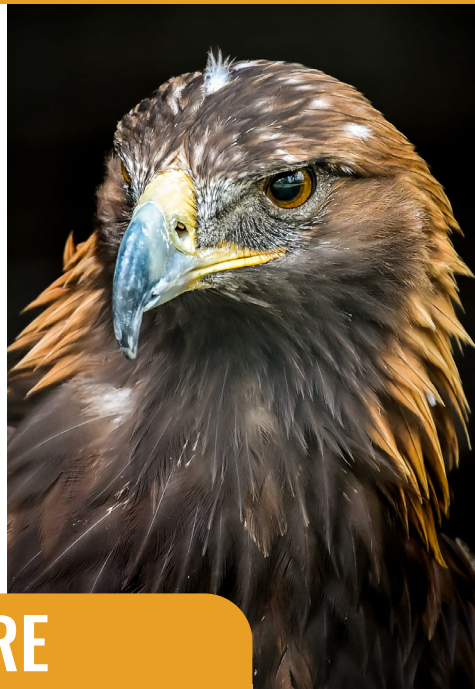


Part of ZAA's mission is to elevate animal welfare among its members. This includes encouraging the development of animal welfare programs.



ZAA ANIMAL WELFARE



SUGGESTED KEY ELEMENTS OF A SUCCESSFUL ANIMAL WELFARE PROGRAM ARE:

- A defined animal welfare mission understood by those responsible for carrying out the program
- A clear and transparent process for identifying and addressing welfare opportunities
- Proper documentation of welfare assessments and communication
- Written end of life and critical care policies in accordance with veterinary recommendations.
- Clear communication across all organizational members
- Routine evaluations of welfare program

ZAA continues to focus on ways to elevate animal welfare among its members. Goals of the Animal Welfare Committee include a member driven resource bank, professional development opportunities, and conference programs that focus on advancements in animal welfare.

ZAA is leading the way in animal welfare research, development, and program implementation.

ZAA defines animal welfare as how an individual or group of animals lives within its provided environment. Welfare is measured by using a collection of scientific evidence through continual assessments of indicators that account for an animal's physiological and psychological needs.

The Animal Welfare Committee upholds ZAA's commitment to animals in our care by advocating for optimal welfare aligned with current scientific knowledge. ZAA aims to promote positive experiences for all animals while promoting public understanding.



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