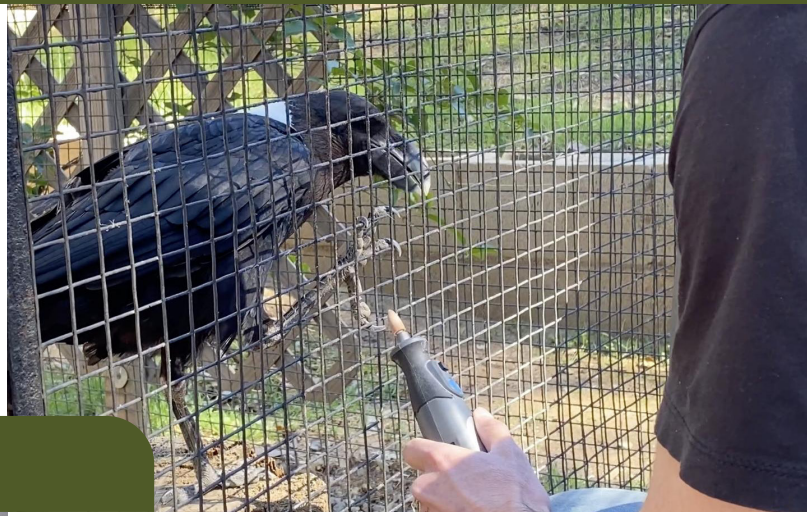


OPTIMIZING ANIMAL WELFARE THROUGH TRAINING

Training plays a vital role in promoting the well-being of animals in managed care. The ZAA's Animal Training Committee champions integrating evidence-based animal training practices as an essential component of comprehensive animal care alongside factors like nutrition, veterinary care, enrichment, and appropriate habitats.



ZAA ANIMAL TRAINING



THE BENEFITS OF ANIMAL TRAINING

Contemporary animal training transcends simple behavior change. By employing a combination of behavior analysis, ethology, phylogeny, and extensive practical application, today's animal training fosters a deeper understanding of animal behavior, allowing for the development of training programs tailored to an animal's individual needs and specific contexts. These programs provide numerous benefits for animals in managed care, including the following:

Enhanced Animal Welfare: Training facilitates cooperation in medical care, allows for the implementation of enriching activities, supports day-to-day care, and promotes overall well-being.

Conservation Support: Training can be instrumental in learning about a species, preparing animals for reintroduction programs, and teaching behaviors that contribute to conservation efforts.

Guest Engagement: Well-trained animals can serve as effective ambassadors for their wild counterparts, inspiring guests to become advocates for wildlife conservation.

ANIMAL TRAINING COMMITTEE MISSION

Disseminating knowledge on the science and application of evidence-based training practices to optimize animal welfare, advance scientific understanding, and support the conservation goals of ZAA members.

ANIMAL TRAINING COMMITTEE VISION

Establishing a robust framework for animal training practices to guide ZAA members. This framework includes developing and promoting best practices, educational resources, and policies that align with the ZAA's overall mission for animal care.

ANIMAL TRAINING COMMITTEE KEY INITIATIVES

Knowledge Sharing: The Committee provides educational resources and workshops to equip animal caregivers with the latest knowledge and techniques in animal training.

Supporting ZAA Members: The Committee serves as a resource for ZAA members, offering guidance and facilitating collaboration on animal training initiatives.

Advocacy and Awareness: The ZAA Animal Training Committee raises awareness about the importance of animal training in fostering optimal animal welfare.

By promoting evidence-based training methods and fostering collaboration, the ZAA Animal Training Committee plays a critical role in advancing animal welfare.



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