Lions, Tigers & Bears!





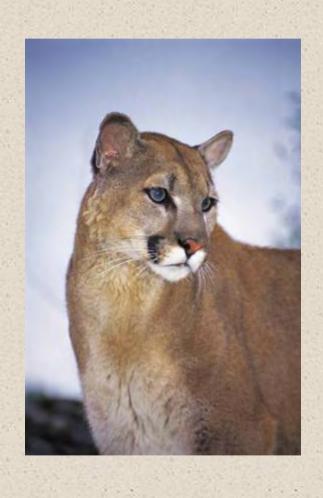


What the AMO can learn from zoos

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What is the Zoo-UAM connection?



- It's time for us to look and think outside the square!
- Zoos have a wealth of knowledge & experience in animal handling & behaviour
- Parallels between the zoo environment & companion animal environment
- Community expectations

Where we went



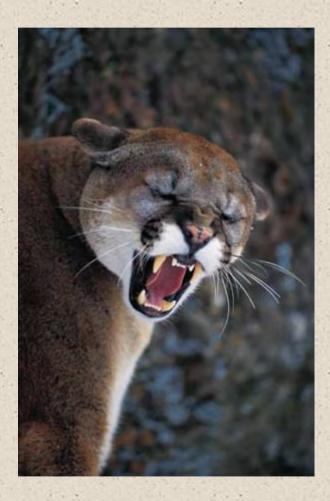
- Dreamworld
 - Gold Coast, Qld
- Sea World
 - Gold Coast, Qld
- Australia Zoo
 - Sunshine Coast, Qld

What we learned



- Behaviour management strategies
- Environmental enrichment
- Somatic communication
- Public awareness & education

Behaviour management



- Aggression
- Stereotypic behaviour
 - Pacing
 - Head shaking
- Excessive noise
 - Calling

Behaviour management



Behaviour management



Environmental enrichment

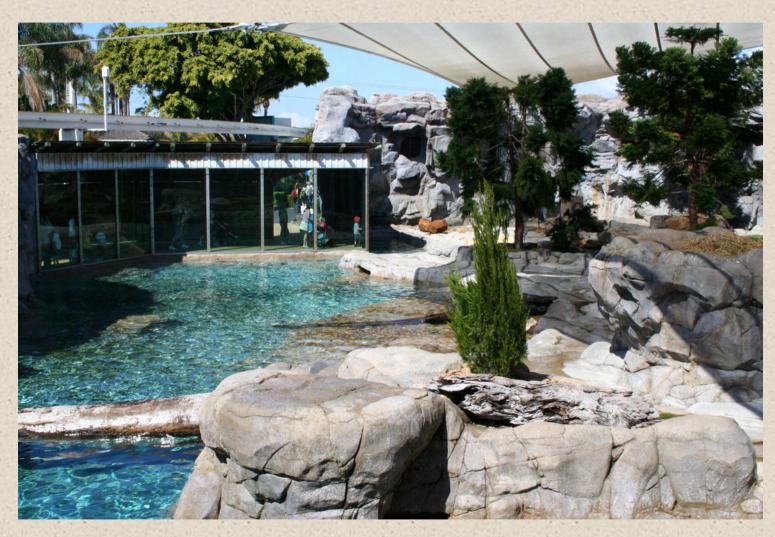


- Social
- Food or feeding strategies
- Physical
 - Structures & enclosures
 - Objects
- Sensory
 - Auditory
 - Olfactory
 - Tactile

Polar Bear Shores, Sea World



Polar Bear Shores, Sea World



Somatic communication





More than just reading their body language, its responding in their language.



Somatic communication



Would you try to take the toy away?

Somatic communication



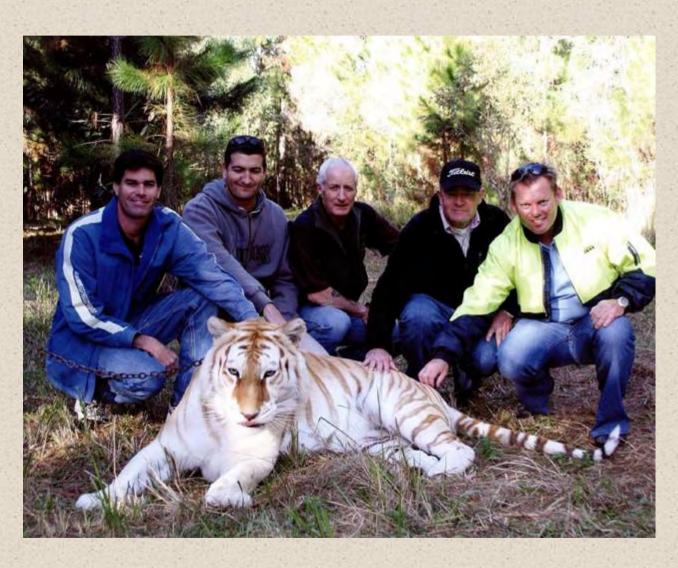
There is a huge advantage to being on 'talking terms' with animals

Public Awareness



 Council's can adopt a similar signage strategy in popular dog parks, promoting UAM issues

Other benefits



- Supervisors take note!
- Rewarding for staff
- Motivating
- Challenging

AMOs - take note!



- Seek these places out
- Don't feel limited to what you visit
- Don't be afraid to ask questions
- Don't be afraid to apply what you learn

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