

What is the International Center for the Care and Conservation of Giraffe?

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo has a long history of caring for a large herd of prolific, interactive giraffe that participate in all-day guest feedings, weekly hoof care and a wide variety of trained voluntary husbandry and medical procedures. The herd has seen over 200 giraffe calf births, and the team who cares for them is passionate about learning more, teaching more, and building a network to advance the care of these beautiful creatures. The International Center for the Care and Conservation of Giraffe is a concentrated effort by CMZoo to consolidate resources and expand educational programs in order to improve and enrich the lives of giraffe in human care throughout the world.

Our Goals

- **1. Improve the quality of veterinary care** available for giraffe in human care and leverage that information for field conservation.
- **2. Continue to advance behavioral husbandry practices** to improve giraffe welfare.
- **3. Establish Emergency Response Teams** worldwide to respond to giraffe health emergencies and field conservation needs.

Behavioral Husbandry

Veterinary
Care

Emergency
Response





CMZoo-Hosted Workshops

GIRAFFE CARE WORKSHOP

Creating a strong community of giraffe professionals, this week-long workshop empowers attendees to continually improve giraffe welfare, in situ and ex situ. Memorable lecture material is balanced with roundtable discussions and other handson activities with CMZoo's herd, like practicing training techniques, watching demonstrations and creating enrichment. Attendees work through various giraffe-specific modules with CMZoo staff and gain knowledge and experience in the following topics: training, browse programs, hoof care, conservation, teamwork, roadblocks, enrichment and guest/giraffe interactions.

GIRAFFE TRAINING WORKSHOP

Participants must have attended the Giraffe Care Workshop to join this workshop. This 4-day workshop focuses specifically on the science of behavior change and how trainers can harness the environment to increase desired behaviors. In-depth training concepts learned in this workshop can be applied to improve the lives of giraffe in human care.

GIRAFFE PRIVATE OWNER WORKSHOP

Led by worldwide experts in nutrition, reproduction, hoof care and anesthesia, this 3-day workshop offers an opportunity for private owners to network and collaborate with each other, under the expert guidance of AZA-accredited leadership, to advance giraffe welfare and conservation.

GIRAFFE VETERINARY MEDICINE 101

This new course will be offered in 2023 and will provide an opportunity for veterinarians who work with giraffe to collaborate, learn and network together to improve giraffe medicine.

Interested in a workshop, but prefer to host? Let us come to you for an in-person workshop tailored to your individual needs. We also provide specialized coaching/consulting services for your team and animals.

In-Person Consulting

Discuss options for training set-ups

Real-time coaching during training sessions

Design programs that fit your facility's needs

Real-time veterinary diagnostics and training

In-person lectures and workshop opportunities

Anesthesia procedures and veterinary care

Integrating new giraffe into the herd

Senior care and quality-of-life planning

Emergency Response Teams

If you and/or your facility are doing crucial giraffe work and wish to partner with us to create a worldwide Emergency Response Team for giraffe, please connect with us so we can join forces.

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We partner with Dr. Susan G. Freidman and the Behavior Works consulting team to provide a variety of online and in-person services that can be tailored to meet your facility's needs, from webinars to personalized problem-solving sessions.

Virtual Consulting

90-MINUTE WEBINARS

ABCs and Shaping Behavior by Approximations

Causes of Giraffe Lameness

Creating a Lifestyle of R+

The Dynamic Reinforcement Strategy: How to Train for Long Duration, Uncomfortable Procedures

Giraffe Pregnancy Planning and Neonate Care

How Giraffe We Learn

Putting the Science to Work: Foundation Behaviors for Hoof Care Training

Team Building and Communication

Tells and Tall Tails: Reading and Responding to Giraffe Behavior

Treatments for Giraffe Lameness