

Dallas World Aquarium Animal Behavior Observation Data Sheet

Name: _____ Animal: _____

You will do observations on your animal every 30 seconds for 5 minutes. At the end, you will have done a total of 10 observations. Look at your timer. For each 30-second period, use the first 10 seconds to observe and the remaining 20 seconds to fill in the data sheet. Select the first behavior you see. You can only select one behavior, so select the behavior that best describes what your animal is doing. Also record whether your animal is alone or with others.

Ethogram

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| Eating/Drinking | Animal is eating or drinking. |
| Resting | Animal is still or motionless with eyes open or closed. |
| Moving | Animal is walking/swimming/flying/moving around the habitat. |
| Grooming/Preening | Animal is cleaning itself. |
| Rubbing/Scratching | Animal is rubbing or scratching itself. |
| Vocalizing | Animal is deliberately producing sounds. |
| Interacting with EED | Animal is interacting with an Environmental Enrichment Device. |
| Out of View | Animal is not visible and cannot be observed. |

	Eating / Drinking	Resting	Moving	Grooming / Preening	Rubbing / Scratching	Vocalizing	Interacting with EED	Out of View	Other	If other, what was it doing?	Alone (A) / with others (W)
<i>Example</i>							X				A
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1:00											
1:30											
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**Tally the total number of times you saw each behavior. Then add the numbers (do not include those for alone/with others). They should add to 10.*