

## **Conditions & Guidelines for Academic Research at Blackpool Zoo**

### **Please note the following guidelines:**

Failure to comply with the conditions stipulated below may result in the student's research pass being revoked without warning. The student's supervisor will be informed and where deemed necessary, further action will be taken.

### **Completing the proposal:**

- All sections of the proposal must be completed fully and legibly.
- The project title and objectives must be clear and specific.
- All research proposals must be approved by the research department before any data collection can begin.
- Some projects may require that you gain BIAZA approval; in particular projects involving multiple zoos. Contact information for the BIAZA research group can be found at <http://www.biaza.org.uk/public/pages/research>.

### **Approved Projects:**

- All approved proposals allow the student access to the zoo, the research library and time with zoo staff.
- Your photo ID badge must be worn and visible at all times and presented to admissions on arrival. Entry will be refused without a valid ID badge.
- For health and safety reasons you are required to sign in and out of the student log located on the front desk at the main reception, both on arrival and upon leaving the zoo. Failure to do so will result in your id being revoked.
- Any research must at no point jeopardise the welfare of our animals or cause unnecessary inconvenience to the animal department.
- The research department and relevant section keepers must have a copy of the times and dates of your observations and be informed immediately of any changes.
- Where keeper time is required they must be given advance notice. Please be punctual and note that our keepers are very busy and may have to cancel with little or no notice.
- Persistent lateness or cancelling of appointments where keeper's time is required may result in the termination of your research placement without warning.
- The student must behave in an appropriate manner when in the zoo.
- Any research must at no point jeopardise the welfare of our animals.
- All questions should be compiled in an appropriate and simple manner in relation to the information required.
- Some information may be deemed as confidential; therefore the zoo retains the right to refuse access to certain information, when applicable.
- Please allow for sufficient time for the questionnaire to be completed and returned in relation to your final deadline.
- Please send both an electronic and a hard copy of your questionnaire to the research department.

### **Completed projects**

- If you require any further information to complete your project please contact the research department.
- Upon completion you are required to provide both an electronic and a hard copy of your project to the research department. If applicable please provide a copy of your abstract and BSAS summary.

Please Note - Zoo staff are very busy and it may take time to organise your project (please allow a minimum of 2 weeks before contacting us again).

Please be aware that all projects may be subject to change at the keeper's discretion.