## **Dhaka Zoo hosts Interns from all over Bangladesh**

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In 2005 Dhaka Zoo started a formal zoo education programme which presently enrolled a total of 3167 students.



Current interns chat with Sally Walker during her last visit.

The zoo provides a coordinated research programme for Internee students as part of their course from different Universities such as

- Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh (BAU)
- Sylhet Agricultural University
- Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Science University (CVAHU), and
- Rajshahi University, Dinajpur Veterinary College etc.

The Dhaka Zoo also coordinates MS/M- students from different institution like Dhaka University and Jahangir Nagar University along with the above.



Course Coordinator giving brief to intern students

Also students from different International schools in Bangladesh such as the Private University and Officer's of Bangladesh Army (Veterinary Core) visit Dhaka Zoo as part of their service or to fulfill the requirement of their assignment or course of study.

The zoo also helps any other school, college or university regarding Zoo education and research if they require. These programmes are coordinated by the Dhaka Zoo Education and Research section.

Students learn about taking care of wild animals at Dhaka Zoo and become more interested in wildlife conservation and environmental sustainability. The zoo benefits by getting extra pairs of hands to do a wide range of jobs, thereby increasing their efficiency while helping young students satisfy the requirements of their academic programme.

The Programme covers a different topic every day of a 12 day programme, including every from A to Z -- Administration to Zoo Animal Management. Working officers take the classes in the work environment. Students are required to take part in all jobs, not just the exciting ones, but cleaning cages and paperwork.



Internee students clean hospital zoo garden



Internee students help give medical treatment to a barking deer.

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## Training Schedule for Internship Programme Faculty of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry

The class time is fixed by concerned class teacher. For the zoo section classes no overlapping

**Day-1** | Scientific Officer | Veterinary Hospital: *Orientation class, registration, history of Dhaka Zoo and present status of zoo's in Bangladesh.* 

**Day-2** | Nutrition Officer | Animal Nutrition Section: Wild animal nutrition and rationing, collection procedures of different animal feeds, feeding system, ration formulation, difference between local and foreign ingredients of foods

Day-3 | Publicity Officer | Publicity Section : Role of print and electronic media, zoo publicity

**Day-4** | Zoo Officer Avian | Avian Section: Cleaning, feeding, rearing and hygienic management, Significant Characteristics of Important Avain species, staff management

**Day-5** | Zoo Officer Small Mammals and Reptiles | Small Mammals and Reptiles Section : *Cleaning, feeding, rearing and hygienic management, characteristics of important animals, staff management* 

**Day-6** | Zoo Officer Large Mammals and Herbivores : Cleaning, feeding, rearing and hygienic management, characteristics of important animals, staff management

**Day-7** | Zoo Officer Carnivores | Carnivores Section : Cleaning feeding, rearing and Hygienic Management, Characteristics of Important Animals, Staff Management

**Day-8** | Officer in Charge Museum : Aquatic animal and fish stuffing, museum management, criterion followed for Extinct, Critically Endangered, Endangered and Vulnerable

**Day-9** | Deputy Curator (Administration) | Deputy Curator's Office : *Wild animal medicine, about zoo act and zoo management* 

**Day-10** | Deputy Curator (Animal Survey) Deputy Curator Office : Survey of wild animals, government rules and regulation and implementation

**Day-11** | Veterinary Surgeon | Veterinary Hospital : *Health management, treatment, some common diseases of zoo animals* 

**Day-12** | Scientific Officer | Veterinary Hospital : *Disease investigation, biodiversity, zoo ethics, zoo education and postmortem of wild animals* 



Interns also learn to measure and deliver foodstuffs to the animals properly

Sanitation and hygiene are crucial to animal health. Interns learn to clean cages so they can supervise maintenance personnel in future

