

Special Issue

Captive Elephant Welfare and Behaviour

Message from the Guest Editors

Elephants have been entwined with human life for thousands of years and have played important religious and working roles in many cultures. Despite this long history of living and working with elephants, efforts to understand their natural behaviour and how to best measure and evaluate their welfare when under human management is a relatively recent development. Many questions have been raised about our ability to meet the needs of elephants when they are kept in captivity; however, many wild populations are under continued and increasing threat from habitat loss and poaching, and captive elephants may soon be the only population of elephants continuing to exist. In this special issue we invite contributions on the latest scientific findings in relation to captive elephant behaviour and welfare. Original manuscripts are invited that address this topic, including but not limited to: methods of measuring welfare in captive elephant populations, cognition (with specific focus on perception, memory and comprehension), social behaviour, communication, health and welfare challenges in caring for captive elephants, personality, and human-elephant relationships.

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