

# Animal Welfare & Sustainable Populations

## Blair Drummond Safari Park: Animal Welfare and Sustainable Population Conference.

27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014.

Blair Drummond Safari and Adventure Park is hosting a 4 day conference, discussing best practice for sustainable zoo population management. The symposium follows on from our hugely successful Animal Welfare and Habitat Design Conference, hosted here October 2012.

We will host you in the spectacular Blair Drummond House overlooking the park.

The event will run from 8:30 until 5 daily, is themed with a set title and chaired discussion based workshop.

The subjects for each day will be linked to give a coherent take home message: 'developing best practice for sustainable zoo population management'.

The conference will require full participation from delegates in order to develop this message and provide a strong understanding of the philosophy we aim to establish.

An optional additional visit to The RZSS Highland Wildlife Park has been arranged after the conference.

We have selected a hotel with excellent facilities and special discounted rates for delegates. You are invited to join us for a final night conference meal, hosted at the hotel (places will be limited).



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## Draft Agenda.

Please note running order is subject to change. People listed below have confirmed.

Further speakers will be added. Some presentations listed are draft titles only.

### Day One: 27<sup>th</sup> May:

#### Justification for Zoos:

- Jamie Muir: Director, Blair Drummond Safari Park: Welcome Address.
- Anthony Sheridan: Author: The development of Europe's leading zoological gardens 1752-2014.
- Dr. Kirsten Pullen: Director, BIAZA: Justification for zoos.
- Dr. Liz Williamson: IUCN: Plight of great apes in the wild.
- Dr. Fiona Maisels: WCS, Bronx Zoo: Plight of elephant in the wild. (TBC)
- Ros Clubb: RSPCA: Captive elephant welfare.
- Dr. Stephan Hering-Hagenbeck: European Elephant Management: Designing for sustainability and welfare.
- Alan Roocroft: Elephant Business: Why do zoos need sustainable populations?

### Day Two: 28<sup>th</sup> May:

#### What do animals want in their lives?

- Prof. Phyllis Lee: University of Stirling: Social lives of elephants.
- Alan Roocroft: Elephant Business: Daily lives of zoo elephants.
- Sabrina Brando: Animal Concepts: 24/7 welfare over species' lifespan.
- Yvonne Baur: University of Stirling/Apenheul Primate Park: Defining emotional welfare.
- Lizzie Webber: University of Stirling: Calf developmental milestones in captivity and the wild.
- Chris Lucas: Team Leader, Elephants, Blair Drummond Safari Park: Decision making opportunities for our elephants.



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Day Three: 29<sup>th</sup> May.

Representing a species within a sustainable framework.

- Gerry Crighton: Operations Manager, Dublin Zoo: Development of Dublin Zoo's habitats.
- Simon Girling: Head of Veterinary Services, RZSS: Designing an animal health program.
- Ross Snipp: President, ABWAK : Keeper's role in sustainability.
- Stephen Woollard: RZSS: Education programs.
- Alasdair Gillies: Team Leader; Chimps: Blair Drummond Safari Park: Breed to Feed?
- Douglas Richardson: Head of living collections, RZSS: How zoos are failing in a conservation breeding role.

Day four: 30<sup>th</sup> May.

Designing and managing a sustainable program.

- Sophie Pierson: RZSS: Problems of achieving and maintaining a sustainable population.
- Matt Hartly: Zoo and Wildlife Solutions: Reproductive problems with captive elephants.
- Prof. Hannah Buchanan-Smith: University of Stirling: Importance of research.
- Andrew McKenzie: Team Leader; Elephants: Chester Zoo: Building blocks of sustainability.

Day 5: 31<sup>st</sup> May

Zoo Visit: RZSS Highland Wildlife Park (optional)



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## Conference Registration.

Cost of 4 day conference (including breakfasts, lunches, transport to the park and tea/coffee):  
**£195**

Visit to the Highland Wildlife Park (including lunch and transport): **£12.50**

Conference Meal: **£30**

A **£45** per night room rate has been negotiated at the Stirling Management Centre:  
<http://www.smc.stir.ac.uk/>

A discount code for the hotel will be sent to you after registration.

To register, or address any enquiries, send your details to:  
[conference@blairdrummond.com](mailto:conference@blairdrummond.com)

You will then be emailed an invoice from our accounts department.

To be sure of securing your place please register before Tuesday 15th of April 2014.



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