Cotswold Wildlife Park – Research Committee

STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECTS 2026

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Ruth Gardner	EAZA ATAG Amphibian Conservation Education Survey.	University of Suffolk
Jade Parslow	Behavioural analysis and social change following group expansion of a group of Southern white rhino (*Ceratotherium simum simum*).	Moulton College
Leanne Kinsella	Exploring individual variations in giraffe (*Giraffa camelopardalis*) behaviour during positive reinforcement training sessions.	Bishop Burton College
Bella Phillips	The effect of basking on the appetite of omnivorous lizards.	University of Gloucestershire
Isabel Case	Does visitor dwell time and attention direction differ between critically endangered species of birds and mammals.	Hartpury University
Casey Gallagher	Understanding the social dynamics of a Southern white rhino (*Ceratotherium simum simum*) herd within a zoo.	University of Gloucestershire
Stacey Swain	An investigation of how improvac affects the behaviour of 3 male giraffe (*Giraffa camelopardalis*) at Cotswold Wildlife Park.	Hartpury University
Stephanie Raaijmakers-Jessen	Genetic study on captive Lowland tapirs (*Tapirus terrestris*).	Lowland Tapir EEP Coordinator
Hannah Johnston	The effect of visitor numbers, noise and disturbances on Aldabra Giant Tortoise (*Geochelone gigantea*)	University of Reading
Shannon Wozencroft	Investigating perceptions of the ethical acceptability of feeding deceased zoo animals to captive carnivores.	University of Bristol
Sophie Woollard	Temporal anticipatory behaviour preceding keeper's events as an indicator of positive welfare in captive large mammals.	Swansea University
Louis Woodrow	The impact of visitor numbers on Humboldt penguin (*Spheniscus humboldti*) behaviour.	University of Gloucestershire
Jessica Lewis et al.	Developing a zoo-animal welfare assessment protocol.	The University of Melbourne
Saoirse Flemming	Effects of starve days on Asiatic lions (*Panthera leo*).	Hartpury University
Mira-Rose Kingsbury Lee	Junglefowl (*Gallus gallus*) microbiome research.	University of Oxford

Frederik Schroer	Reproductive status and behaviour of wolves (*Canis lupus lupus*).	Georg-August University of Gottingen, Germany
Beth Mortimer	Seismic monitoring collaboration in giraffe (*Giraffa camelopardalis*).	University of Oxford