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**Captive Care Working Party**

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# Current areas of expertise

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- Housing and husbandry
- Environmental enrichment
- Training with positive reinforcement techniques
- Management of breeding colonies
- Acquisition and transport
- Rehabilitation and the pet trade



# Housing and husbandry

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- Zoos and sanctuaries
- Research and breeding establishments
- UK Zoo Licensing Act
- UK A(SP)A
- European Convention ETS 123 and Directive 86/609



# Environmental enrichment

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- Designing and evaluating enrichment devices and strategies
- New World monkeys
- Investigating effects of the captive environment on animal welfare
- Welfare indicators in the common marmoset



# Training with PRT

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- Zoos and sanctuaries
- Research and breeding establishments
- Range of species
- Range of purposes
  - scientific procedures
  - routine husbandry
  - health inspection
  - reducing unwanted or abnormal behaviour

# Management of breeding colonies

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- Zoo populations, incl. studbooks and software
- Overseas breeding establishments
- Hand rearing
- Psychological and emotional wellbeing of young apes
- Report on weaning policy for macaques



# Acquisition and transport

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- Impact of transport on animal welfare
- Legislation on transport
- Guidance on journey planning
- Guidance on transport
  - containers design and construction
  - habituation and fitness for transport
  - feeding and watering during transit
  - acclimatisation on arrival



# Rehabilitation and the pet trade

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- Rehabilitation techniques
- UK trade in primates
- Legislative controls
- Caring for marmosets as pets



# PSGB Captive Care Grants

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- Research of benefit to primate welfare in captivity
- Primate welfare education initiative
- Typically not exceeding £750
- Students (postgraduates), senior lab technicians or zoo keepers
- One application round per year
- Next deadline is 31 August 2004

# Further information and advice

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