

## Lions, Tigers and Bears Symposium



### Lion, Tiger, and Bear Symposium AGENDA

A Symposium on Welfare, Husbandry, Contingency Planning, and General Operations  
July 8-9, 2014

**8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon**

**DAY 1 MORNING: Behavior and Husbandry of Lions, Tigers and Bears**

- ✿ Welcome and Symposium Overview
- ✿ The Principles of Behavior-Based Husbandry for Large Carnivores
- ✿ Foundations for Simple and Successful Carnivore Enrichment
- ✿ Break
- ✿ Using Operant Conditioning Techniques for Long Term Behavioral Management
- ✿ Discussion Panel
- ✿ Lunch

**1:00 PM – 5:15 PM**

**DAY 1 AFTERNOON: Safety and Disaster Planning**

- ✿ Better Safe than Sorry
- ✿ Safety Procedures for Large Carnivores and Considerations for Carnivores as Program Animals
- ✿ 911...What is Expected, and Happens When Public Safety Officers Respond to Your Facility
- ✿ Break
- ✿ Contingency Plans for Animal Emergencies and Natural Disasters
- ✿ Fiscal Responsibility – Protecting Your Animals Through Sound Financial Management
- ✿ Discussion

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**DAY 2 – MORNING: Cubs to Adults: Lion, Tiger and Bear Care**

- ✿ Cub Development in Large Carnivores
- ✿ Hand Rearing Bears
- ✿ Hand Rearing Lions and Tigers
- ✿ Diet and Nutrition for Lions, Tigers, and Bears
- ✿ Break
- ✿ Why Sanctuaries are Needed and How We Provide Humane Care and Space on a Budget
- ✿ Discussion
- ✿ Lunch

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**Day 2 – AFTERNOON: Transportation and Preventive Veterinary Care**

- ✿ Preparing for a Successful Transport
- ✿ Pre-shipment Evaluation of International Facilities
- ✿ Transportation of Lions, Tigers, and Bears
- ✿ Documenting and Developing Programs of Adequate Veterinary Care
- ✿ Break
- ✿ Geriatric Animal Husbandry and Medical Considerations
- ✿ Preventive Veterinary Care for Lions, Tigers, and Bears
- ✿ Discussion