Fox Enrichment at Willow Park Zoo
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Learning Objectives

- Develop a successful enrichment program for a species that can be used repeatedly and will be used after my internship is done
- Learn about requirements for keeping animals in captivity
- Understanding the rules and regulations that encompasses the animals at the zoo
- Understanding the importance of animal enrichment
- Learn more about the day-to-day behavior of a species, inside and outside of the zoo.

What I do at the zoo

- Diet Prep
- Sort Produce
- Rake Leaves
- Ethograms (Behavior Observation)
- Help clean cages

Enrichment

- Cat ball with rope
- Tennis ball with peanut butter
- Goldfish
- Cardboard Roll
- Cockroaches in pizza box
- Tennis ball with mouse sound
- Leaves with beef and chicken

Results

- Enrichment is critical to an animal’s health
- A specie’s behavior can be reflected from the presence or lack of enrichment
- There are specific rules on what can and can’t be used for enrichment
- A daily record of what you do at the zoo must be kept
- A lot of work is required to maintain a zoo as well as the health of the animals