



Course Title:	Introduction to Animal Welfare online course
Developed by:	EAZA Animal Welfare Working Group and Sally Binding
Aimed at:	Zoo staff (particularly those involved in animal management), anyone interested in an introduction to the topic (no experience necessary)
Language taught in:	English
Estimated time to complete:	~ 20 hours
Cost:	FREE for EAZA Members
Delivery Method:	Self-paced online modules

Course Description :

This course has been developed by the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA) and aligns with the European Professional Zookeepers Qualification Framework ([EPZQF](#)) - 2.10 Animal Welfare - to support professional development of those working in zoos and aquariums. This course will give you an introduction to the fundamentals of animal welfare science and the application of positive animal welfare practices within zoological institutions.

The aim of this e-course is to provide participants with knowledge and practical understanding of:

- Theoretical Animal Welfare: Zoo & aquarium professionals to understand the theory of animal welfare science, with a focus on practical animal management.
- Applied Animal Welfare: Zoo & aquarium professionals can apply evidence-based animal welfare practice, with a focus on practical animal management.

Learning Outcomes: By the end of these modules you will be able to:

- Summarise what animal welfare is and why it is important.
- Explain the difference between welfare and ethics.
- Explain how animal welfare is impacted within zoo animal management including demonstrating an understanding of adopting a holistic approach to animal welfare.
- Identify welfare considerations in daily husbandry procedures and actions to improve welfare.
- Understand application of positive animal welfare in daily husbandry.
- Understand The 5 Domains model and the role it can play in creating an animal welfare framework.
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Assessment:

Knowledge checks are included throughout the course to enable self-evaluation, and there is a knowledge check quiz at the end of the course.

Registration:

Registration is currently open to staff, students, and volunteers working for an EAZA Member or Candidate for Membership. Please contact EAZA Academy Manager, Sally Binding (sally.binding@eaza.net) to request access, mentioning which institution you work or volunteer for.