



Course Title:	Animal Welfare
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Aimed at:	Anyone interested in improving the welfare of their animals, 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:	30 January – 2 February 2017
Delivery Method:	Face to face
Location:	Parc ZOO du Reynou, Le Vigen, France
Links to other courses:	No other courses necessary

Course Aims:

The workshop is designed to assist animal care professionals in understanding and applying animal welfare best practice. The programme aims to develop a holistic approach to continued animal welfare improvement. 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 institution.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this workshop you will:

- Understand animal welfare as a scientific discipline.
- Be able to identify the factors effecting animal welfare and recognise their influence on the lives of animals in our care.
- 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?
- Holistic understanding of welfare: Psychological, Physiological and Behavioural
- How do the zoo visitors affect your animals' welfare?
- Conducting animal welfare assessments
- Problem solving to improve welfare
- Addressing animal motivations
- Environmental enrichment



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Assessment:

- Completion of an animal welfare assessment during the workshop.
- Design, make and apply welfare interventions to a species within the zoo during the workshop.

These will both be conducted as informal assessments.

Additional information:

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

The workshop will contain both theory and practical 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.

Parc ZOO du Reynou have secured funding to support participants from French zoos in attending the course. Participants from EAZA members located outside of France will be eligible to apply for a Clax Italia EAZA Academy scholarship – contact Laura Myers for more information: laura.myers@eaza.net

How to apply:

Please contact Parc ZOO du Reynou for a registration form.

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