

Course Title:	Animal Training: Understanding and Managing Animal Behaviour
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Aimed at:	Keepers, Curators and Veterinarians. No previous animal training experience necessary.
Language taught in:	English
Taught hours:	28 (4 days)
Extra hours for study etc.:	See the note below relating to possible additional reading
Cost:	EAZA members: €325 Non-members: €410
Minimum group size:	10
Dates:	10-13 October 2017
Delivery Method:	Face to face
Location(s):	Zagreb Zoo, Zagreb, Croatia
Links to other courses:	Leads on from Animal Behaviour and Applications to Husbandry course. In future an Advanced Animal Training course is planned. Complements Re-Evaluating Animal Training Course.

Course Aim(s):

This course provides zoo and aquarium staff with a background in animal behavior and animal training theory and methodology, as well as a comprehensive understanding of the skills necessary to train animals. It includes an overview of training techniques and terminology. Participants will have the opportunity to develop their training skills via hands-on practical work, animal demonstrations, group activities and individual development opportunities.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course you will:

1. Have investigated animal behaviour and animal training theory, terminology and methodology
2. Explored how animal behaviour and training knowledge can be applied to daily handling, husbandry, behaviour management, public education and problem-solving with focus on exotic animals in zoological and aquarium settings
3. Be able to create appropriate training plans that take into account the safety of animals and trainers

Content:

- Relationship between animal training and animal welfare
- Understanding animal's natural behaviour and individual histories
- Learning theory and concepts
- Understanding motivation and communication
- Husbandry and management training
- Reinforcement strategies
- Shaping

- Training with social groups or groups of animals
- How to create a Training Plan and record keeping
- Problem solving
- Understanding animal aggression
- Animal and keeper safety

Assessment:

There may be a short quiz to check understanding if it can be accommodated within the schedule.

Additional information:

It is recommended, but not required, that participants read 'Don't Shoot the Dog' by Karen Pryor before attending the course.

Full book details: Pryor, K. (2002) *Don't Shoot the Dog!: The New Art of Teaching and Training*. Gloucestershire, Ringpress Books Ltd. ISBN I 86054 232 7

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.

