

Philadelphia Zoo on Wheels Requirements for Live Animal Presentations

The Philadelphia Zoo is committed to the highest standards of animal care and presentation. Please carefully review this document as it outlines our basic requirements for animal presentations. These guidelines have been developed by the Philadelphia Zoo in accordance with veterinary requirements, State and National permits and standards for accreditation set by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

Administrative Requirements

- Name and cell phone number of a responsible person who will be onsite and available to help on the day of your program.
- Zoo on Wheels utilizes MAPquest directions and GPS units to find directions for your school. Please provide us with information about road closures, detours and how to park and enter your school.
- Animals may be presented at a public institution, school or corporation. We require additional staff for programs occurring in a private residence or other public spaces and reserve the right to pass this cost onto the client.

Live animal and veterinary requirements

- Access to fresh water for animals and staff.
- Long table (6 or 8 ft standard table works best). The table should be sturdy to hold heavy objects and set up so that the area behind the table is made inaccessible to anyone but the presenter because this is where we will store animal carriers, artifacts and sensitive AV equipment.
- Approximately 10x 10 ft space with plenty of room for guests to view animals at a safe distance.
- Weather conditions permitting, animals may be presented outside during the months of May through September. When presenting outside, we require a shaded area for animals.
- Parking for the Zoo on Wheels vehicle within 100 yards of your location.
- Animals must be safe distance for any hazards, including large or unruly crowds, amplified music or excessive temperatures.
- If there will be other live animals at your facility or home, they must occupy a separate space from Philadelphia Zoo on Wheels animals. All household pets and other animals must be placed in a secure location away from Philadelphia Zoo on Wheels animals.
- Secure, temperature controlled area to rest animals if there is a layover or long breaks period between presentations.

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