

SAMPLE Evaluation
Subjective Assessment Summary (SAS)

Guidelines to answering Questions

- This assessment can be used for any approved initiative.
- Food, semi-permanent, permanent and prototype items can be assessed with these questions.
- It is recommended that the following summary questions be answered with a group of at least three people if possible.
- Prior to filling out this assessment, teams need to consider the natural history of the species, the initiative, and number of offerings, length of time offered and the ease of observation.
- It is recommended that this assessment be reviewed yearly.

Questions

1. As an estimate, how many times has this initiatives been offered?
2. Over how long of a time period?
3. Has this initiative been presented to groups of animals? Single species groups? Multi-species groups?
4. If provided to a group, describe which individuals, species, age, sex, status (dom/sub) have been seen to interact with the initiative. If provided to a large multi-species group just provide information that is most pertinent.
5. Is this initiative edible?
6. Generally when offered, how much of the item is consumed?
7. If not consumed, describe interaction.
8. Has this enrichment initiative been seen to encourage this goal behavior?
9. Has the initiative encouraged any behaviors not originally identified as goal behaviors?
10. What are these behaviors? Why?
11. Based on observations, is this initiative safe?
12. If not safe, why?
13. Are there any unusual or negative factors associated with this enrichment initiative? If yes, describe:
14. How much time does it take to: Develop? Implement? Remove/Clean? Maintain?
15. Do the benefits of this initiative outweigh the costs (time and money)?
16. In conclusion, how would you code this enrichment initiative in terms of its effectiveness? Unknown; Discontinue; Not recommended; Recommended; Highly recommended
17. Why did you select this rating?
18. How can the effectiveness of this initiative be improved?
19. Additional comments: