



Course Title:	Animal Welfare
Tutors:	Sally Binding, EAZA Animal Welfare Training Officer TBC
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:	16
Dates:	6 – 9 March 2018
Delivery Method:	Face to Face
Location(s):	Bioparco di Roma, Italy
Links to other courses:	No other courses necessary, leads on to more specialised Animal Welfare courses

Course Aim(s) :

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 does the zoo visitor affect your animals' welfare?
- Conducting animal welfare assessments
- Problem solving to improve welfare
- Addressing animal motivations
- Environmental enrichment

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 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.

Practical materials and equipment will be provided, but please bring suitable clothing and footwear for working in an animal enclosure.

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) 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.