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committed to wildlife



introduction

Conservation is the core objective of Camperdown Wildlife Centre along with other zoos in our community. Our efforts play an important part in collectively managing conservation projects that help to protect threatened species and habitats both locally and globally.

With almost one third of the world's wildlife under threat and facing extinction, we will continue to contribute to conservation projects, be a major force in conserving biodiversity and achieve positive conservation outcomes. These will be delivered with a combination of field conservation projects, breeding programmes, research projects, animal welfare initiatives, learning programmes and calls to action campaigns at local, regional and national levels.

Camperdown Wildlife Centre meets the conservation demands, expectations and guidelines as part of the recognised objectives of a modern zoological institution.





commitment

We are committed to promoting Camperdown Wildlife Centre as a leading zoological institution and important contributor to conservation by safeguarding wildlife and habitats locally, regionally and globally.

To continue to achieve positive conservation outcomes, we will participate in fieldwork, research programmes, breeding programmes and education campaigns.

statement

“Camperdown Wildlife Centre will be a centre of excellence, inspiration and excitement in animal care, welfare, education, conservation and research in a modern zoo environment”

policy

The conservation activities conducted or supported by Camperdown Wildlife Centre will be carried out with every consideration for the needs and welfare of its animals and our colleagues.

Camperdown Wildlife Centre will continue to work in partnership with zoological institutions, universities, The Friends of Camperdown Wildlife Centre, non-governmental organisations, and appropriate partners to assist in the development and delivery of conservation projects.



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Our conservation programmes recognise global issues faced by animals and wildlife. Our efforts and actions provide our professional community with solid foundations to continue to preserve animals in our care and in the wild. We do this through our in-situ and ex-situ projects.

TO ACHIEVE EFFECTIVE AND APPROPRIATE CONSERVATION PROGRAMMES, WE WILL CONTINUE TO:

- maximise our available resources and expertise to deliver the greatest impact in field conservation, research, learning and animal welfare projects.
- ensure, promote and surpass best practices in the welfare of our animals while practicing and delivering conservation breeding obligations and maintaining precise animal record systems.
- engage in research projects that increase the knowledge required to enhance the conservation of animals and their habitats both in captivity and in the wild.
- maximise the unique and inspiring learning opportunities available to our staff, visitors and local community to promote positive actions, solutions to climate change and global conservation issues.
- engage with organisations, communities and the Friends of Camperdown Wildlife Centre to effectively deliver our conservation programmes and objectives.
- use our research and field programmes to inspire and educate people about global wildlife issues.
- reduce our environmental footprint by continuing to implement and promote sustainable green practices.
- respond effectively to new conservation initiatives that protect wildlife and wild habitats.

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conservation learning

Communicating conservation is essential to help inspire people to protect the natural world. We will:

- continue to pursue conservation learning initiatives that address the needs of our visitors and the people of Dundee.
- give priority to responding to the Curriculum for Excellence, Scottish Government National Outcomes and related education initiatives.
- support the development of international education and learning projects as stated in Committing to Conservation: The World Zoo and Aquarium Conservation Strategy.
- actively pursue an approach based on 'learning for all'.
- develop and implement appropriate experiences and opportunities for all ages and needs, both formally and informally as set out in our dedicated Learning Strategy.





conservation research

Camperdown Wildlife Centre, along with other zoos, has a very close relationship with science. Animals are often extremely elusive and threatened in the wild and applied research takes advantage of significant opportunities to study factors important to conservation.

Working with our staff, zoological institutions and external collaborators, we continue to build a positive reputation in the areas of animal husbandry, behaviour and wildlife research. The contributions aim to enhance the understanding and conservation of the animal species in our care and in the wild.

We take advantage of our invaluable opportunities to explore, conduct and facilitate research opportunities within ex-situ and in-situ settings to contribute to the advances in the scientific knowledge of animals.

As we perform research investigations, whether observational, behavioural or field projects, we will have clear scientific purposes with reasonable expectations to increase the understanding of our subjects.

We further fulfil these objectives and responsibilities by providing results that benefit the conservation, health, welfare and environments of our studied animals openly to the zoo community and wider audiences.





conservation breeding

Conservation breeding is an extremely important function of modern zoos and aquariums. The effective management of captive populations in zoos can ultimately lead to the re-introduction of a species that is threatened or extinct in the wild.

Camperdown Wildlife Centre will continue to contribute to breeding programmes as part of joint conservation initiatives. These animals in our care are monitored by species coordinators and studbook keepers at regional, European or global levels.

We will maintain our institutional collection plan to reflect the coordinated approaches of our professional community to ensure that our efforts contribute to the effectiveness of species conservation worldwide.







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