International Center for the Care and Conservation of Giraffe

Giraffe Behavior Workshop Agenda
UK - July 2025

Monday, July 7

TBD	**Ice breaker**

Tuesday, July 8

8 - 8:15 a.m.	**Introductions and Housekeeping WMSP**
8:15 - 8:45 a.m.	**International Center for the Care and Conservation of Giraffe Intro and Update,** *Amy Schilz*
8:45 - 10:15 a.m.	**How We Learn,** *Rick Hester*
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	**ABC's,** *Amy Schilz*
11:30 - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 - 2 p.m.	**Reinforcement Systems**
2 - 4 p.m.	**Break into Groups** (2 modules, 1-Hour each) **Module 1 - Reinforcement Systems with Giraffe,** *Amy Schilz* **Module 2 - ABC's**, *Rick Hester*
4 - 4:15 p.m.	Break
4:15 - 5 p.m.	**Feedback and Coaching Skills**

Wednesday, July 9

8 - 10:00 a.m.	**A Modern Approach to Teaching New Behaviors with Shaping & Capturing,** *Amy Schilz*
10 - 10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 - 11:15 a.m.	**On the Road to Data-Based Decision Making,** *Rick Hester*
11:15 - 12:15 p.m.	**Safety and Foundation Behaviors for Hoof Care,** *Amy Schilz*
Noon - 1 p.m.	Lunch
1 - 3 p.m.	**Teaching in Real Time**
3 - 3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15 - 4:15 p.m.	**Getting to the Yes,** *Amy Schilz*
4:15 - 5 p.m.	**Discussion**

Thursday, July 10

8 - 9:30 a.m.	**Hoof Anatomy, Form, and Function,** *Diana Miller*
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.	**On the Road to Data-Based Decision Making Part 2,** *Rick Hester*
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 – 12:30 p.m.	**Hands-On With Hooves,** *Amy Schilz, Diana Miller*
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	**Three-Way Communication: What We've Learned About the Mechanic's Role,** *Amy Schilz, Diana Miller*
3:30 - 3:45 p.m.	Break
3:45 - 5 p.m.	**Negative Reinforcement: If, When, & How,** *Rick Hester, Amy Schilz*

Friday, July 11th

8 - 8:45 a.m.	**On the Road to Data-Based Decision-Making Part 4,** *Rick Hester*
8:45 - 10 a.m.	**Freeing Up the Operant,** *Rick Hester*
10 - 10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 - 12:15 p.m.	**BIAZA Giraffid Subgroup; Implementing Wild Ecology and Foraging Behaviours to Captive Care**
12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 - 2:15 p.m.	**Giraffe Feeding Update: Feeding for Survival, Health and Behavioural Engagement,** *Marcus Clauss*
2:15 - 3:15 p.m.	**A Tall Order: Lighting Giraffe from Hoof to Head,** *Thomas Griffiths*
3:15 - 3:30 p.m.	Break
3:30 - 5 p.m.	**Call for Action, SMART Goals, Surveys, Celebrate Workshop Accomplishments**