

Meeting 6

6/1/04

Well, we have been meeting for 6 months and have raised/touched base on a lot of issues. Below, you will find a brief statement regarding the issues covered in the last 6 months. Different topics (A-J) will have a subset (A1-J3). These subsets are issues that need further research and examination. For students this is a prime opportunity to apply one of these topics to a future research project that inevitably you will have to do (writing about monkeys is sure to captivate your audience, too!) If the information is not out there, you could formulate a questionnaire/perform primary research on the issue---FYI, this will be a much larger, more time-consuming project.

Feel free to claim 1 or 2 of the areas to research—Just hit reply and let me know what subsets you are willing to work on (or let me know at the meeting if you are attending).

- A. Assessed need for retirement in nonhuman primates. We should examine each of the following to get a better idea of the topic:
 - A1. Write/present lit review of topic
 - A2. Determine number and type of nonhuman primates in research
 - A3. Determine % of terminal studies in nonhuman primate research
 - A4. Research the lifespan of each species in captivity
- B. Learned about the Animal Welfare Act and its affects on research facilities.
 - B1. Write/present lit review of topic (Amy has a lot of literature in this area)
 - B2. Obtain federally funded research guidelines
 - B3. Obtain privately funded research guidelines
 - B4. Obtain/ research pharmaceutical company guidelines
 - B5. Obtain/research FDA approval guidelines
 - B6. Research cosmetic industry practices with primates
- C. Maintaining Good community relations at Primates Incorporated.
 - C1. Provide examples of how animal welfare literature produced from the ‘animal rights’ side can help us improve animal welfare in the research facility
 - C2. Compile a list of researchers that would support the cause
 - C3. Create a letter to mail out to celebrities
 - C4. Compile a list of celebrities
 - C5. Compile a list of animal welfare and animal rights funding organizations
- D. Creating a better environment for nonhuman primates in captivity in order to produce better results in research, reduce the number of animals needed and improve animal welfare
 - D1. Write/present lit review on positive reinforcement
 - D2. Research the principle of negative reinforcement and examine its affects on the physiology of animals (also research stress and list all of its affects on the physiology of an animal)
 - D3. Write/present lit review on pain response in animals; similarities of the pain-response systems between animals and humans
 - D4. Compile noninvasive methods of stress assessment (lit review also)
- E. Acceptance, transfer, quarantine, and troop formation of incoming animals
 - E1. Examine animal transportation guidelines
 - E2. Predict most likely species to get retired (can go along with A2). We can

reason that the monkeys won't be alone for too long

- F. Husbandry
 - F1. Collect nutrition requirements for the various species used in nonhuman primate research
 - F2. Create naturalistic diet based on formulation of chow diet (i.e. a diet that they can actually eat all day and that simulates diet in the wild)
 - F3. Write paper comparing diet in the wild versus diet in captivity
 - F4. Create list of duties for animal care
- G. Fundraising
 - G1. Collect information on businesses that will fund for laboratory nonhuman primate retirement
 - G2. Obtain grant forms from businesses
 - G3. Start writing sample grant proposal
 - G4. Read and present on a grant writing book
 - G5. Obtain a list of local agriculture journals and advertising costs associated with them
 - G6. Research the cost of advertising in the local papers
 - G7. Research the cost of renting various venues in the local Madison area
 - G8. Help Amy make necklaces-call to set up time
- H. Environment
 - H1. Determine naturalistic setting for greenhouse based on different species
 - H2. Create detailed enrichment plan for atrium and outdoor setting (i.e. perches, ropes, swings, etc)
 - H3. Research vegetation sources/costs
- I. Marketing
 - I1. Write sample letter to research facility making them aware of Primates Incorporated and its goals
 - I2. Compile a mailing list of local businesses
 - I3. Create a letter for local businesses
 - I4. Create letter for volunteer group, other concerned citizens
- J. Accreditation
 - J1. Compile information on different accreditation facilities and guidelines
 - J2. Create sample animal handling course to show employees
 - J3. Examine individual certification guidelines for a sanctuary

I think outlining topics in this manner provides everyone with an opportunity to do research for Primates Inc whether you are in the Madison area or at a remote location. This will be a flatly-run organization where everyone's input matters!