

BUNBURY WILDLIFE PARK COMMITMENT TO ANIMAL WELFARE COUNCIL POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

The Bunbury Wildlife Park is committed to providing exemplary care to the animals in its collection through the effective use of the Five Domains model of animal welfare.

POLICY SCOPE

This Policy will apply to all persons who are engaged to perform duties involving animal interaction at the Bunbury Wildlife Park.

POLICY DETAILS

This Policy serves as a commitment by the City of Bunbury and specifically the Bunbury Wildlife Park to provide a positive animal welfare state for all species in its care.

The Bunbury Wildlife Park seeks to set a leading standard in the Bunbury Geographe and South West regions of Western Australia for husbandry and exhibit design that balances the needs of visitors, staff and animals.

The Bunbury Wildlife Park will use the Five Domains model to ensure the wellbeing of its captive species. These are:

Physical Domains

1. Nutrition: Appropriate consumption of not only nutritious food but also physical delivery requirements
2. Environment: Consideration of species specific environmental requirements, whilst also taking into account public expectations (e.g. visibility) and logistical constraints (e.g. finances)
3. Health: Proficient keeping staff with high husbandry standards, access to veterinary care, preventative medicine programs and geriatric care
4. Behaviour: Diverse environmental conditions where appropriate, enrichment programs and skilled interpretation and monitoring of behaviours

Mental Domain

5. Psychological State: When the four other domains have been met, a positive affective (psychological) state can be achieved.

When all five domains have been met positive states of welfare can exist.

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

LEGISLATION

- *Western Australian Animal Welfare Act 2002*
- *Biodiversity, Wildlife Act 2016*
- *Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act 2007*
- *Exotic Diseases of Animals Act 1996*
- *Environmental Protection Act 1996*
- *Public Health Act 2016*

INDUSTRY

- Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Exhibited Animals
- Code of Practice for Exhibited Animals in Western Australia
- ZAA Accreditation Requirements
- ZAA Accreditation Policy
- ZAA Animal Welfare Position Statement

ORGANISATIONAL

- The City of Bunbury has several Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) that also inform the operational direction and actions required by relevant Bunbury Wildlife Park staff to ensure animal wellbeing is met in accordance with this Policy.

These include; animal health, captive management, animal acquisition, working with potentially dangerous animals, nutrition, security strategy, pest management, quarantine, animal escape, records, euthanasia, event of closure.

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