

One Health Master Training Program was held



On Wednesday, November 29, 2023, the "One Health Master Training Program" hosted by the Fukuoka Prefectural Government was held at the Omuta City Zoo.

〈What is "One Health Master"?〉

"One Health Master" is the person who is able to teach the basics of One Health (philosophy, history, current status) to practical examples of One Health initiatives, and is actively involved in promoting awareness of One Health.

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Located next to Enmei Park, a recreational area for Omuta citizens, The Zoo has a long history, having opened in 1941.

In 1992, the zoo was renovated and renamed the Omuta city Zoo.

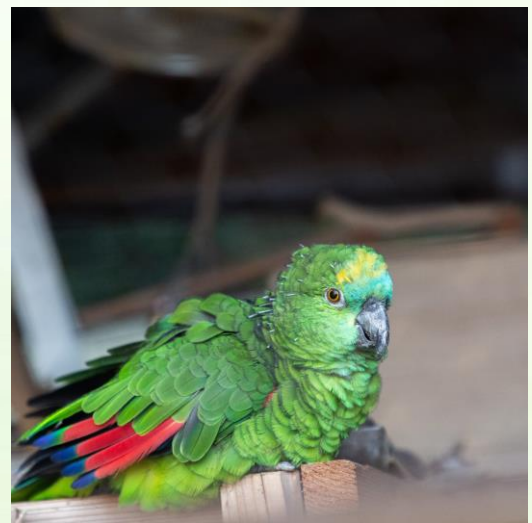
Under the concept of "a zoo that conveys animal welfare," the zoo is working daily to improve the quality of life of its animals.

(What is Animal Welfare?)

It means that the animal is mentally and physically healthy and happy enough and in harmony with its environment.



The training program consisted of a lecture by Mr. Shunichi Shiihara, Director of the Omuta City Zoo, and Ms. Kanako Tomisawa, on “Creating a Society where Humans and Animals can Live Together”. During the tour, a “carcass feeding” was conducted.



[What is carcass feeding]

It is the feeding of slaughtered livestock and exterminated wild animals to zoo carnivores. Wild animals are being exterminated as a result of the increasing number of wild boars, deer, and other animals throughout the country, which are causing serious damage to crops. Most of the exterminated animals are abandoned. In order to avoid wasting the lives of animals as much as possible, the Omuta City Zoo has started a carcass feeding program as part of its environmental enrichment efforts. The carcasses are presented to carnivores through donations.

(What is “Environmental Enrichment”?)

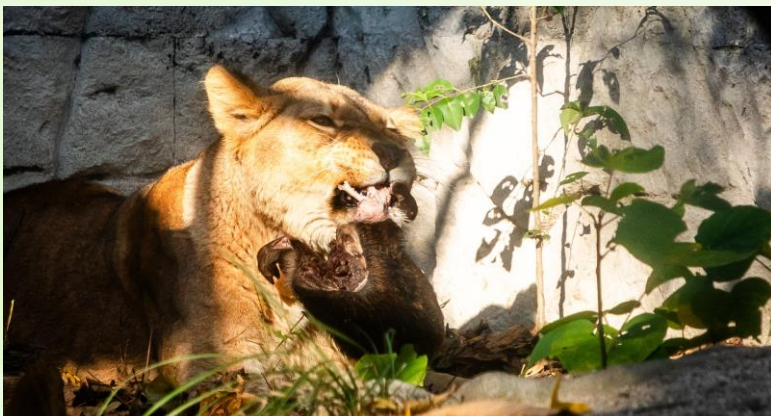
It is about enriching the environment so that animals can live better, both physically and mentally.



A keeper explains about carcass feeding.



The gift was a wild boar.



☆Process of receiving the carcass

- ① Captured in a trap**
- ② Cleaning**
- ③ Prepare for cooking**
- ④ Freeze**
- ⑤ Low-temperature heating**
- ⑥ Carrying in**
- ⑦ Feeding**