The AZA Behavior Advisory Group (BAG) would like to announce the availability of Methods for Animal Behavior Research, a DVD tutorial covering all of the steps in the research process as they pertain to behavioral research. The DVD includes chapters on how to perform literature searches and evaluate literature, developing research questions and hypotheses, constructing ethograms, experimental design, observational data collection methods, and data analysis. There are also supporting materials on the DVD in PDF format. Two example research projects that run throughout the DVD illustrate the concepts taught in each chapter. One project focuses on evaluating environmental enrichment for spectacled bears, and the other analyzes factors affecting reproductive success in flamingos.

Methods for Animal Behavior Research was designed to be the definitive tutorial in animal behavior research and will be a valuable tool for students with a wide range of background experience in research and animal behavior. The content is written at the undergraduate level but can be used with high school students, graduate students and professionals.

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This DVD is available from the Wildlife Conservation Society. Contact David Powell at (718) 220-5162 or dpowell@wcs.org for ordering information or any questions. Each AZA facility director should have received one free copy of the DVD already.