We are pleased to welcome you to the San Francisco Bay Area!

**Conference Information**

**Felid Husbandry Course** July 18-21, 2020

**Species Survival Plan meetings** July 19, 2020

**Taxon Advisory Group meetings** July 21-23, 2020

**24/7 Animal Welfare across Lifespan Workshop** July 24-25, 2020

**Trip to Safari West** July 26, 2020

All Felid TAG Registration will be handled via Omaha Zoo’s website and links to registration will be shared via the Felid TAG AZA Network, Felid TAG Facebook page and Felid TAG website at [www.felidtag.org](http://www.felidtag.org).

Interested in presenting at the Felid TAG meetings? You can submit your presentation abstract application when you register.
The Program

Felid Husbandry Course

- Dates: July 18-21, 2020
- Registration is open from: February 15-17, 2020
- Cost: $250
- Includes lunches and roundtrip transportation to San Francisco Zoo and Gardens

Description: The Felid Husbandry Course is designed for both the novice and advanced felid keeper to learn the best practices of felid husbandry from some of the most experienced felid managers and keepers. Topics include: safety, animal welfare, behavior, usage/modification/designing of exhibit and holding spaces, restraint, nutrition and body condition, introductions, reproduction, birth management and rearing, veterinary medicine, pathology and quality of life assessment among other subjects. Instruction is enhanced through group discussions and presentations, problem solving activities, video, live demonstrations and a tour, including behind-the-scenes of the host facility, San Francisco Zoo and Gardens. Students will also have the option to attend a couple hours of SSP meetings to gain insight into population management. The course begins in the morning this year and ends mid-day on the last day. Educational resources and some meals are provided. The course registration is limited to 40 students on a first-come, first-served basis to allow for a social learning environment. The course tends to be very popular and usually fills up within 1-2 days of registration. There will be a waitlist generated if more than 40 students register within the designated registration period.

Felid Taxon Advisory Group Meetings

- Dates: July 21-23, 2020
- Registration opens March 1, 2020
- Cost: $300 (Increases to $400 after June 1st)
- Includes lunches, Icebreaker event, roundtrip transportation to Oakland Zoo and dinner event at Oakland Zoo

Description: The Felid Taxon Advisory Group will host Species Survival Plan meetings, working groups and presentations on topics pertaining to the conservation, husbandry, management and research of wild felids. There will also be a Felid TAG Mart, evening Icebreaker event, and visit to host facility, Oakland Zoo. The visit to Oakland Zoo will include behind-the-scenes tours, and the annual Felid TAG dinner event with silent auction.

Please note: there will be a closed Regional Collection Planning meeting July 20-21, 2020 for designated Felid TAG Program Leaders and Advisors which will be INVITE ONLY.
Felid Husbandry Course & Felid Taxon Advisory Group Meetings (Combined)

- Dates: July 18-23, 2020
- Registration opens February 15, 2020
- Cost $325

Description: Felid Husbandry Course students have the opportunity to participate in the Taxon Advisory Group Meetings at a special combined rate.

Species Survival Plan Meetings (Only)

- Date: July 19, 2020
- Registration opens March 1, 2020
- Cost: $50

Description: Felid TAG Program leaders host their Species Survival Plan meetings. Full schedule of which SSPs will be having a meeting will be released at a later date.

Post-Conference ‘24/7 Animal Welfare across Lifespan Workshop’

- Dates: July 24-25, 2020
- Registration opens March 1, 2020
- Cost: $150
- Includes lunches and roundtrip transportation to Oakland Zoo

Description: The natural history of an animal, its biology, ecology and diet, sensory systems, natural habitat, social structure, major life history events, activity patterns, and human-animal interactions are among the many topics taken into account when developing species-specific animal welfare programs. Looking at the life cycle of a species, we find different life stages commonly divided into birth, baby, juvenile, adolescence, reproductive age, senescence and death. When we consider different life stages we can identify key features and considerations likely to be of importance to the welfare of the species. To manage a species appropriately in managed care, it is important to find out about each of these key considerations and develop a management plan accordingly.

Highlights include:
- New holistic conceptual framework in caring for captive wild animals 24/7 across lifespan is proposed.
- Considers individual’s life cycle needs and preferences influenced by a range of variations.
- An animal welfare assessment tool with 14 welfare criteria is proposed.
- Highlights importance of habitat management and use of technologies.

For more information you can link to https://animalconcepts.eu/247animalwelfare/
Post-Conference trip to Safari West

- Date: July 26, 2020
- Registration opens March 1, 2020
- Cost: $55

Description: This day trip to Safari West will include roundtrip transportation to Safari West and a special Safari Trek. This Safari Trek will include a walking/driving safari as well as behind-the-scenes tours of the giraffe, rhino and cheetah barns. There is Snack Shop at Safari West with sandwiches and snacks for purchase. There is room for up to 30 participants.

Learn more about Safari West here: https://www.safariwest.com/

Accommodation

The Felid TAG Conference will be based at the DoubleTree by Hilton Berkeley Marina

Hotel Address:
200 Marina Blvd.
Berkeley, California
Hotel phone number: 1-510-548-7920

Description: The newly renovated iconic DoubleTree by Hilton Berkeley Marina is a peaceful retreat steps away from the San Francisco Bay. Stunning views of San Francisco and the Golden Gate Bridge welcome our guests to the Berkeley Marina Bay. Close proximity to Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), Highway 80, University of California Berkeley, Emery Bay, Oakland and San Francisco make the destination perfect for business or pleasure. Discover an array of amenities, including a fitness center, indoor pool, running trails and The Berkeley Boathouse Restaurant and Bar. Enjoy their signature chocolate chip cookie - this welcoming gift is only a taste of the warm, personal service you will experience at DoubleTree by Hilton.

Take the hotel’s complimentary shuttle to explore anything within three miles of our hotel. Complimentary shuttles to the BART Station and Tideline Ferry are also available for the first leg of a quick trip to San Francisco.

Relax in a spacious guest room or suite at this Berkeley Marina hotel. All of the rooms feature either a balcony or patio, and some guest rooms boast breathtaking views of San Francisco Bay, the skyline or Berkeley Hills. Upgrade to a suite for extra living space and amenities such as fluffy bathrobes.
There are rooms available with king or double beds at our special group rate with flexibility to reserve up to 3 days before and after the conference. Please note the Felid Husbandry Course starts in the morning on July 18th, 2020.

**The room rates are:**

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For your convenience, to reserve your room for the conference, you can use this personalized web page address:


Group Name: Felid TAG 2020
Group code: Ftg

**Please note: To receive group discount, you must reserve by Friday, June 26, 2020**

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**Parking**

Car parking is limited at the hotel and subject to availability. Car parking charges are as follows in the hotel parking lot only when car registration details have been provided to the hotel reception:

- Valet Overnight $32
- Self-Parking Overnight $30
- In and out privileges apply to all overnight charges.

Daily Guest Valet $25 (up to 6 hours)  | Hourly Parking 0-3 Hours = $18
3-6 Hours = $24                     | 6+ Hours = $30

Parking pricing is per car, per day and subject to applicable tax.

*Please note: Transportation (via bus) to the host zoos on designated Felid TAG days will be included in registration.*

*As already mentioned, there is a complimentary hotel shuttle that goes up to 3 miles from hotel, to the BART station and Downtown Berkeley where the University of Berkeley is and a*
A multitude of restaurants, bars and shops. Uber and Lyft are also very affordable options to get around without renting a car.

Airport info

There are two international airports within the Bay Area.

Oakland International Airport (OAK) is the closest to the hotel, with a 40-minute BART to the North Berkeley Station or Downtown Berkeley stations, then shuttle to the hotel. [https://www.oaklandairport.com/](https://www.oaklandairport.com/)

San Francisco International Airport (SFO) is a 1-hour BART ride to the North Berkeley or Downtown Berkeley stations, then shuttle to the hotel. [https://www.flysfo.com/](https://www.flysfo.com/)

San Jose International Airport is another option but car or taxi transport would be required. [https://flysanjose.com/](https://flysanjose.com/)


Bay Area Rapid Transport (BART) train is one of the best ways to get around the SF Bay Area. Information, including routes, times, and purchasing a Clipper card is here: [https://www.bart.gov/guide](https://www.bart.gov/guide)

Sponsorship

Help us keep hosting costs and registration fees as low as possible. Please consider sponsoring the Felid TAG 2020 conference. Please contact Darren Minier dminier@oaklandzoo.org for more information.
Beyond the Conference

We hope you enjoy your stay in the Bay Area. If you are planning to extend your visit, there are a plethora of activities in the greater Bay Area and Northern California.

Here are some recommendations:

Other Local Zoological Facilities:  
Sacramento Zoo  
Happy Hollow Zoo  
CuriOdyssey  
California Academy of Sciences  
Safari West  
Charles Paddock zoo  
Sequoia Park  
Micke Grove Zoo  
Six Flags Discovery Kingdom  
Aquarium of the Bay  
Monterey Bay Aquarium  
The Marine Mammal Center

Nature:
Napa and Sonoma Wine country  
Muir Woods National Monument  
Armstrong Redwoods  
Ano Nuevo State Park  
Big Sur State Park  
Point Reyes National Seashore  
Eldorado National Forest  
Yosemite National Park  
Lake Tahoe  
Santa Cruz

Thank you, see you in July!