Management Adjustments to Address Aging Populations
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Curbs & Stairs

Spiral staircase was installed for easier climbing. Jane Goodall observing Bill the Chimpanzee. Sequoia Park Zoo

Old railroad tie turned into a ramp in an American Black bear night house. Sequoia Park Zoo
Vision

• Exhibit Maintenance
• Training Challenges
• Changes in Enrichment Protocols

Dama Wallaby’s at Sequoia Park Zoo
Vision impaired with enrichment (above)
Completely blind (right)

Blind Bobcat
Cat Tales Zoological Park
Training for Medical Treatments

Unique circumstances can present a different set of training challenges.

30 year old American Black Bear training for Laser treatment
Sequoia Park Zoo

Chimpanzee receiving oxygen treatments for lung infection
Sequoia Park Zoo
Addressing Changes in Group Dynamics

- Ensuring each member of group is receiving adequate diet.
- Changes in Group Hierarchy as individuals age.

Spider Monkey troop
Sequoia Park Zoo
Planning Ahead

Pairs and small groups that would be affected by a traumatic and unexpected loss.

31 year old Monogamist Pair of White Handed Gibbon
Sequoia Park Zoo

Spider Monkey troop
Sequoia Park Zoo
Exhibit Design

- Design for all age categories
- Think about future animals