

Post-conference excursions

Join us on post conference excursions to Highland Wildlife Park on October 14th and the Edinburgh Zoo on October 15th! Delegates will be transported from the Mercure hotel by bus to each park and returned to the hotel that evening. Delegates will have a chance to explore the parks on their own along with a special tour. All delegates will be on their own for lunch. Onsite cafe options can be explored at the following links:

<https://www.highlandwildlifepark.org.uk/plan-your-visit/day-planner/shops-and-eateries/>

<https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/plan-your-visit/day-planner/restaurants-and-facilities/>

For those wishing to pack their lunch, there are grocery options available around the Mercure hotel. Delegates will return to the hotel each evening. If you wish to join us on one or both trips, please email Angela Gibson (angela.gibson@bearcaregroup.org) to register. Include in the email your name and which excursions you are choosing. Seats are limited. Contact Angela today!

Highland Wildlife Park \$40 (approx. £33 or €36)

Edinburgh Zoo \$15 (approx. £13 or €14)

Tentative prices based on number of participants

Thanks to our friends at the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland (www.rzss.org.uk), participants to this year's conference will have the opportunity to join post-conference excursions to Edinburgh Zoo and Highland Wildlife Park.

Established in 1909, the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland (RZSS) is a registered charity which works to promote awareness and conservation of rare and endangered species. RZSS owns and runs Edinburgh Zoo (www.edinburghzoo.org.uk) and Highland Wildlife Park (www.highlandwildlifepark.org.uk).

Edinburgh Zoo was opened in 1913 and is set in 82 acres of sloping parkland, situated three miles from Edinburgh city centre. It is home to around 1,000 rare and endangered animals including the Giant panda and sun bear.

Edinburgh Zoo is one of Europe's leading centres for conservation, education and research, working collectively with many other zoos and conservation agencies around the world as well as in the UK in coordinated conservation programmes, to help ensure the survival of many threatened animal species. The zoo also supports a range of targeted research projects which are designed to enhance animals' behavioural and physiological needs, as well as running an extensive education programme which aims to raise awareness and understanding of the fragility of life on this planet, and our responsibility to help care for it.

The Zoo is also one of Scotland's most popular visitor attractions, with over 800,000 visitors a year.

The Highland Wildlife Park founded in 1986 is located in the Cairngorms National Park, seven miles south of Aviemore. Discover Scottish wildlife and endangered animals of the world's mountains and tundra in a spectacular setting. The Wildlife Park has a wide

and diverse range of animals, from native species such as the Capercaillie and Scottish wildcat to those from further afield such as the Amur tiger and polar bear.

The RZSS has one of the UK's most highly qualified in-house veterinary services and is committed to providing training and further education to the next generation of zoo veterinarians. Their veterinary team frequently lecture at UK veterinary schools and speak at both national and international conferences.

In 2013 the RZSS became the first certified UK training centre for the European College of Zoo Medicine (ECZM) diploma in Zoo Health Management and is currently one of just four such centres globally.