

Figure 2 Asiatic Black Bear Daily Routine ©ElsePoulsen

Time	Behavior	Enclosure/Enrich Requirements
Sunrise	Bears wake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bears need constant indoor/outdoor access except when cleaning & enriching enclosure - Caregivers must have the ability to recall the bears in a low stress way using relationship, training & food rewards for shifting
Sunrise	Bear check on cagemates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bears must live in appropriate social structures - Group with least aggression is 1.2
Shortly after sunrise	Bears wash with water or roll in substrate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pools, woodchips, soil, growing grasses etc. are required in significant amounts
Early A.M. often before caregiver arrives	Bears search for food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is a critical time for a bear, if it is hungry in A.M. it can start aberrant behaviors - pacing - Caregiver must feed the bear at sunrise or leave the bear with enrich objects full of foods mimicking species-typical feeding strategies the night before so that the bear can investigate for leftovers in the A.M.
Early A.M. – mid A.M.	Caregiver cleaning indoor/outdoor areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Caregiver must have the ability to shift the bears from point A to B in a low stress way using relationship, training and food reward for shifting - Place new bedding materials and enrichment items mimicking species-typical feeding strategies - Can do training & bonding sessions
Midmorning to early afternoon	Bears nest build or clean their nests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bear must have a choice of day-nesting sites - Trees, climbing structure, dens, hammocks - Nest building materials; grasses, leaves, soft branches, straw, hay, wood wool – all in substantial amounts, available 24/7
Early afternoon to afternoon	Caregiver placing enrichment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Caregiver must have ability to shift the bears from point A to B in a low stress way using relationship, training and food reward for shifting - Enrichment items mimicking species-typical feeding strategies - Can do training & bonding sessions
Early afternoon to afternoon	Bear(s) rest in day-bed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enclosure and substrate must offer the bear(s) choice in nesting site, privacy, quiet, shade, indoor/outdoor access
Afternoon to evening	Bear(s) search for food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enrichment items mimicking species-typical feeding strategies - Can do training & bonding sessions - Enrichment options should offer bear(s) mental challenge such as puzzle feeders and offer some physical exercise such as bear jungle gyms
Evening	Bear(s) begin to show an interest in bedding down	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bedding down areas for night must offer the bear(s) privacy, choice, bedding, and choice to sleep indoors or outdoors
Night	Bears rest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exceptions – on occasion bear(s) will become nocturnal usually for foraging

