

P16 Animal Behaviour Conference



Session Description

Focused on animal behaviour, this conference starts with a pilot study observation which informs the follow up discussion about the independent comparative animal study operationalization.

The lecture based taught session leads on from this initial introduction to develop student's understanding of behaviour theories and observation methods. Using real life case studies, students are introduced to the importance of observational studies for recognising and monitoring animal behaviour and welfare both for captive animal management and wild animal conservation. Students then carry out their own behaviour study using any of the viewable species out in the zoo, returning to analyse and present their findings.

The final session, explores the strengths and limitations of student's independent studies. As well as facilitating further discussion on how Marwell uses similar observational behaviour studies in order to monitor and enhance animal wellbeing using the AWAG cloud based system.

Session Objectives

To be able to describe what behaviour is and explain why certain behaviour types are displayed.

To consider the criteria for developing a reliable behaviour study and identify any limitations of the methods used.

To create and carry out a comparative behaviour study using animals within the zoo and feedback findings to the group.

Specification Links

AQA Psychology (2019) AS 3.2, A 4.2

BTEC Nationals (2018)
Animal Management Unit 5. Animal behaviour

T Level Technical Qualification in Animal Care
and Management Specification Level 3

Edexcel AS/A level Psychology (2017)
Topic 4: Learning Theories

OCR AS/A level Psychology (2015) component 02

IB Psychology (2019) Core



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