

**British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums.**

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**APPLICATION FOR ACCREDITED ASSOCIATESHIP**

**I, the undersigned, apply to become an Accredited Associate of British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA).**

*(Name in Capitals)*

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I recognise the growing contribution to the conservation of certain endangered species, to education, to our knowledge and understanding of animals, and to public recreation, in modern zoos;

I accept that all zoos and private collections, including my own, have the duty to co-operate fully, eschewing the motive of financial gain in excess of reasonable recovery of fairly incurred costs, in the science-based management of the species in their care;

I recognise the need to maintain high standards of animal welfare in zoos and private collections, including my own;

I acknowledge that whilst displays, including advertising, which involve the animals demonstrating their natural abilities are acceptable, those which rely on unnatural exaggeration and on caricatures of the animals' behaviour do not contribute to the role of responsible zoos outlined above and are therefore out of keeping with associateship;

I accept that it is desirable that those animals introduced into zoos and private collections should have been bred in other responsible collections. When animals are being introduced into collections from the wild, I accept that this should be done only with the explicit approval of the relevant conservation authorities of the countries of origin and also that they have been imported legally and for the express purpose of involvement in co-operative breeding programmes;

I condemn indiscriminate generalised attacks on responsible zoological collections and while an Accredited Associate I undertake to raise any adverse criticism I may have of BIAZA, or of its Member zoos, or of private collections associated with BIAZA, in a private and confidential manner with BIAZA;

I acknowledge that my accredited associateship may be terminated, without reason being given, by the Council of BIAZA within 12 months of my joining. Thereafter, should BIAZA consider my associateship to be incongruent or detrimental to BIAZA, it may terminate my associateship, giving its reason, subject to my right of appeal to a committee of the Council whose decision shall be final;

I have read the *Constitution* and the *Animal Transaction Policy* of BIAZA;

I have the licenses appropriate for the species held in the collection;

I agree to pay such rates of subscription as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Council of BIAZA;

I agree to abide by the terms and spirit of this declaration.

(1) **Name** \_\_\_\_\_

(2) **Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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(3) **Telephone/facsimile/email numbers** \_\_\_\_\_

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(4) **Occupation/Profession** \_\_\_\_\_

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(5) **Qualifications** (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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(6) **I enclose my completed *Application for Inspection by Accredited Associates*, a 7-column stock list and a copy, if applicable, of my licence under the Dangerous Wild Animals Act**

(7) **Please give a brief statement on your reasons for seeking election as an Accredited Associate of BIAZA\***

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\* Note *If your collection is open to the public, then you **must** apply for Full Membership.*

(8) **I agree that BIAZA may make my name and address available to Members and other Associates.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed by** \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by** \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

***All applications must be accompanied by signed Declarations by two sponsors - both of whom must be accredited representatives of different Member collections of BIAZA - that in their opinion you will abide by the spirit of the signed Declaration.***

MLC/MTR  
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