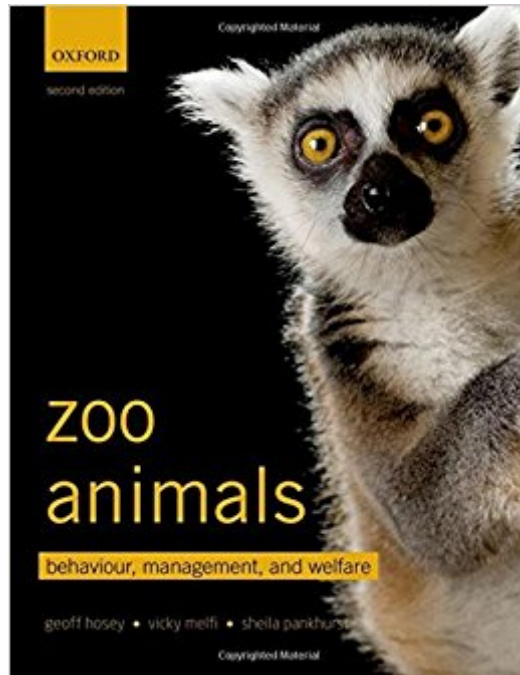




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# **Zoo Animals: Behaviour, Management, And Welfare**



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The keeping of zoo animals has become a central tool in the conservation of some of the world's most fascinating, yet threatened, species. But how do zoos operate on a day-to-day basis? What are the key problems they face in trying to feed, breed, and keep healthy the animals in their care? How can they play their part in conserving biodiversity? *Zoo Animals: Behaviour, Management and Welfare* addresses the key questions surrounding the keeping of exotic animals in captivity, and reveals how we can apply our ever-growing understanding of animal behaviour to ensure zoo animals are managed as effectively as possible. Drawing on their extensive experience of zoo research, practice, and teaching, the authors blend together theory with a broad range of both mammalian and non-mammalian examples to give a highly-readable overview of this burgeoning field. *Zoo Animals: Behaviour, Management, and Welfare* is the ideal resource for anyone needing a thorough grounding in this subject, whether as a student or as a zoo professional.

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Dr Geoff Hosey was formerly a senior lecturer at the University of Bolton, UK, where he taught in the area of animal behaviour. Dr Vicky Melfi is Behavioural Biologist at Taronga Zoo, Australia. Her research interests include animal welfare, behavioural ecology of zoo animals, and environmental enrichment. Dr Sheila Pankhurst is Head of the Department of Life Sciences at Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge, UK, where her teaching and research centres on the behaviour and welfare of zoo animals.

This book is an excellent reference manual for a wide variety of zookeeping topics. It discusses everything from exhibit design to fencing to different ways to offer water, to nutrition, behavior, captive research, and more. The coverage of some topics are very thorough (types of fencing, etc) while for obvious reasons some topics are much of an overview, such as nutrition and behavior. This is a British manual, and so discusses much of BIAZA and other overseas regulation as opposed to US policy (although there is adequate mention of all oversight associations), and there is a SLIGHT bias toward the European ways of doing things (and public) but this is only obvious in a handful of instances. All in all, this is a great read for a zookeeping professional or someone wishing to enter the field.

Excellent, comprehensive look at modern zoos and their animals. It helped me tremendously as a reference when teaching this subject. I friend has since borrowed it to read because it is so well written.

Great reference material for anyone working within the animal care industry.

This college level text book, despite the bias towards European standards, is an excellent read for the student becoming involved with Zoos, anyone seriously curious about how Zoos work, and

where I recommend it to is the Docent, Educator or Volunteer who want to further their knowledge on the ins/outs of running a Zoo. The strict rules, regulations, high standards and daily requirements will change your perspective as such you will see your Zoo in a new light on your next visit.

This is one of the only authorities for zoo research.

Great reference material!!!!!!

this book is great, i bought it for a research assignment in a core curriculum class and was expecting a thin book. NOPE haha it was a college book but it works out because i am going into zoology and may need it down the road and what they talk about is still interesting to read now so i have no complaints

As a person, involved in everyday zoo life, I found this book a useful tool namely for the education of junior management and caretakers alike. It is a powerful tool when explaining the importance of matters such as documentation of animals, behaviour of many species and eventually it has proved itself to be useful also when in need, for the correction of certain professional fixations and misbeliefs. On the down side this book tries too hard to cover all aspects regarding zoo life and it also attempts to be digestible to all personal and interested public alike. This leads to a general feel (compensated by an excellent reference range) of "lightness". All and all, I use this book regularly and with success.

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