARADISO & GOLF RESORT, ITALY



MONDA	Y 18 MARCH	
	8:30 - 15:30	EAZA Academy Workshop Trailblazing Trainers: Animal Training Workshop for Zoo Professionals Parco Natura Viva This workshop is not included in the forum requires separate registration. Please see the EAZA Animal Welfare Forum 2024 webpage for more information.
	19:00 - 22:00	Icebreaker Event Parc Hotel Paradiso Light snacks & drinks included Attendance must be indicated on the AWF24 registration form.
TUESDA	Y 19 MARCH	
	8:00 - 8:30	Registration Poster set up and workshop sign up
		MICHELANGELO AUDITORIUM
	8:55 - 9:35	Welcome Cesare Avesani Zaborra, Director, Parco Natura Viva Caterina Spiezio, Head of Research & Conservation Department, Curator of Animal Behaviour and Welfare, Parco Natura Viva Holly Farmer, Chair of EAZA Animal Welfare Working Group Annette Pedersen, Chair of EAZA Animal Training Working Group Sally Binding, Animal Welfare Coordinator, European Association of Zoos and Aquariums
	9:35-10:20	Plenary A Contingency superimposition and the distinction between apparent and genuine choice. <i>T.V. Joe Layng,</i> Fellow of the Association for Behavior Analysis International; Institute for Applied Behavioral Science, Endicott College

10:20-10:35	Poster presentations How training helped improve the welfare of once clipped macaws. Saskia Verbruggen, Roundeurope Animal Training, Netherlands A method For behavioral research using positioning technology with elephants in the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo – a case study. Guy Kashi, Senior Lecturer & Zookeeper volunteer, Azrieli College of Engineering Jerusalem, Israel; The Tisch Family Biblical Zoological Gardens in Jerusalem, Israel The effect of environmental conditions and visitor presence on the welfare of zoo-housed African penguins: guiding enclosure design and husbandry practices. Francesca Bandoli, Giardino Zoologico di Pistoia, Italy; University of Padua, Italy Refreshment Break					
	MICHELANGELO	SAN PIETRO	ANTARES	ARISTON	MARCO POLO	
11:15 - 12:05	Presentation set A (1st)	Presentation set B (1st)	Workshop A (1st)	Workshop B (1st)	Workshop C (1st)	
	Zoo-housed primates and their human visitors revisited. Samantha Ward, Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom Challenging our assumptions and biases around visitor effects: case study of a male Francois langur. Ashley Edes, Saint Louis, USA	Bonobo by bonobo: developing and applying Qualitative Behavioural Assessment. Daan Laméris, University of Antwerp, Belgium; Antwerp Zoo Centre for Research and Conservation, Belgium Creating an efficient and reliable welfare assessment protocol with Royal Zoological Society of Scotland (RZSS) Edinburgh Zoo. Kristine M. Gandia, University of Stirling, United Kingdom	Animal cognition research: a journey through animal minds, ethology, and welfare. <i>Caterina Spiezio</i> , Parco Natura Viva, Italy <i>Barbara Regaiolli</i> , SIUA - Istituto di formazione zooantropologica, Italy	Quality of Life Assessment. Lisa Clifforde, Zoological Society of London, United Kingdom Holly Farmer, Wild Planet Trust, United Kingdom Sarah Richdon, Bristol Zoological Society, United Kingdom	Please Go Away! The power of using distance as a reinforcer. Barbara Heidenreich, Barbara's Force Free Animal Training, USA Annette Pedersen, Copenhagen Zoo, Denmark Jim Mackie, Zoological Society of London, United Kingdom	
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	Quantifying the impacts of visitors on non-primate species: the importance of recognising individual experiences. Ellen Williams, Harper Adams University, United Kingdom "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." But what if you're an animal? Sarah Bonser-Blake, Wild Welfare, United Kingdom	Understanding individual differences in Theory of Mind: implications for non- human animal welfare. Luca Di Vincenzo, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy The link between species-typical behavior and mental health across species boundaries. Laura Puikkonen, Freelance researcher, Finland				

13:05 - 14:05	Lunch
(13:30 - 14:05)	Publishing Master Class! Vicky Melfi, Hartpury University; Managing Editor Journal of Zoo and Aquariums Research (JZAR) Are you interested in publishing your work? Sharing your research and knowledge with the community and becoming a published author? If so, then grab a quick lunch and join Professor Vicky Melfi for her Publishing Master Class, to help get you started! (Location to be confirmed).
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14:15 - 15:00	Plenary B Visual illusions as a novel tool to improve enrichment and welfare of captive animals. <i>Christian Agrillo</i> , University of Padova; Italian Society of Ethology
15:00 - 15:45	Poster presentations Slow-food for plain zebras: low-budget enrichment solutions to promote grazing behaviour. <i>Andrea Zacchi</i> , Giardino Zoologico di Pistoia, Italy
	What do learning and engagement programmes have to do with animal welfare? Animal welfare can be a complex and emotive topic, particularly regarding zoos. Our diverse audiences may arrive with pre-determined opinions of what they'll see and how they'll judge welfare standards. How do we guide their views? Jasper Hughes, Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, Highland Wildlife Park, United Kingdom
	Bitable plastic rings as a tool to prevent agonistic interactions on bottlenose dolphins (<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>) under human care. <i>Renato Katić</i> , Department of Biology, Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb, Croatia
	Assessing welfare and behaviour of captive cinereous vultures (<i>Aegypius monachus</i>): a breeding centre study. <i>Marina Salas</i> , Antwerp Zoo Centre for Research and Conservation, Belgium
	BearWell and CatWell: species-specific welfare assessment protocols for brown bears (Ursus arctos), lions (Panthera leo) and tigers (Panthera tigris) in sanctuaries. Elena Stagni, FOUR PAWS, Austria
	Living together: investigating agonistic and self-directed behaviours in zoo-housed African penguins (Spheniscus demersus). Silvia Mangia, University of Pisa, Italy
	The researcher who stares at takin: welfare evaluation of <i>Budorca taxicolor.</i> Daina Matskina, Riga Zoo, Latvia
15:45 - 16:15	Refreshment Break

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	Space: the final frontier of animal welfare - size matters but actions count. Jake Veasey, Care for the Rare, United Kingdom Animal welfare in biodiversity conservation: applying decision tools for reaching ethically responsible choices. Barbara de Mori, University of Padua, Italy	Exploring penguin personalities: insights from a Humboldt penguin (Spheniscus humboldti) study. Marina Salas, Antwerp Zoo Centre for Research and Conservation, Belgium Understanding the individual: methods of assessment of elephant personality and applications in zoos. Ellen Williams, Harper Adams University, United Kingdom	The science of animal welfare: applying the Cumulative Pain Framework in zoos and aquariums. Wladimir Alonso, Center for Welfare Metrics, Brazil Cynthia Schuck-Paim, Center for Welfare Metrics, Brazil	ZooMonitor community workshop – a demo and discussion of new tools for collaborative research. Jason Wark, Lincoln Park Zoo, USA	Train the untrainables. Giulia Agnolon, Parco Zoo Punta Verde, Italy Barbara Glatz, Animal Training Center, Austria
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	8:20 - 9:05	Plenary C Working together for optimal animal welfare: How keepers, curators, vet and scientists all play a role in individual animal welfare assessment. <i>Lisa Holmes</i> , Chester Zoo, United Kingdom <i>Chris Grindle</i> , Chester Zoo, United Kingdom
	9:05 - 9:50	Poster presentations The neglected topic of soundscape quality: the unfortunate "beauty of waterfalls" in naturalistic outdoors. Monica Carosi, Roma Tre University, Italy; Bioparco di Roma, Italy Tuning into welfare: exploring the impact of music as enrichment for Pan troglodytes. Helena Maria Menghini, University of Bologna, Italy Assess individual animal welfare of primates: the zoo challenge. Might the BVI (Behavioural Variety Index) help? Caterina Spiezio, Parco Natura Viva, Italy Case study of a new polar bear enclosure based on the individual's welfare aspects - examination of general well-being, activity and environmental improvement opportunities. Csaba Harsanyi, Sosto Zoo, Hungary The benefits of video surveillance in improving animal welfare: pygmy hippopotamus as a case study. Alexandre Petry, Parc de Branféré, France Light and the Five Domains Model of Animal Welfare. James Fischer, The Zoological Lighting Institute, USA Cold-blooded welfare: training and enrichment plans to meet behavioural and mental needs in reptiles. Guila Agnolon, Parco Zoo Punta Verde, Italy Southern cassowary (Casuarius casuarius) behavioural characterization at Pistoia Zoo and Rome Bioparco. Lorenzo Guidi, Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy
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	Tapping into an underutilized resource: tools for incorporating animal care staff expertise into welfare research. <i>Kylen Gartland</i> , Detroit Zoological Society, USA Moving forward: using innovative thinking to accomplish animal welfare initiatives and action items. Jennifer Hamilton, Detroit Zoological Society, USA	Gut microbiota and its pivotal role in the welfare of the animals. Paola Mattarelli, Bologna University, Italy CatWell: a validated welfare assessment protocol for lions (Panthera leo) and tigers (Panthera tigris) under human care. Sara Sequeira, FOUR PAWS International, Austria				
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Poster presentations

The implications of managed cared for western lowland gorilla (*Gorilla gorilla gorilla*) nutrition, physiology, and cardiovascular health. *Rhiannon Schultz*, University of Georgia, USA; Animal Welfare Expertise, United Kingdom

Development of a new cross-taxa welfare assessment at Twycross Zoo: a proposed collaboration between BIAZA and EAZA accredited zoos. *Naomi Frost*, Twycross Zoo, United Kingdom

Assessing keeper-animal interactions in zoo-housed African penguins: project overview. *Francesca Bandoli*, Giardino Zoologico di Pistoia, Italy; University of Plymouth, United Kingdom

Mother's love: mother-cubs interactions in ex situ jaguars (*Panthera onca*). *Giovanni Arbocò Quintavalle Pastorino*, University of Plymouth, United Kingdom

Assessing metal pollution and animal well-being: biomonitoring non-invasive approach using lemur housed in zoos. *Laura Favilli*, Università degli Studi di Torino, Italy

Nail trimming techniques in parrots. *Cristina Pilenga*, Zoomarine Italia, Italy

Jaguar love: affiliative behaviour in *Panthera onca* couples. *Giovanni Arbocò Quintavalle Pastorino*, University of Plymouth, United Kingdom

Social dynamics reshaping in a females group of *Lemur catta* in a controlled environment: a case study. *Giorgia Ruffa*, Fondazione Zoom, Italy; Zoom Torino, Italy

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		Does bonobo (<i>Pan paniscus</i>) personality impact coping with change? <i>Samantha Ward</i> , Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom	lf you know how they communicate, you know how to preserve them: behavioural and acoustic repertoire of captive pygmy hippo (<i>Choeropsis</i> <i>liberiensis</i>). <i>Rosaria Santoro</i> , Manchester Metropolitan University, United Kingdom	An evolutionary holistic approach to animal welfare. Giulia Pagani, Bioparco di Roma, Italy	How to assess the effect of mixed- enclosure on species of snakes and amphibians with poorly described behaviour? Constance Wagner, Parc zoologique et botanique de Mulhouse, France		
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	17:40 - 18:10	10 What is the Constructional Approach to Behavior Change? T.V. Joe Layng, Fellow of the Association for Behavior Analysis International; Institute for Applied Behavioral Science, Endicott College					
	18:10 - 18:20	Closing session					
	19:15 - 23:00	Farewell Dinner Attendance must be indicated	d on the AWF24 registration form.				
FRI	DAY 22 MARCH						

Optional post-conference excursion for AWF24 delegates: Day-visit to Venice

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