
Primate Society
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Captive Care Working Party

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Current areas of expertise

- Housing and husbandry
- Environmental enrichment
- Training with positive reinforcement techniques
- Management of breeding colonies
- Acquisition and transport
- Rehabilitation and the pet trade



Housing and husbandry

- Zoos and sanctuaries
- Research and breeding establishments
- UK Zoo Licensing Act
- UK A(SP)A
- European Convention ETS 123 and Directive 86/609



Environmental enrichment

- Designing and evaluating enrichment devices and strategies
- New World monkeys
- Investigating effects of the captive environment on animal welfare
- Welfare indicators in the common marmoset



Training with PRT



- Zoos and sanctuaries
- Research and breeding establishments
- Range of species
- Range of purposes
 - scientific procedures
 - routine husbandry
 - health inspection
 - reducing unwanted or abnormal behaviour

Management of breeding colonies

- Zoo populations, incl. studbooks and software
- Overseas breeding establishments
- Hand rearing
- Psychological and emotional wellbeing of young apes
- Report on weaning policy for macaques



Acquisition and transport

- Impact of transport on animal welfare
- Legislation on transport
- Guidance on journey planning
- Guidance on transport
 - containers design and construction
 - habituation and fitness for transport
 - feeding and watering during transit
 - acclimatisation on arrival



Rehabilitation and the pet trade

- Rehabilitation techniques
- UK trade in primates
- Legislative controls
- Caring for marmosets as pets



PSGB Captive Care Grants

- Research of benefit to primate welfare in captivity
- Primate welfare education initiative
- Typically not exceeding £750
- Students (postgraduates), senior lab technicians or zoo keepers
- One application round per year
- Next deadline is 31 August 2004

Further information and advice

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