**Animal Training Risk/Benefit Analysis Questionnaire**

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Rate the risks and benefits on a scale from 0-10 if the training procedure is performed and if it is not within the different categories. 0 is low and 10 is high. Scores will be collected and summarized for further evaluation and decision-making purposes.

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| **1. PHYSICAL RISKS** | **RISKS – IF TRAINING PROCEDURE IS IMPLEMENTED** |
| ***SUBCATEGORIES*** | The likelihood of this risk occurring if the training **IS** implemented is: Choose one (0 is low 10 is high) |
| Pain | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Injury | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Disease/illness | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Short term health consequence | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Long term health consequence | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Delayed health consequence | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |

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| Pain | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Injury | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
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| **PHYSICAL BENEFITS** | **BENEFITS – IF TRAINING PROCEDURE IS IMPLEMENTED** |
| ***SUBCATEGORIES*** | The likelihood of this benefit occurring if the training **IS** implemented is: Choose one (0 is low 10 is high) |
| Reduction of pain | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Cooperation in health care | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Cooperation in preventative care | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Short term health benefits | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Long term health benefits | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Delayed health benefits | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |

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| Cooperation in healthcare | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Cooperation in preventative care | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
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| **2. BEHAVIORAL RISKS** | **RISKS – IF TRAINING PROCEDURE IS IMPLEMENTED** |
| ***SUBCATEGORIES*** | The likelihood of this risk occurring if the training **IS** implemented is: Choose one (0 is low 10 is high) |
| Distress | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Anxiety | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Fear responses | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Aggressive responses | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Frustration | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Apathy | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Learned helplessness | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |

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| ***SUBCATEGORIES*** | The likelihood of this benefit occurring if the training **IS** implemented is: Choose one (0 is low 10 is high) |
| Reduction distress | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Reduction anxiety | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Reduction fear responses | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Reduction aggressive responses | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Reduction frustration | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Increased species typical behavior | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Increased voluntary participation | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |

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| **3. SOCIAL RISKS** | **RISKS – IF TRAINING PROCEDURE IS IMPLEMENTED** |
| ***SUBCATEGORIES*** | The likelihood of this risk occurring if the training **IS** implemented is: Choose one (0 is low 10 is high) |
| To conspecifics | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| To enclosure mates | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| To neighboring animals | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| To the species | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| To the individual (i.e. forced isolation) | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |

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| **4. LEGAL RISKS** | **RISKS – IF TRAINING PROCEDURE IS IMPLEMENTED** |
| ***SUBCATEGORIES*** | The likelihood of this risk occurring if the training **IS** implemented is: Choose one (0 is low 10 is high) |
| To public safety | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| To violating local laws | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| To violating state laws | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| To violating federal laws | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| To violating organizational requirements | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |

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| ***SUBCATEGORIES*** | The likelihood of this benefit occurring if the training **IS** implemented is: Choose one (0 is low 10 is high) |
| To public safety | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| To supporting local laws | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| To supporting state laws | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| To supporting federal laws | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
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| To supporting federal laws | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
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| **5. ECONOMIC RISKS** | **RISKS – IF TRAINING PROCEDURE IS IMPLEMENTED** |
| ***SUBCATEGORIES*** | The likelihood of this risk occurring if the training **IS** implemented is: Choose one (0 is low 10 is high) |
| Resources used- staff | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Resources used - equipment | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Resources used - time | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Need to acquire - equipment | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Need services - consultant | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Need services - contractor | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Loss of animal life | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |

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| ***SUBCATEGORIES*** | The likelihood of this benefit occurring if the training **IS** implemented is: Choose one (0 is low 10 is high) |
| Reduce cost for day-to-day care | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Reduce cost for health care | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Marketing value | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Time saving | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Guest-Entertainment value | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Guest-Educational value | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Preserve animal life | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |

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**MEASURE THE CHARACTERISTCS OF THE SPECIFIC RISK OR BENEFIT SUB-CATEGORY (OPTIONAL)**

If further risk/benefit evaluation is required, you can measure the characteristics of specific risk or benefic sub-category. Copy and paste charts for each sub-category required.

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| **LIST RISK SUB-CATEGORY HERE** | **RISKS – IF TRAINING PROCEDURE IS IMPLEMENTED** |
|  | Rate the characteristics of this sub-category if training **IS** implemented is: Choose one (0 is low 10 is high) |
| Number of different risks | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Duration | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Frequency | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Magnitude/Severity | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Probability of Exposure | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |

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|  | Rate the characteristics of this sub-category occurring if the training **IS** implemented is: Choose one (0 is low 10 is high) |
| Number of different benefits | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
| Duration | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
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