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Effects of the Presence of Zoo Visitors on Zoo-Housed Penguins

Message from the Guest Editor

Penguins are one of the most popular animals for zoo visitors around the world. However, penguins are a highly sensitive and social species, and the presence of zoo visitors could stress captive penguins. Although increasing evidence has revealed that the presence of visitors could have negative, neutral, or even positive influences on the behavior of penguins, the effects of the presence of zoo visitors on zoo-housed penguins remains a complex and poorly understood area.

Investigations on possible influencing factors, including penguin species, visitor behavior, number of visitors, characteristics of penguin enclosures, and different seasons (molting or breeding) may provide us with a deeper understanding regarding visitor–penguin interactions. I look forward to receiving your valuable contributions.

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