

Animal enclosures

Choose three animals at Hamilton Zoo and make drawings and notes about their enclosures.

 Hint: Think about what makes each enclosure suitable for each particular animal.

Animal:

Draw what you see



Write things you noticed

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Different kinds of enrichment

Choose an animal and compare what would be enriching for you
to what would be enriching for your animal

What would be enriching for you?	What would be enriching for your animal?
Sensory	
Cognitive	
Physical Habitat	
Food	
Social	
Rest/ Refuge	

Animal needs and wants

Choose three animals at Hamilton Zoo and make a list of what these animals **NEED** and **WANT**.

Animal	What does this animal NEED?	What does this animal WANT?

Enrichment for a pet

Design an enrichment item for a pet



Hint: Think about what kind of things would keep this animal occupied.

What animal is this item for?

Describe your enrichment item

Sketch your item here



How does it work?

Enrichment for a zoo animal

Design an enrichment item for a zoo animal



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How does it work?

Enrichment design checklist

Use this checklist to make sure your enrichment item is appropriate for the animal in question.

This checklist is based on the one our zoo keepers use. You should be able to answer NO to all questions.

Could it cause discomfort, injury or illness?

If swallowed, could it cause choking, intoxication or impaction?

Will it break/deteriorate easily?

Could the animal get entangled/trapped in it, causing constriction, injury or death?

Can it chip or break the animal's teeth, bill or beak?

Could it be used to break containment?

Can it be used as a weapon by an animal?

Does it include any nailing twine or other plastic string?

Can it damage the enclosure?

Will it cause the animal to avoid their diet?

Can it cause competition or aggression between different animals in the same enclosure?

Could it cause excessive stress?

If it is for birds, does it have brittle plastics, soft toys, rubber, cello tape or CDs?

Could it cause an animal not to recall? (Recall is when keepers call animals to their off-display dens – used in emergencies)

Will it be overly difficult to retrieve or clean up?

Does it have any staples, tape, or other small bits that could be hazardous to the animals?

Design your own enclosure

Design an enclosure for a Zoo animal. Brainstorm things to think about, plan drawings, and then create you enclosure in a shoebox!

Brainstorm

What does it NEED?

What does it WANT?

How will this animal stay cool/warm when it needs to?

How can this animal hide if it wants to?

How will keepers feed this animal?

Can keepers go in with the animal? If not, how will they move it OUT for cleaning/feeding?

Use this space to sketch a plan for your enclosure

