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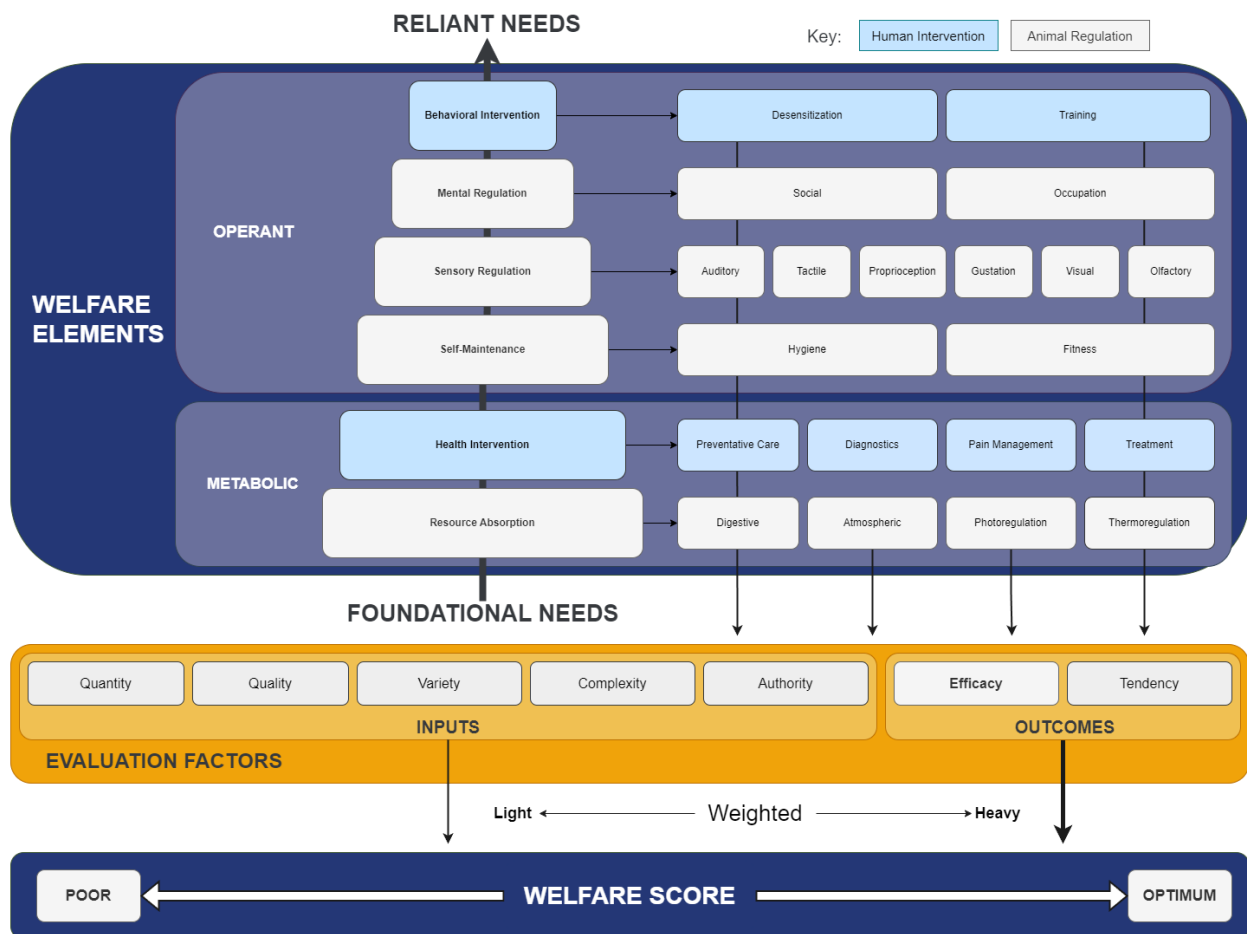
OBJECTIVE:

This assessment is intended to be used by facilities, individuals, and organizations whose goal is to improve individual animal welfare by comparing their current homeostatic condition with the prevailing scientific understanding of the optimum conditions for that species. The objective is to identify opportunities for improvement and to act on them.

Animal welfare assessments are most accurate when measured at the (n=1) individual level. Healthier animals may mask the needs of a less healthy individual in a group assessment; and other metrics: such as efficacy, will vary greatly between each individual.

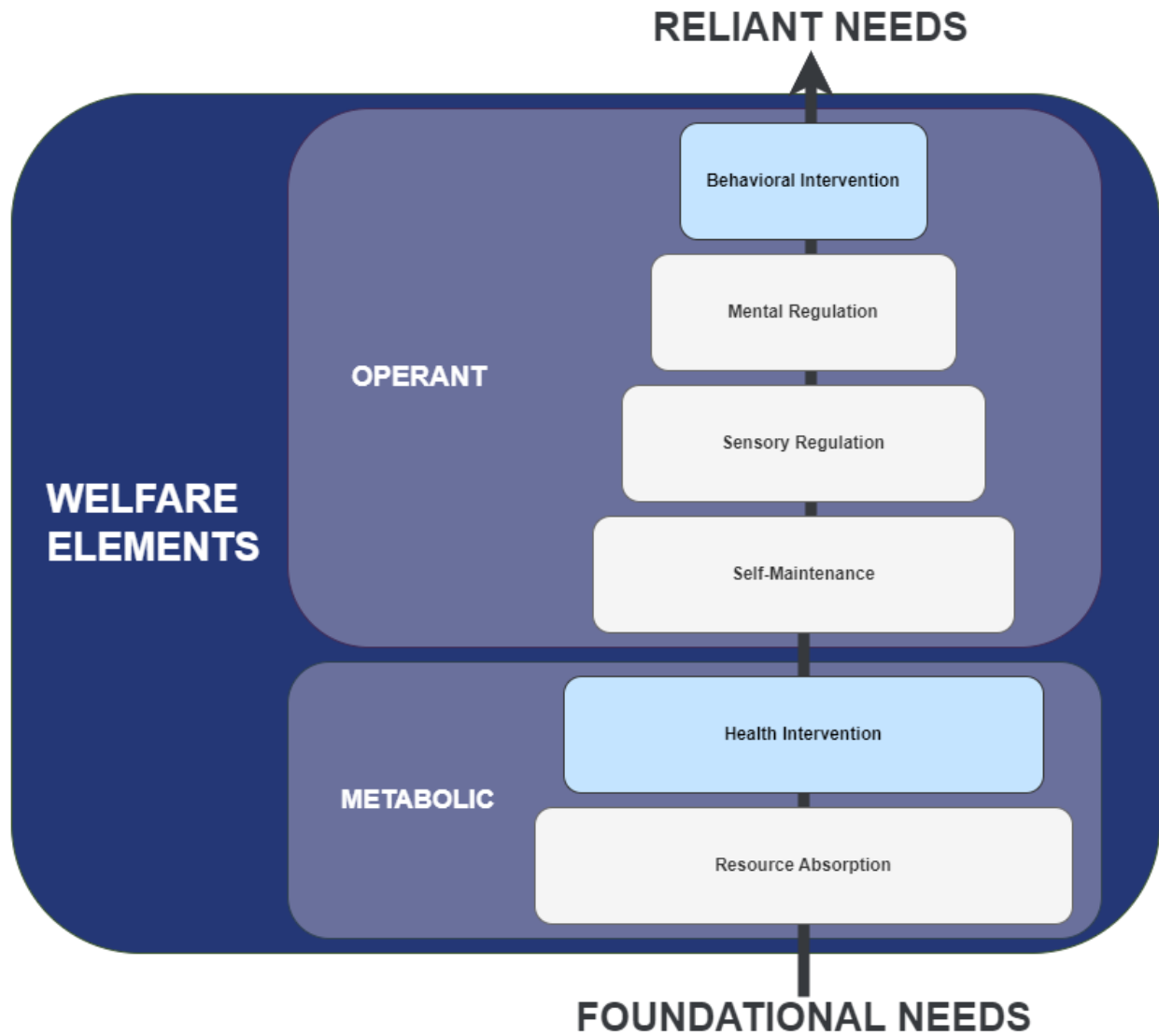
OUR WELFARE MODEL:

We created a welfare model derived from viewing animal care under a lens of their homeostatic relationship with the environment. It utilizes the same concepts as the 5 Opportunities, Domains, and Freedoms - without simplifying down to an arbitrary number.



ANIMAL HOMEOSTATIC NEEDS:

There are six categories of homeostatic needs in animals, broken into two subcategories: metabolic (i.e. innate self-regulation) and operant (i.e. behavioral self-regulation). These create a pyramid structure with the metabolic needs forming the foundation and the operant needs forming the tip of the structure. This is not indicative of importance, nor of quantifiable amounts, but rather that elements at the top of the pyramid are reliant on appropriate function of the elements below it. Additionally, while most of the elements are a function of an animal's self-regulation (white) - at the tip of each subcategory there are also elements where human intervention (blue) can add to an animal's welfare beyond the scope of its natural homeostatic self-regulation.



HOMEOSTATIC NEEDS CONTINUED:

Metabolic Interactions:

Innate Self-Regulation

1. **Resource Absorption** - *the exchange of nutrients, molecules, and energy between an animal and its environment*
 - i. Digestive
 - ii. Atmospheric
 - iii. Photoregulation
 - iv. Thermoregulation
2. **Health Intervention** - *the proactive measures taken to preserve bodily homeostasis and protect against future stressors*
 - i. Preventative Care
 - ii. Diagnostics
 - iii. Pain Management
 - iv. Treatment

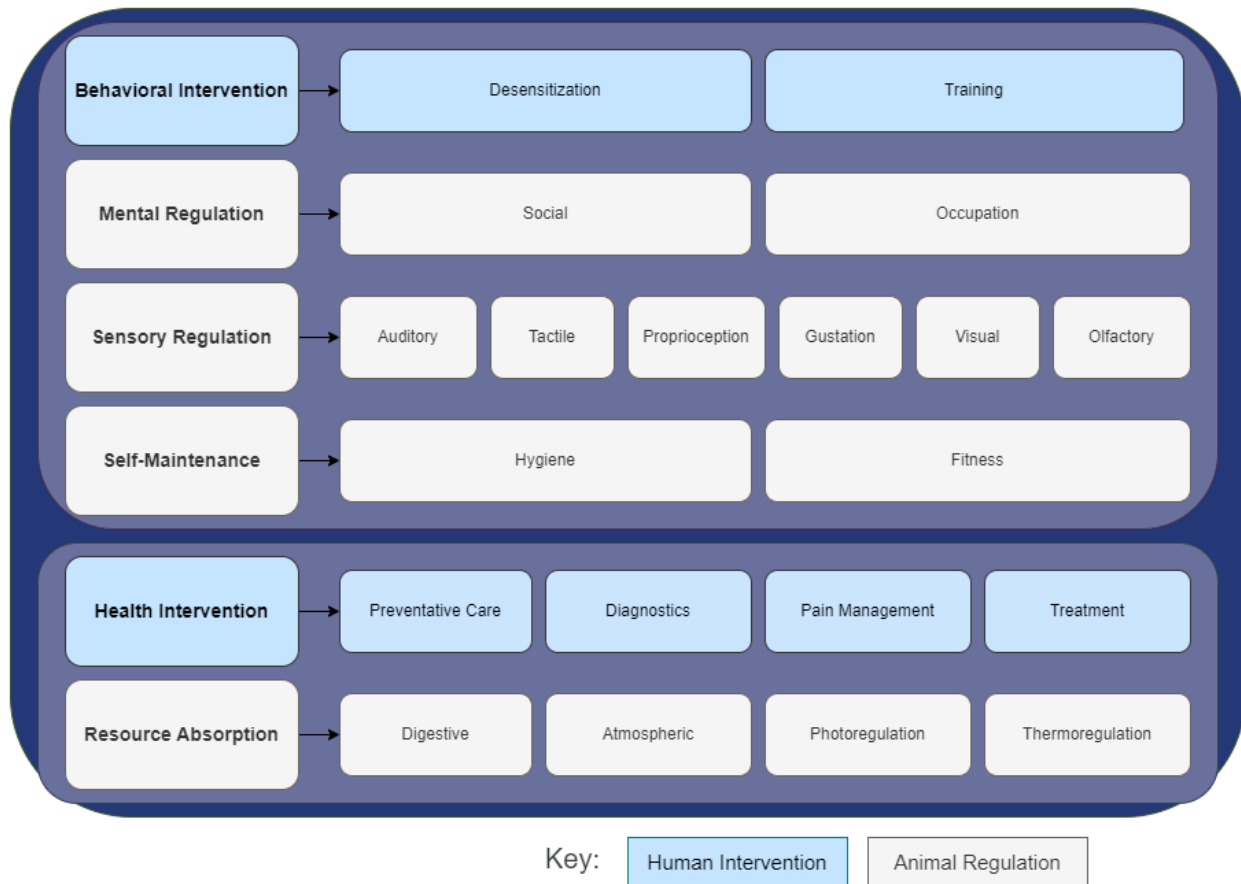
Operant Interactions:

Behavioral Self-Regulation

1. **Self-Maintenance** - *the processes involved with maintaining bodily mobility and autonomy*
 - i. Hygiene
 - ii. Fitness
2. **Sensory Regulation**- *the processes involved with regulation of appropriate sensory inputs*
 - i. Auditory
 - ii. Tactile
 - iii. Proprioception
 - iv. Gustation
 - v. Visual
 - vi. Olfactory
3. **Mental Regulation** - *the processes involved with satiating mental and emotional desires*
 - i. Social
 - ii. Occupation
4. **Behavioral Intervention** - *the proactive measures taken to preserve normal homeostatic behaviors and protect against harmful stereotypies*
 - i. Desensitization
 - ii. Training

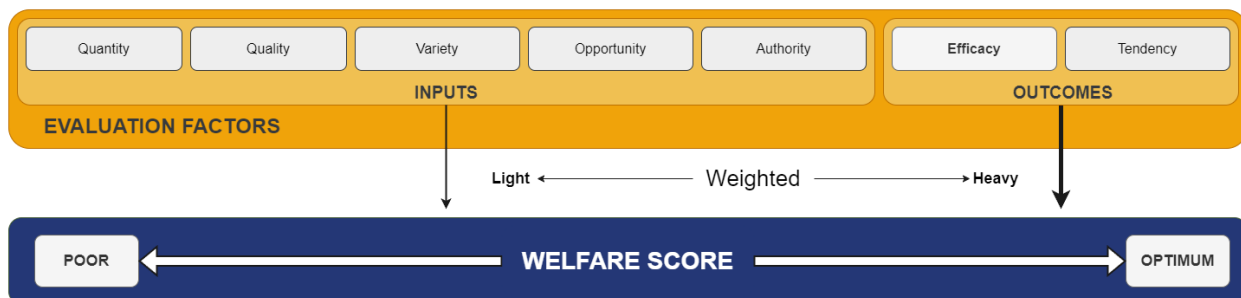
DEFINITION:

WELFARE /wel-fer/ (noun) - *the quantifiable measure of an individual organism's homeostatic relationship with its environment*



WELFARE EVALUATION FACTORS:

Each *Homeostatic Need* should be evaluated with the following metrics for a holistic understanding of overall welfare. Evaluation factors can also be broken into two categories: inputs and outcomes. While our inputs towards an animal's care are important, our welfare program is an outcome-based model, where the efficacy of the stimulus is weighted over the fact it was simply provided. The higher your numerical score, the greater your animal's welfare is on a spectrum from optimum to poor.



Inputs -
Quantifiable Environmental Measurements

Quantity: the optimum amount

Quality: the optimum category

Variety: the optimum diversity

Complexity: the optimum difficulty

Authority: the optimum control

Outcomes -
Quantifiable Animal Outputs

Efficacy: the optimum engagement

Tendency: the future trend

MISSION:

TO IMPROVE WELFARE

It is our duty as animal management professionals to create an environment where every need and factor is met optimally for the individual and species. With the information garnered from this assessment, next steps are to determine what changes can be made to shift the animal closer to optimum on the welfare continuum.

WHY TENDENCY?

CREATING TIMELINES

As you continue below, you will notice that tendency is one of the metrics we evaluate, but is not quantified with a score. It is important to note that an animal's welfare can change from moment to moment in the day. This evaluation is intended to be completed over the course of a week to create a cumulation of many snapshots - giving a holistic view of the animal's welfare. With this information, we are also able to view trends to note whether a particular metric is improving or deteriorating. This information could be invaluable to getting ahead of management issues before they begin.

WELFARE SCORECARDS

The scorecards below are intended for easy printing, and for cumulating the results of the questionnaires on each successive page into one unified location.

RESOURCE ABSORPTION									
		Digestive		Atmospheric		Photoregulation		Thermoregulation	
QUANTITY		1		1		1		1	
QUALITY		1		1		1		1	
VARIETY		1		1		1		1	
COMPLEXITY		1		1		1		1	
AUTHORITY		1		1		1		1	
EFFICACY		5		5		5		5	
<i>SUB-TOTALS</i>		10		10		10		10	
TENDENCY									
<i>TOTAL</i>							40		

HEALTH INTERVENTION									
		Preventative Care		Diagnostics		Pain Management		Treatment	
QUANTITY		1		1		1		1	
QUALITY		1		1		1		1	
VARIETY		1		1		1		1	
COMPLEXITY		1		1		1		1	
AUTHORITY		1		1		1		1	
EFFICACY		5		5		5		5	
<i>SUB-TOTALS</i>		10		10		10		10	
TENDENCY									
<i>TOTAL</i>							40		

SELF-MAINTENANCE					
		Hygiene		Fitness	
QUANTITY		1		1	
QUALITY		1		1	
VARIETY		1		1	
COMPLEXITY		1		1	
AUTHORITY		1		1	
EFFICACY		5		5	
<i>SUB-TOTALS</i>		10		10	
TENDENCY					
<i>TOTAL</i>			20		

SENSORY REGULATION													
		Auditory		Tactile		Propriocep.		Gustation		Visual		Olfactory	
Q		1		1		1		1		1		1	
Q		1		1		1		1		1		1	
V		1		1		1		1		1		1	
C		1		1		1		1		1		1	
A		1		1		1		1		1		1	
E		5		5		5		5		5		5	
S		10		10		10		10		10		10	
T													
<i>T</i>												60	

MENTAL REGULATION					
		Social		Occupation	
QUANTITY		1		1	
QUALITY		1		1	
VARIETY		1		1	
COMPLEXITY		1		1	
AUTHORITY		1		1	
EFFICACY		5		5	
<i>SUB-TOTALS</i>		10		10	
TENDENCY					
<i>TOTAL</i>			20		

BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION					
		Desensitization		Training	
QUANTITY		1		1	
QUALITY		1		1	
VARIETY		1		1	
COMPLEXITY		1		1	
AUTHORITY		1		1	
EFFICACY		5		5	
<i>SUB-TOTALS</i>		10		10	
TENDENCY					
<i>TOTAL</i>			20		

Section 1
Assess Metabolic Needs:
RESOURCE ABSORPTION

Instructions:

Follow the list of questions for each *Welfare Interaction* and the corresponding *Evaluation Factors*, circling yes or no. If multiple questions are presented, circle yes only if the answer to all of the presented questions is yes. Once you've completed this section, return to the corresponding *Welfare Scorecard* and record your results.

1.) Welfare Interaction: Digestive

- **Quantity** - Does the animal receive an optimal amount of food?
Does the animal receive an optimal amount of water?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Quality** - Does the animal receive nutritional food with optimal vitamins and minerals?
Does the animal receive clean and potable water?
Does the animal receive necessary dietary supplements?
Does the animal receive a diet free of digestively aversive substances?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Variety** - Does the animal receive a wide variety of food items?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Complexity** - Does the animal have appropriately challenging access to food and water?
Are the animal's foraging opportunities optimally complex or difficult?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Authority** - Does the animal have choice and control over their ability to eat and drink?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Efficacy** - Is the animal an optimal weight and body condition?
Is the animal free of symptoms involving nutritional deficiencies?
Are the animal's waste outputs of normal consistency, frequency, and color?
YES (5) **NO (0)**
- **Tendency** - What is the overall trend for efficacy measures?
POSITIVE **MAINTAIN** **NEGATIVE**

2.) Welfare Interaction: Atmospheric

- **Quantity** - Does the animal receive a constant flow of breathable air or water?
Does the animal receive an appropriate amount of environmental humidity?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Quality** - Does the animal have optimal water quality conditions?
Does the animal have access to clean breathable air - free of fumes or toxins?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Variety** - Does the quality of their atmosphere stay consistent over time and location?
Does the humidity form a gradient of intensity in the habitat?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Complexity** - Is the opportunity to move to optimal atmospheric conditions unhindered?
Are drown or suffocation risks appropriately managed?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Authority** - Does the animal have adequate control over removal from breathable space?
Does the animal have the ability to seek or escape from humidity or dryness?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Efficacy** - Is the animal free of symptoms involving poor air quality?
Is the animal free of symptoms involving poor water quality?
Is the animal free of symptoms involving poor humidity?
YES (5) **NO (0)**
- **Tendency** - What is the overall trend for efficacy measures?
POSITIVE **MAINTAIN** **NEGATIVE**

3.) Welfare Interaction: Photoregulation

- **Quantity** - Does the animal receive an optimal amount of UV?
Does the animal receive an appropriate photoperiod cycle?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Quality** - Does the animal receive appropriate wavelengths of light?
Does the animal receive light sources at an optimal intensity?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Variety** - Does the animal receive an optimal photoperiod cycle?
Does the light source form a gradient of intensity in the habitat?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Complexity** - Is the animal appropriately challenged with access to these locations?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Authority** - Does the animal retain appropriate control regarding their ability to bask?
Does the animal have control over their ability to seek light or dark areas?

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| | YES (1) | NO (0) |
| • Efficacy - | Is the animal observed in both their basking and shaded locations? | |
| | Is the animal free of symptoms involving poor vitamin D3 production? | |
| | YES (5) | NO (0) |
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| • Tendency - | What is the overall trend for efficacy measures? | | |
| | POSITIVE | MAINTAIN | NEGATIVE |

4.) Welfare Interaction: **Thermoregulation**

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| • Quantity - | Is the animal's environment at an optimal low and high temperature? | |
| | YES (1) | NO (0) |
- | | | |
|--------------------|---|---------------|
| • Quality - | Is the animal's heat source a safe and appropriate method of heat exchange? | |
| | YES (1) | NO (0) |
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| • Variety - | Does the animal receive an optimal thermal cycle daily and seasonally? | |
| | Does the heat source form a gradient of intensity in the habitat? | |
| | YES (1) | NO (0) |
- | | | |
|-----------------------|--|---------------|
| • Complexity - | Is the animal appropriately challenged with access to these locations? | |
| | YES (1) | NO (0) |
- | | | |
|----------------------|--|---------------|
| • Authority - | Does the animal retain control over their ability to thermoregulate? | |
| | YES (1) | NO (0) |
- | | | |
|---------------------|--|---------------|
| • Efficacy - | Does the animal have an appropriate internal body temperature? | |
| | Is the animal free of behaviors involved with cold or heat stress? | |
| | Is the animal consuming a temperature-appropriate amount of food? | |
| | Is the animal observed utilizing basking areas and cool hides? | |
| | YES (5) | NO (0) |
- | | | | |
|---------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| • Tendency - | What is the overall trend for efficacy measures? | | |
| | POSITIVE | MAINTAIN | NEGATIVE |

Section 2
Assess Metabolic Needs:
HEALTH INTERVENTION

Instructions:

Follow the list of questions for each *Welfare Interaction* and the corresponding *Evaluation Factors*, circling yes or no. If multiple questions are presented, circle yes only if the answer to all of the presented questions is yes. Once you've completed this section, return to the corresponding *Welfare Scorecard* and record your results.

1.) Welfare Interaction: Preventative Care

- **Quantity** - Does the animal receive vaccinations on the recommended annual basis?
Do other animals receive optimal quarantine time before their proximity?
Does the animal receive appropriate amounts of preventative treatment?

YES (1) NO (0)
- **Quality** - Are vaccines species-specific to the animal's taxa?
Are vaccines unexpired, stored, and administered properly?
Are facility cross-contamination policies and practices optimal?
Is the preventative treatment type appropriate for the species?

YES (1) NO (0)
- **Variety** - Does the animal receive the full array of recommended vaccines?

YES (1) NO (0)
- **Complexity** - Is the animal able to cope with the side effects of vaccination well?
Is the animal able to cope with the side effects of preventative treatment?

YES (1) NO (0)
- **Authority** - Does the animal have choice through training during vaccination?
Does the animal have choice through training for preventative treatment?

YES (1) NO (0)
- **Efficacy** - Has the animal been free of preventable disease symptoms in the last year?
Has the animal tested negative for all preventable diseases in the last year?
Has the animal tested negative for all parasitic exams in the last year?

YES (5) NO (0)
- **Tendency** - What is the overall trend for efficacy measures?

POSITIVE MAINTAIN NEGATIVE

2.) Welfare Interaction: Diagnostics

- **Quantity** - Does the animal receive an appropriate amount of physical exams annually?
Does the animal receive an appropriate amount of diagnostics annually?
Does the animal receive an appropriate amount of diagnostics when ill?

YES (1) NO (0)
- **Quality** - Are the animal's physical exams complete and able to collect needed data?
Are the sample sizes adequate and are the diagnostics of an optimal clarity?
Is the individual reading the diagnostics qualified and reliable?

YES (1) NO (0)
- **Variety** - Does the animal receive a diverse array of appropriate diagnostics?

YES (1) NO (0)
- **Complexity** - Is the animal able to reasonably cope with the stress of the diagnostics?
Is the animal able to reasonably cope with the stress of a physical exam?

YES (1) NO (0)
- **Authority** - Does the animal have choice through training during diagnostics?
Does the animal have choice through training during their physical exam?

YES (1) NO (0)
- **Efficacy** - Has the animal had illnesses or injuries successfully identified?
Has treatment of identified illnesses or injuries been successful?

YES (5) NO (0)
- **Tendency** - What is the overall trend for efficacy measures?

POSITIVE MAINTAIN NEGATIVE

3.) Welfare Interaction: Pain Management

- **Quantity** - Does the animal receive an appropriate drug dosage for pain management?
Is the animal receiving an appropriate anesthetic dosage during surgery?

YES (1) NO (0)
- **Quality** - Does the animal receive the optimal type of drug given their species?

YES (1) NO (0)
- **Variety** - Does the animal receive a holistic approach of medication and therapy?

YES (1) NO (0)
- **Complexity** - Is the animal able to reasonably cope with the stress of administration?
Is the animal able to reasonably cope with the stress of anesthesia?

YES (1) NO (0)
- **Authority** - Does the animal have choice through training during administration?

YES (1) NO (0)
- **Efficacy** - Does the animal show appropriate behavioral diversity?

Is the animal appropriately bright, alert, and active?
 Is the animal free of behaviors related to acute or chronic pain?
 Can the animal successfully navigate its habitat without abnormal gait?
 Is the animal stable during anesthetic events?

YES (5) **NO (0)**

- **Tendency** - What is the overall trend for efficacy measures?
POSITIVE **MAINTAIN** **NEGATIVE**

4.) *Welfare Interaction:* **Treatment**

- **Quantity** - Does the animal receive an appropriate dosage of its medications?
 Does the animal receive an optimal amount of therapy given their condition?
 Does the animal receive surgery when needed?

YES (1) **NO (0)**

- **Quality** - Is the animal receiving an effective type of drug or therapy given the species?
 Is the animal receiving an effective type of drug or therapy given their illness?
 Is the person performing the therapy or surgery qualified and reliable?

YES (1) **NO (0)**

- **Variety** - Does the facility have access to medications for a variety of illnesses?
 Does the animal have access to a variety of therapies?
 Does the animal have access to a variety of surgical techniques?

YES (1) **NO (0)**

- **Complexity** - Is the animal able to reasonably cope with the stress of administration?
 Is the animal able to reasonably cope with the stress of surgery?

YES (1) **NO (0)**

- **Authority** - Does the animal have choice through training during administration?

YES (1) **NO (0)**

- **Efficacy** - Have symptoms of diagnosed illnesses resolved in the last year?
 Have rerun positive tests come back negative after treatment?
 Has the animal become more bright, alert, and active after treatment?
 Was the goal of any surgery met with clear margins?

YES (5) **NO (0)**

- **Tendency** - What is the overall trend for efficacy measures?
POSITIVE **MAINTAIN** **NEGATIVE**

Section 3
Assess Operant Needs:
SELF-MAINTENANCE

Instructions:

Follow the list of questions for each *Welfare Interaction* and the corresponding *Evaluation Factors*, circling yes or no. If multiple questions are presented, circle yes only if the answer to all of the presented questions is yes. Once you've completed this section, return to the corresponding *Welfare Scorecard* and record your results.

1.) Welfare Interaction: Hygiene

- **Quantity** - Does the animal receive an optimal amount of opportunities for bathing?
Does the animal receive optimal opportunities for pest removal behavior?
Is the animal's habitat cleaned at the optimal frequency?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Quality** - Is the animal's habitat cleaned thoroughly and effectively?
Are the used chemical cleaners safe for the species of animal?
Are the used chemical cleaners effective against the hygienic concerns?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Variety** - Is cleanliness consistent throughout the week?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Complexity** - Is the animal appropriately challenged with access to these areas?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Authority** - Does the animal have choice and control during bathing?
Does the animal have opportunities to avoid soiled areas of their habitat?
Does the animal have choice and control during habitat cleaning procedures?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Efficacy** - Is the animal effectively free of fecal, food, or other biological debris?
Is the animal's fur, coat, feather, or scale condition optimal?
Is the animal's movement unhindered by symptoms of poor hygiene?
YES (5) **NO (0)**
- **Tendency** - What is the overall trend for efficacy measures?
POSITIVE **MAINTAIN** **NEGATIVE**

2.) Welfare Interaction: **Fitness**

- **Quantity** - Does the animal receive an optimal amount of time for physical exercise?
Does the animal receive adequate opportunities for keratin maintenance?

YES (1) NO (0)
- **Quality** - Do exercises promote active and naturalistic behaviors?
Is keratin maintenance performed in a species-appropriate and safe manner?

YES (1) NO (0)
- **Variety** - Do fitness opportunities promote greater behavioral diversity?
Do exercises promote development of a variety of systems and muscles?

YES (1) NO (0)
- **Complexity** - Are exercises optimally intense and challenging for the individual?
Is the animal appropriately challenged during keratin maintenance?

YES (1) NO (0)
- **Authority** - Does the animal have choice and control during exercise?
Does the animal have choice and control during keratin maintenance?

YES (1) NO (0)
- **Efficacy** - Is the animal observed spending an optimal amount of time self-maintaining?
Is the animal observed spending an optimal amount of time exercising?
Are the animal's beak, feathers, nails, horns, etc. of optimal condition?
Does the animal have an appropriate fat to muscle ratio?

YES (5) NO (0)
- **Tendency** - What is the overall trend for efficacy measures?

POSITIVE MAINTAIN NEGATIVE

Section 4

Assess Operant Needs:

SENSORY REGULATION

Instructions:

Follow the list of questions for each *Welfare Interaction* and the corresponding *Evaluation Factors*, circling yes or no. If multiple questions are presented, circle yes only if the answer to all of the presented questions is yes. Once you've completed this section, return to the corresponding *Welfare Scorecard* and record your results.

1.) Welfare Interaction: Auditory

- **Quantity** - Is the environment free of chronic and aversive loud sounds?
Is the environment free of chronic and aversive intense vibrations?
Are the levels of sound in an animal's habitat species-appropriate?
YES (1) NO (0)
- **Quality** - Is the environment free of chronic and aversive frequencies of sound?
Are cues to the animal of a comprehensible and non-aversive frequency?
Are the types of sound in the animal's habitat species-appropriate?
YES (1) NO (0)
- **Variety** - Is the variation in volume throughout the day appropriate and non-aversive?
Does daily auditory cycle allow for an appropriate period of restfulness?
YES (1) NO (0)
- **Complexity** - Is the animal able to reasonably cope with the stress from habitual sounds?
Is the variation and complexity of sounds optimally engaging to the animal?
Is the animal optimally challenged with the presentation of novel sounds?
YES (1) NO (0)
- **Authority** - Does the animal have opportunities to escape from areas of aversive sound?
YES (1) NO (0)
- **Efficacy** - Is the animal free of startle behaviors related to environmental sounds?
Is the animal free of symptoms related to chronic stress?
Is the animal able to complete an optimal continuous period of sleep or rest?
Is the animal free of symptoms of sleep deprivation?
YES (5) NO (0)
- **Tendency** - What is the overall trend for efficacy measures?
POSITIVE MAINTAIN NEGATIVE

2.) Welfare Interaction: Tactile

- **Quantity** - Does the animal receive appropriate scratching or rubbing opportunities?
Is the animal handled an appropriate amount of times per day and week?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Quality** - Is the habitat free of sharp and potentially injurious materials?
Is the habitat free of surfaces that may cause heat, frost, or chemical burns?
Are individuals trained on species-appropriate animal-handling protocols?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Variety** - Does the habitat provide a variety of textures and surfaces to choose from?
Does daily handling protocols allow for an appropriate period of restfulness?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Complexity** - Is the animal able to reasonably cope with the stress from handling?
Is the animal appropriately challenged with access to areas of softer texture?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Authority** - Does the animal have opportunities to escape from aversive surfaces?
Does the animal have choice through training in their ability to be handled?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Efficacy** - Is the animal free of startle or stress behaviors related to handling?
Are the animal's feet, hands, or other contact surfaces healthy and optimal?
Is the animal free of injury related to injurious tactile surfaces?
Does the animal have a normal gait?
YES (5) **NO (0)**
- **Tendency** - What is the overall trend for efficacy measures?
POSITIVE **MAINTAIN** **NEGATIVE**

3.) Welfare Interaction: Proprioception

- **Quantity** - Does the animal receive an optimal amount of space for natural behaviors?
Does the animal receive an optimal amount of enclosed hides for retreat?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Quality** - Does the habitat include dynamic features to encourage natural behavior?
Is the habitat free of features that are fall or entrap risk considerations?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Variety** - Does the habitat provide a variety of spatial opportunities for the animal?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Complexity** - Is the animal appropriately challenged by movement features in its habitat?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Authority** - Does the animal have opportunities to escape from large open areas?

Does the animal have opportunities to escape from narrow confined areas?
 Does the animal have choice through training in shifting between spaces?
 Does the animal have choice in utilization of dynamic habitat features?

YES (1) **NO (0)**

- **Efficacy** - Is the animal observed using a full range of behavioral diversity?
 Is the animal observed using the full spatial range of its habitat?
 Is the animal observed using its habitat's dynamic features?
 Is the animal free of stress symptoms related to containment or openness?

YES (5) **NO (0)**

- **Tendency** - What is the overall trend for efficacy measures?

POSITIVE **MAINTAIN** **NEGATIVE**

4.) *Welfare Interaction:* **Gustation**

- **Quantity** - Does the animal receive an optimal amount of opportunities for taste?

YES (1) **NO (0)**

- **Quality** - Are the taste stimuli an appropriate type for the species and individual?

YES (1) **NO (0)**

- **Variety** - Does the animal receive a wide variety of taste stimuli?

YES (1) **NO (0)**

- **Complexity** - Is the animal appropriately challenged by unique tastes?

YES (1) **NO (0)**

- **Authority** - Does the animal have choice and control in the tasting of new substances?

YES (1) **NO (0)**

- **Efficacy** - Is the animal observed consuming a variety of food items?
 Does the animal display an appropriate eagerness towards their diet?

YES (5) **NO (0)**

- **Tendency** - What is the overall trend for efficacy measures?

POSITIVE **MAINTAIN** **NEGATIVE**

5.) *Welfare Interaction:* **Visual**

- **Quantity** - Does the animal receive an optimal amount of visual stimuli?
 Does the animal receive an appropriate intensity of visual light?

YES (1) **NO (0)**

- **Quality** - Is the animal's light source at the correct visual Hz or FPS?
 Are the animal's nearby visual stimuli non-aversive and appropriate?
 Are the animals reflective surfaces visually appropriate for the species?

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| | YES (1) | NO (0) |
| • Variety - | Does the animal receive a wide variety of visual stimuli? | |
| | YES (1) | NO (0) |
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|-----------------------|--|---------------|
| | YES (1) | NO (0) |
| • Complexity - | Is the animal appropriately challenged by the novel stimuli? | |
| | YES (1) | NO (0) |
- | | | |
|----------------------|--|---------------|
| | YES (1) | NO (0) |
| • Authority - | Does the animal have choice and control in their ability to hide from stimuli? | |
| | YES (1) | NO (0) |
- | | | |
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| | YES (5) | NO (0) |
| • Efficacy - | Is the animal free of startle behaviors related to aversive visual stimuli? | |
| | Is the animal free of symptoms related to chronic stress? | |
| | Is the animal able to complete an optimal continuous period of sleep or rest? | |
| | Is the animal free of symptoms of sleep deprivation? | |
| | YES (5) | NO (0) |
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| | POSITIVE | MAINTAIN | NEGATIVE |
| • Tendency - | What is the overall trend for efficacy measures? | | |

6.) Welfare Interaction: Olfactory

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| | YES (1) | NO (0) |
| • Quantity - | Does the animal receive an appropriate intensity of scents? | |
| | YES (1) | NO (0) |
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| | YES (1) | NO (0) |
| • Quality - | Are the animal's nearby scents or fumes non-aversive and appropriate? | |
| | YES (1) | NO (0) |
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| | YES (1) | NO (0) |
| • Variety - | Does the animal receive a wide variety of olfactory stimuli? | |
| | YES (1) | NO (0) |
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| | YES (1) | NO (0) |
| • Complexity - | Is the animal appropriately challenged by the stimuli it smells? | |
| | Is the animal appropriately challenged during the tracking of scents? | |
| | YES (1) | NO (0) |
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| | YES (1) | NO (0) |
| • Authority - | Does the animal have the opportunity to escape scents in their environment? | |
| | YES (1) | NO (0) |
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| | YES (5) | NO (0) |
| • Efficacy - | Is the animal observed smelling their environment? | |
| | Does the animal display an appropriate eagerness over a scent? | |
| | YES (5) | NO (0) |
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| | POSITIVE | MAINTAIN | NEGATIVE |
| • Tendency - | What is the overall trend for efficacy measures? | | |

Section 5
Assess Operant Needs:
MENTAL REGULATION

Instructions:

Follow the list of questions for each *Welfare Interaction* and the corresponding *Evaluation Factors*, circling yes or no. If multiple questions are presented, circle yes only if the answer to all of the presented questions is yes. Once you’ve completed this section, return to the corresponding *Welfare Scorecard* and record your results.

1.) Welfare Interaction: Social

- **Quantity** - Does the animal receive an optimal amount of socialization time?
Does the animal have an optimal number of conspecifics?
Does the animal receive an optimal number of training sessions per day?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Quality** - Is the animal housed with primarily preferred non-aversive conspecifics?
Does the animal interact primarily with preferred non-aversive humans?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Variety** - Does the animal receive socialization from a variety of individuals?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Complexity** - Is the animal appropriately challenged by their social dynamic?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Authority** - Does the animal have choice and control over participating in training?
Does the animal have opportunities to escape conspecifics?
Does the animal have opportunities to escape public viewing?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Efficacy** - Does the animal display eagerness to participate in training?
Is the animal observed participating in appropriate social behaviors?
Is the animal free of stereotypies associated with loneliness?
Is the animal free of symptoms related to sexual frustration?
Is the animal observed relaxed in close proximity to conspecifics?
YES (5) **NO (0)**
- **Tendency** - What is the overall trend for efficacy measures?
POSITIVE **MAINTAIN** **NEGATIVE**

2.) Welfare Interaction: Occupation

- **Quantity** - Does the animal receive optimal opportunities for problem solving?
Does the animal receive optimal opportunities for investigation?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Quality** - Do opportunities promote a diversity of species-specific behavior?
Do engaging stimuli occupy an appropriate amount of the animal's time?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Variety** - Do these occupation opportunities promote behavioral diversity?
Are a variety of occupational stimuli provided daily?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Complexity** - Are problem solving opportunities optimally challenging for the individual?
Are occupational stimuli appropriately complex for the individual?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Authority** - Does the animal have choice and control over how they occupy their time?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Efficacy** - Is the animal free of stereotypical behavior related to boredom?
Does the animal show appropriate behavioral diversity for the species?
Is the animal observed utilizing enrichment for optimal amounts of time?
YES (5) **NO (0)**
- **Tendency** - What is the overall trend for efficacy measures?
POSITIVE **MAINTAIN** **NEGATIVE**

Section 6

Assess Operant Needs:

BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION

Instructions:

Follow the list of questions for each *Welfare Interaction* and the corresponding *Evaluation Factors*, circling yes or no. If multiple questions are presented, circle yes only if the answer to all of the presented questions is yes. Once you've completed this section, return to the corresponding *Welfare Scorecard* and record your results.

1.) *Welfare Interaction*: Desensitization

- **Quantity** - Is the animal receiving an optimal amount of desensitization to novel stimuli?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Quality** - Is desensitization occurring at small enough approximations for the animal?
 Are caretakers prioritizing relevant novel stimuli to desensitize?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Variety** - Is the animal being desensitized to an appropriate variety of stimuli?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Complexity** - Is the animal appropriately challenged by their proximity to novel stimuli?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Authority** - Does the animal have choice on participating in desensitization training?
 Does the animal have opportunities to escape from novel stimuli?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Efficacy** - Is the animal free of fear-based behaviors during their daily routines?
YES (5) **NO (0)**
- **Tendency** - What is the overall trend for efficacy measures?
POSITIVE **MAINTAIN** **NEGATIVE**

2.) *Welfare Interaction*: Training

- **Quantity** - Does the animal receive an optimal amount of opportunities for training?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Quality** - Is the training program fear-free, least-aversive, and highly positive?
 Are individuals appropriately knowledgeable and skilled at training?
YES (1) **NO (0)**
- **Variety** - Is the animal trained to complete a diverse array of behaviors?
YES (1) **NO (0)**

- **Complexity** - Are training opportunities optimally challenging for the individual?
 Are successive approximations optimally sized for the individual?
 YES (1) **NO** (0)
- **Authority** - Does the animal have choice and control over participation in training?
 YES (1) **NO** (0)
- **Efficacy** - Are an animal's established behaviors under stimulus control?
 Is the animal free of undesired behaviors?
 YES (5) **NO** (0)
- **Tendency** - What is the overall trend for efficacy measures?
 POSITIVE **MAINTAIN** **NEGATIVE**

Section 7
Bonus Assessment:
TIME SENSITIVE VERSION

Instructions:

You want to be thorough with your welfare, but you simply don't have time to plow through 25 pages of an assessment. If this sounds like you, our TL;DR Assessment may be more up your alley. We've taken the overlapping *Efficacy Measures* from the above assessment, and made a short exam to give you a more time sensitive and effective look into your animal's welfare.

- Is the animal an optimal weight and body condition?
YES (1) NO (0)
- Is the animal free of symptoms of illness or deficiency?
YES (1) NO (0)
- Is the animal consuming an appropriate amount of food?
YES (1) NO (0)
- Is the animal observed utilizing many areas in its habitat?
YES (1) NO (0)
- Does the animal show appropriate behavioral diversity?
YES (1) NO (0)
- Is the animal appropriately bright, alert, and active?
YES (1) NO (0)
- Is the animal free of behaviors related to acute or chronic pain?
YES (1) NO (0)
- Is the animal free of fear or stress-based behaviors during their daily routines?
YES (1) NO (0)
- Is the animal free of stereotypical behavior related to boredom?
YES (1) NO (0)
- Does the animal display eagerness to participate in training?
YES (1) NO (0)
- Is the animal observed participating in social behaviors, if appropriate?
YES (1) NO (0)
- Is the animal's fur, coat, feather, or scale condition optimal?
YES (1) NO (0)

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