

Environmental Enrichment Plan

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All elephants are given the opportunity for a variety of environmental enrichment options on a variable basis. As most of the elephants are rotated through different stalls/yards on a daily basis, they are regularly afforded the opportunity to interact with a variety of stationary enrichment items located in that particular stall/yard. Anomalous enrichment opportunities are recorded in the "Elephant Behavior Enrichment" manual located at the animal keeper building. Any new items will be evaluated for their effectiveness and safety and scored with a (+) or (-) to denote their suitability as an enrichment item. More routine enrichment items are not recorded in the enrichment manual as they are provided on a regular (often daily) basis (these are denoted by a *). Enrichment options may include (but not be limited to):

- Dispersement of food items around the exhibit*
- Dispersement of scents around the exhibit (artificial or natural)
- Tires of various sizes (chained inside or loose in the yards)*
- Logs of various sizes*
- Browse of various types
- Wind chimes*
- Pig balls either chained or not*
- Empty boxes or carpet rolls*
- Feed bags with treats*
- Fiddle chains
- Socializing with other elephants either in their enclosure or through a cracked door or adjoining exhibit*
- Visitors
- Painting
- Iced fruits or vegetables
- Dirt or sand piles
- Pieces of cloth

