

SARAH BELL



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Profile

I am a conservationist, primatologist, zoo keeper, and a journalist. I have over two years of combined experience working with exotic animals in a range of settings from free flighted bird shows to big cat rescues. I am the sole writer of a website with 2,500 followers which chronicles my field work as well as covers the latest in science and conservation news. My passion lies in stewardship to the environment and educating people on science and conservation topics through public speaking and writing.

Education

Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, England – MSc Primate Conservation, December 2015

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX – B.S. Anthropology, minor in Journalism, August 2014

Experience

Contributing Author, International Encyclopaedia of Primatology – 2016

I contributed several entries to the new International Encyclopaedia of Primatology, which is currently in publication.

Advanced Air of West Palm Beach, Florida – 2010-2016

During my time in school I worked part time or remotely, if needed. I began working in accounts doing data input for the new computer system, but went on to work closely with management to help create new policies and liaise between the factory workers and management staff.

Student Researcher, Tonkolili Chimpanzee Project, Sierra Leone – Summer 2014

I spent 3 1/2 weeks conducting field work in central Sierra Leone and collecting data for my personal research project on instances of river crossings in chimpanzees and the risks and benefits of the behaviour which

included conducting ethnographic interviews, marking GPS points of known river crossing points and habitat and threat analysis in the surrounding area.

Creator and Writer, Endangered Living — 2012-Present

This website (www.endangeredliving.com) is dedicated to science and conservation news as well as my personal journey to becoming a conservationist. Since it's creation in 2012 it has gained over 2,500 followers.

Wilds of Africa Interpretive Specialist, The Dallas Zoo, Dallas, TX — 2012-2013

I worked educating zoo guests about African animals on a one-of-a-kind monorail safari and on the Wild Encounters stage handling various African animals, as well as husbandry duties for those animals.

Animal Training Intern, The Palm Beach Zoo, PBG, FL — Summer 2012

I worked training and performing husbandry duties for the animals in the Wings Over Water and Wild Things shows, as well as presenting the shows with various animal species, and working with educating the zoo guests and summer camps while handling animals around the zoo grounds.

Volunteer, In-Sync Exotics Rescue, Dallas, TX — 2011-2012

I performed husbandry duties and diet preparation for the 60+ big cats that resided at the rescue, as well as educating zoo guests about conservation and the cat's personal rescue stories.

Skills

I speak intermediate Spanish, am PADI scuba certified, and have my Wilderness First Aide Certification.

My animal related skills include telemetry, perching, public speaking while handling animals, working with weight managed animals and working with free-flighted birds during performances. I have experience working with a variety of birds including, but not limited to: water fowl, macaws, cranes, and hornbills. I have experience working with different cat species, both large and small cats, porcupines, foxes, opossums, binturongs, coatimundi, and a variety of reptiles including: non-venomous snakes (large and small species), frogs, alligators, large lizard species including monitors, tegus, skinks, and tortoises.

My other skills include operating Wordpress sites, Twitter, and Facebook pages as well as experience with video production using Final Cut Pro. 7 & 10, and filming with Sony HD NX5U. I am also proficient with both Mac and Windows.

