

Three ways to get involved with the EAZA Nutrition Working Group

1) Become an ENG Working Group Member

The ENG working group membership is for those that are active in the field of animal nutrition i.e., have animal nutrition-based qualifications or training and/or experience (e.g., post graduate degree in animal nutrition) and expertise in zoo animal nutrition and research (research must be ethical and of a high scientific quality). Working group members must have demonstrated an interest and commitment to zoo animal or wildlife nutrition for a proportion of their career, have time availability to participate in working group activities (e.g., meetings, advisory roles etc.) and vote on group steering decisions, ideally regularly attending annual meetings and biennial conferences also. Working Group Member applicants should preferably have an active knowledge of animal nutrition science, both theoretical and applied, and be able to effectively disseminate evidence-based animal nutrition research; supporting up to date animal nutrition and welfare best-practice within the EAZA community and the wider zoo community. Working Group Members ideally represent expertise across a range of subject areas to form a multi-disciplined team and thereby a holistic approach to best practice in zoo animal nutrition (these might include clinical nutrition, feed formulation/manufacture, food composition, hand-rearing and infant diets, nutrient metabolism, availability and requirements, or taxon-specific nutrition, but are not exclusive).

Interested parties can submit an application of interest by sending a completed [Membership Form](#) and a cover letter of application/motivation detailing your expertise and experience in zoo animal nutrition (and research), alongside mention of your intentions to join the ENG. Email your application to [Lauren Florisson](#) putting 'ENG Membership' in the subject line. Applications are then voted in on agreement by majority from all Working Group members.

2) Become an ENG Network

This membership type is open to all individuals who support the aims of the ENG and have demonstrated interest and commitment to zoo animal or wildlife nutrition, regardless of training or expertise. Preferably you will have a keen interest in animal nutrition science, and support animal nutrition best practice within the EAZA community and the wider zoo community. ENG Network membership offers less time commitment and responsibility than the Working Group membership so may also be suitable for those that wish to be a member of the ENG but do not have the time to commit to full working group membership responsibilities (e.g. voting, advisory roles, committee volunteer). Additionally, the ENG Network has the advantage of a Google Group members area where members can ask questions, get advice, share resources, and develop their knowledge further. The ENG Network also allows a route into the ENG whilst individuals are still developing their knowledge, skills and expertise in the field of animal nutrition, with the possibility of applying for ENG Working Group Membership once these membership criteria are fulfilled. ENG Network members may have more niche expertise across zoological subject areas, allowing for a holistic approach to nutrition including (but not exclusively) animal keeping, veterinary practice, welfare and behaviour science, commercial feed or feeding related manufacturer, TAGS, EEPs, ESBs. Candidates can submit an application to [Lauren Florisson](#) by filling in the [Membership form](#).

3) Join the ENG Community

The EAZA European Nutrition Group is also active on Facebook, why not join the community by [visiting](#) and following the @EAZAnutrition page to keep up to date with the latest zoo animal nutrition news and research.