

Guest questions

Participants: Max observed = 55

Q: So, winter "holiday lights" seem to affect light cycle-induced behavior in mammals. Would it modify aggression to keep the lights "on" near the tropical/semi-tropical species several of you have discussed? (Could Holiday lights have a positive impact on the birds (assuming the zoo can manage the ambient temperatures)?

A: Depends on the species being considered. Also answered live by Paul: in theory perhaps if it affects breeding season. And Richard: depends on how bright the lights are and proximity. Lots of variables to consider.

Q: Hi Richard, for some of the video examples you showed, what kind of behavioral modification strategies did you use or would you suggest to work through those situations? (Kelly Trotto)

A: Answered live (see recording).