

Debate the following dilemmas:

Debate 1 - Amur Tigers

Two Amur tigers have unsuccessfully bred over the past two years due to fertility complications with the female. The breeding programme is important due to the low number of Amur tigers in the wild. The zoo staff now have the dilemma with what to do with the female. Should the zoo staff continue to keep the tigers together or should the female be moved to another location on her own. DISCUSS!



Debate 2 - European grey wolves

An established pack of European grey wolves have lived together for over ten years. The pack consisted of six wolves, an Alpha breeding pair and their offspring. Unfortunately due to old age three wolves have died (including the Alpha female) to leave just three (all male). Should the zoo staff introduce more wolves to the dwindling pack or should it be left alone to live out their lives naturally? DISCUSS!



Debate 3 - Ring-tailed lemurs

An elderly bachelor ring-tailed lemur troop has lived in a zoo for approximately eighteen years. The enclosure they lived in consisted of a walkthrough that enabled the public to get close to them. The lemurs were habituated specifically for a walkthrough exhibit.

Sadly, in 2014, ring-tailed lemurs were reclassified on the IUCN Red List as an endangered species.

In the same year a new lemur exhibit has been built in another zoo which would be ideal for a non-breeding habituated troop.

Zoo staff now need to make a hard decision. Should the bachelor troop be moved to this new exhibit so they can be replaced by a breeding troop of ring-tailed lemurs or should they stay in the existing zoo as moving elderly lemurs could be stressful for them? **DISCUSS!**

