



<b>Course Title:</b>	<b>Aquatic Animal Welfare Workshop</b>
<b>Tutors:</b>	<b>Dr Gavan Cooke, PhD</b> Lecturer, Anglia Ruskin University, UK BIAZA Research Committee and Aquarium Research Liaison, UK EAZA Animal Welfare Working Group Official Advisor Aquarium Welfare Association Advisor
<b>Aimed at:</b>	Experienced staff who are 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.
<b>Language taught in:</b>	English
<b>Taught hours:</b>	24 (3 days)
<b>Extra hours for study etc:</b>	0
<b>Cost:</b>	EAZA member institutions: €285    Non-members institutions: €355
<b>Minimum group size:</b>	16
<b>Dates:</b>	8 – 10 November 2017
<b>Delivery Method:</b>	Face to Face
<b>Location(s):</b>	Acquario di Genova, Italy
<b>Links to other courses:</b>	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 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. It is aimed at aquarists with a professional level of understanding of husbandry and life support systems.

*Please note, the workshop programme does not include welfare of marine mammals.*

**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 identify and problem solve to meet animals' motivations.
- Be able to confidently and competently conduct an animal welfare assessment and problem solve to improve the 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?



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- Conducting animal welfare assessments
- Addressing animal motivations
- Diets and food presentation
- Health and treatments and their relationship with welfare

**Additional information:**

All resources, including practical materials, lunch and refreshments will be provided across all three days.

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

The workshop is delivered across three 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 Laura Myers ([Laura.Myers@eaza.net](mailto:Laura.Myers@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.

