

FE ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

EDUCATIONAL TALKS INFORMATION



Educational Talks

We currently offer the following talks to students studying Animal Management in an FE College:

Animal Behaviour and Welfare

Conservation and the Role of Zoos

Husbandry Routines

Animal Restraint

Animal Health

Zoo Management

During the talk the keeper will take you round to visit different animals so that the students get to see a variety of species. This allows for a discussion of similarities and differences between the animals as well as information relating to the specific talk. Students will then have an opportunity to ask and answer questions relating to the animals.

The group size for talks will be limited to 20 students, so you may be given separate times for the same talk if your group is larger than 20. This is to ensure that all the students taking part get the most out of the session.

Talks generally last around 30 minutes and will take place out in the Park in all weathers; please ensure students wear suitable clothes for the conditions. They are generally delivered by the keepers and may vary slightly between different staff members.

Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee which animals you will see during your talk, but you will get to learn more about three or four different species during your talk as the keeper takes you to visit the enclosures.

Please note: our talks do not involve any hands-on contact with the animals.



Talk Details

Animal Welfare and Behaviour

In this talk the keepers will explain the normal behaviour of their animals and how to identify abnormal behaviour and what this may indicate. They will also discuss how they manage animal behaviour and train animals to cooperate with husbandry procedures, where appropriate. Keepers will also explain how we use environmental enrichment at the Park, which species need enrichment, the types of enrichment and examples of these.

Conservation and the Role of Zoos

This talk will cover different species that we have here at the park that are facing various threat levels. We will discuss the problems these animals face in the wild and the ways that zoos and conservation bodies are trying to combat these threats. We may also discuss particular captive breeding and conservation programmes that the park is involved in.

Husbandry Routines

In this talk the keepers will explain how they care for their animals on a daily basis. The daily routines they follow, but also husbandry procedures and tasks that need to be carried out weekly and monthly. This will include feeding and food preparation, cleaning animal enclosures, enclosure maintenance, animal enrichment and animal health procedures.

Animal Restraint

This talk usually takes place in one of our classrooms and a senior keeper will focus on chemical restraint and the equipment used to administer these. They will discuss the factors that affect the decisions made about restraining an animal, such as weather and position of the animal.

Animal Health

Learn how we maintain, monitor and improve the health and welfare of our animals. One of our keepers will explain the routine measures used to monitor health and the daily checks we do. In this talk, the keeper will also explain how we monitor and prevent disease from spreading.

Zoo Management

In this classroom-based session you will learn about how collections are planned and managed. This will include how we meet legislative requirements, maintain standards of animal welfare and keep animal records.

