



Presents the:

2nd Student Animal Presentation Skills (SAPS) Course

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Mark Kingston Jones has been involved in the animal field since 2004 and was a zoo Educator for eight years. He is now self-employed as a Workshop Coordinator for SHAPE and Co-Founder of Team Building with BITE. Previously he worked at Howletts and Port Lympne Wild Animal Parks, as Head of Education and Research. In addition to running 25+ previous Student Environmental Enrichment Courses, he has been involved in 17 SHAPE workshops, in the UK, Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia, India and Africa, and is the SHAPE-UK & Ireland Events Co-ordinator. He has presented 40 talks at conferences, nationally and internationally. Sabrina Brando is a psychologist specializing in the human-animal relationship with an MSc in Animal Studies. Sabrina is the owner of AnimalConcepts and has been working with and for animals for 25 years. Sabrina travels worldwide consulting in animal welfare for zoos, wildlife centers, sanctuaries and research institutions (For more see: <http://animalconcepts.eu/bio.html>).

This course is open to anyone interested in the topic, but primarily aimed at college and university students (past or present), who do not currently work within a zoo or aquarium setting, but are looking to do so as a career. This course is not only for those interested in a career in education/presenting, but also future keepers, as more and more job descriptions require animal care staff to conduct public talks and displays. Over 3 days participants will gain an overview in useful skills and ideas implementable within a public animal collection, with the aim to provide valuable experience and useful skills for your CV. Please note you must be 18 or over to attend this course.

The course is roughly split between lecture and practical components. Lecture topics include: The role of zoos in education, presentation ethics and looking at how animals are portrayed if trained for shows, alternatives to animal feeds and moving away from 'tricks' to education based demonstrations. Interactive sessions will explore presentation skills, critiques of an animal talk and show, and the final day of the course will allow the opportunity for participants to apply these principles, as delegates design and test their own public enclosure presentations in front of the animal enclosures at the Zoo.

To keep course costs down, delegates are required to provide their own lunches. The workshop registration fee of £150 includes:

- ~ Workshop materials over the 3 days (Due to the presentation component, exact timings will be based on participant numbers).
- ~ Tea, coffee and biscuits during the scheduled breaks.
- ~ Access to Zoo during lunch and tea breaks.



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