CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

We are accepting abstracts for both paper presentations and posters related to our theme "Advancing Bear Care: The Next Level". We are specifically looking for presentations & posters that involve social integrations, bear group living, behavior-based quarantine care, behavior-based care for bears with special needs, rescued wild bears placed in zoos, and public education on human-bear conflict. The following list details the specific topics we are accepting abstract proposals for:

- Preparing enclosures for social integrations
- Successful and unsuccessful social integrations
- Introductions with bears with special needs
- Zoo enclosure design for bears rescued from the wild
- Enclosure design for bear group living
- Managing bear groups in zoos
- Temporary housing of rescued bears prior to placement
- Zoo quarantine care for bears rescued from the wild
- Training success stories with bears rescued from the wild
- Behavior-based husbandry for bears with extreme medical needs, bears living in groups, or bears with different seasonal requirements
- Handling medical and psychological issues in rescued bears
- Public education & messaging about human-bear conflict

Deadline for Abstract Submission: Feb 1st, 2024.

THE NEXT LEVEL

PAPER ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Please direct any questions, and send abstracts and author bios as an attached document (File name: Your abstract file name should be: ABCOakland2024-surname-shorten title (e.g.ABCOakland2024-Gibson-Hibernation) to agnieszka.sergiel@bearcaregroup.org

Please include as the email subject line: Oakland Presentation Abstract Submission.

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 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 ºC. All abbreviations should be spelled out in full the first time they are used in the text.
      g. Maximum words 350 words

6) Include your Author Bio (same page as your abstract) in Microsoft Word, Arial font size 12

      a. Author name in CAPS
      b. One paragraph bio - single line spacing, not justified. Provide a paragraph summarizing the first author's relevant qualifications and achievements, career, highlights, or relevant current projects. Please keep the biography to a professional nature.
      c. Maximum of 150 words.

If your abstract is accepted, you will receive an email with information about presentation length and prior submission of your presentation. We will be asking all speakers to submit their presentation ahead of time (by April 20th) 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.**

POSTER ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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