

Operating environment

Perth Zoo is a world class zoo and is proud to be a member of the World Zoo and Aquarium Association and the Australasian Zoo and Aquarium Association. As a member of these associations we commit to operating to a code of practice that ensures the responsible stewardship of the species in our care and that we comply with our legislative obligations to animal welfare.

As a Western Australian public sector agency, Perth Zoo is the statutory zoo for the State and operates in accordance with the Zoological Parks Authority Act 2001 and the Animal Welfare Act 2002. Classed as a scientific establishment, Perth Zoo is required to abide by the Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes 2013 (8th edition). In order to meet these obligations we operate under the framework and guidance of an Animal Ethics Committee that is responsible to the Zoological Parks Authority Board.

Perth Zoo is committed to continually building knowledge and learning of animal welfare and ensuring positive animal welfare outcomes continue to be advanced. This commitment is expressed through compliance with the Zoo and Aquarium Association's Code of Practice and specifically the prescribed Association Animal Management Guidelines upon which Perth Zoo is accredited. The Zoo and Aquarium Association's accreditation program embraces contemporary knowledge about animal welfare and focuses on positive welfare outcomes for all animals.





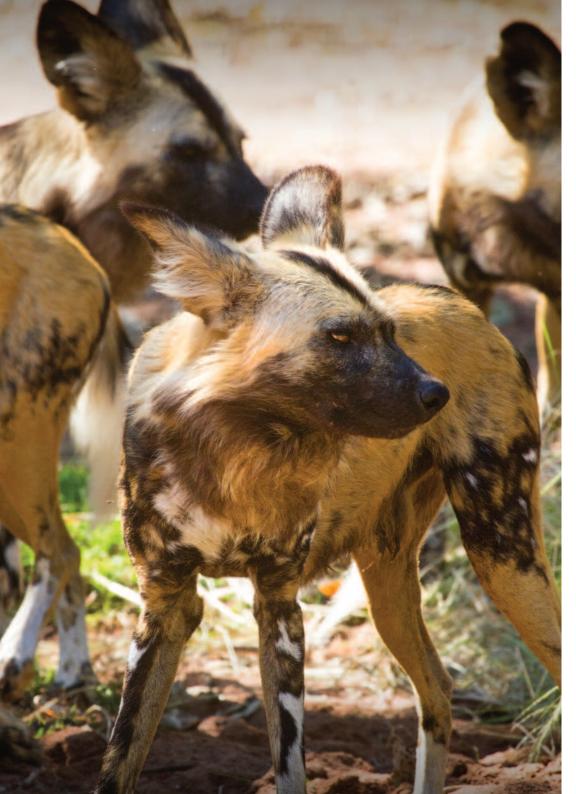




Our commitment to the animals in our care

We will provide species-appropriate nutrition and drinking water, and ensure that:

- diets provided take into account the varying stages of an animal's life cycle and behavioural needs;
- animals are presented with variation and choice in their diet as appropriate;
- diets are presented in a manner that maximise the opportunities for a species to undertake natural feeding behaviours throughout the day;
- regular evaluation of dietary requirements is undertaken in consultation with veterinarians;
- the quality of food and water are maintained at the highest standard during both storage and presentation.





We will provide the opportunity for species specific behaviours by:

- housing animals in species appropriate social groupings, taking into consideration the individual history of each animal;
- allowing opportunity for behaviours that preserve natural social skills and physical fitness;
- allowing opportunity for behaviours that enable social interactions that are species appropriate;
- ensuring staff have access to the training and resources required to equip them with the knowledge and history of the species and individual animals with which they work;
- ensuring accurate and detailed records of species are maintained to enable well informed individual and group management decisions.

