

# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

We are accepting abstracts for presentations related to our theme 'Beyond the Bear Necessities: Assessing Welfare in Bears'. We are specifically looking for presentations that detail assessing and improving welfare beyond current accreditation standards. Submissions may fall under any of the following categories: training, enrichment, habitat enhancement or environmental design, medical care, or husbandry routines that detail new ideas contributing to improving bear welfare.

*Deadline for Abstract Submission: July 31st 2022*

## PAPER ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Please direct any questions and send abstracts and author bios as attached documents to [angela.gibson@bearcaregroup.org](mailto:angela.gibson@bearcaregroup.org).

Please include as the email subject line: Virtual Conference Abstract Submission 2022.

Your abstract file name should be: ABCBeyond the Bear Necessities 2022-surname-shorten title (e.g.ABCBeyond the Bear Necessities 2022-Gibson-Hibernation) .

- 1) Abstract and Author Bio MUST appear together on ONE page, saved as a single document.
- 2) MUST be written in Microsoft Word using Arial font, size 12, single line spacing, not justified.
- 3) Presentation title in CAPS. Center and bold title. Title should not be more than 15 words.
- 4) First, and successive authors listed with name, facility name, facility location (city, state/province) and first author contact information (email). Listed below title and to the left.
- 5) Abstract (maximum 350 words) should be one paragraph that includes the following:
  - a. Introduction of subject/problem/issue, 1-2 sentence(s)
  - b. Hypothesis or proposed problem resolution, 1-2 sentence(s)
  - c. Method or action plan used, 1-2 sentence(s)
  - d. Results, 1-2 sentence(s)
  - e. Conclusion, or other applications for findings, 1-2 sentence(s)
  - f. Style: Measurements should be expressed in the metric system or in SI units. Temperatures should be given in °C. All abbreviations should be spelled out in full the first time they are used in the text.
- 6) Include your Author Bio (same page as your abstract)
  - a. Author name in CAPS
  - b. Provide one paragraph summarizing the first author's relevant qualifications and achievements, career, highlights or relevant current projects. Please keep the biography to a professional nature. Maximum of 150 words.

If your abstract is accepted, you will receive an email with information about presentation length and date for prior submission of your presentation. We will be asking all speakers to submit their presentation ahead of time (by September 18th) for loading onto the conference drive. All presentations must be fully compatible with Windows PC software. If you use a MAC, you will be responsible for making your file PC compatible prior to submission.

