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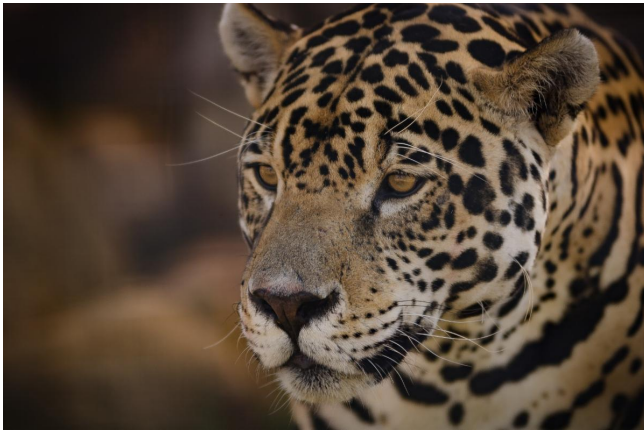
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News & Updates



COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Assessment Tool for Captive Wildlife Facilities

This new toolkit, developed by the One Health Federal Interagency COVID-19 Coordination Group (OH-FICC) Wildlife & Zoos Subgroup, provides a guide for baseline biosecurity measures and controls that should be in place to prevent transmission of SARS-CoV-2 between animals housed in captive wildlife facilities and people who may have direct or indirect contact with animals or their environment. [Learn more and access the toolkit here.](#)

USDA Announces Requirement for Contingency Plans to Protect Animals During Emergencies

The USDA is issuing a final rule amending the Animal Welfare Act regulations to implement a requirement for contingency plans for the handling of animals during emergencies. This lifts a stay on a December 2012 rule that requires regulated facilities to develop contingency plans and train their employees on implementing those plans during an emergency. [Learn more and view the final rule here.](#)

New Listserv Archive Page on ZAHP Website

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Webinars & Events

SARS-CoV-2 and Zoo Animals
Wednesday, December 8

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Webinar Agenda:

Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Sharon Deem, DVM, PhD, DACZM
 - Director, Saint Louis Zoo Institute for Conservation Medicine
 - Vice President, American Association of Zoo Veterinarians (AAZV)

Setting the Stage: Overview of the Current Situation Regarding SARS-CoV-2 Infections in Zoos

- Ria R. Ghai, PhD
 - Doctoral Epidemiologist, One Health Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Karen Terio, DVM, PhD, DACVP
 - Chief, Zoological Pathology Program, University of Illinois Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
 - Veterinary Advisor, AZA Felid TAG, Chimpanzee SSP, and Bonobo SSP

Preventative Measures Using the Hierarchy of Controls and the Checklist

- Kate Varela, DVM, MPH, DACVPM
 - Preventative Medicine Fellow, One Health Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Current Felid and Great Ape TAG Recommendations

- Karen Terio, DVM, PhD, DACVP
 - Chief, Zoological Pathology Program, University of Illinois Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
 - Veterinary Advisor, AZA Felid TAG, Chimpanzee SSP, and Bonobo SSP

Case Investigations at the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance

- Lauren Howard, DVM, Dipl. ACZM
 - Associate Director of Veterinary Services, San Diego Zoo Safari Park

Case Investigations at the Saint Louis Zoo

- Sathya Chinnadurai, DVM, MS, DACZM, DACVAA, DACAW
 - Director of Animal Health, Saint Louis Zoo

Q & A and Announcements

- Sharon Deem, DVM, PhD, DACZM
 - Director, Saint Louis Zoo Institute for Conservation Medicine
 - Vice President, American Association of Zoo Veterinarians (AAZV)
- Jonathan Sleeman, MA, ECFVG (DVM Equivalent), BVetMed
 - Center Director, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Wildlife Health Center