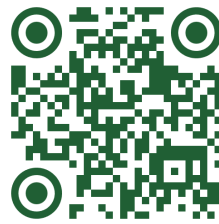




# ANIMAL ENRICHMENT

*Enrich Minds, Engage Hearts*





# About Animal Enrichment, s. r. o.

My name is Lucie Holatová and I am the founder of the Czech company Animal Enrichment s.r.o., which is devoted to creating meaningful and functional enrichment elements for animals. Our goal is to support natural behavior, movement, and mental stimulation in animals through thoughtful design and quality craftsmanship.

Thanks to practical experience with various animal species, I can design enrichment that is not only aesthetic but above all functional and beneficial for both animals and their keepers. In addition to our handcrafted custom wicker products, we now also offer a new line of wooden enrichments developed with an emphasis on quality, durability, and easy maintenance. They are made from water-resistant material and complemented with stainless steel components so they can withstand even demanding zoo conditions over the long term.

We are currently preparing a collection of stainless steel products and planning willow weaving workshops for zoo staff.

If you have your own vision or specific requirements, do not hesitate to contact me. I am happy to discuss everything personally and together create enrichment that is truly tailored to your animals.

Thank you for enriching the lives of animals together with us.



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# BALL

This unique enrichment serves an entire range of species well – from rodents through birds to larger mammals. Thanks to the ability to customize size, weaving density, and number of openings, the ball can be used in various ways.



It works excellently as feeding enrichment when filled with food and stimulating natural foraging behavior, or as sensory enrichment when herbs or other scented objects are placed inside to stimulate the animals' sensory perception.





## TEARDROP

These handcrafted wicker baskets support natural animal activity, motivate movement, and exercise motor skills. Primates and other animals learn manipulation, coordination of movements, and thinking about obtaining food thanks to their construction.

The teardrop-shaped basket, when suspended, functions as an excellent interactive element that promotes active animal engagement. Additionally, it can serve as a shelter for small mammals or birds, providing another option for environmental enrichment.



## ACORN

The acorn-shaped basket is equipped with a removable lid, which allows easy filling and encourages animals to think, manipulate, and search for food in a way similar to how they would obtain it in the wild.

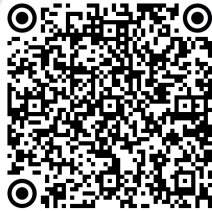
Both baskets are made from 100% natural materials, are safe, ecological, and customizable to match the needs of various animal species.



## TUNNEL

The wicker tunnel provides a safe shelter, which is an essential part of every animal space, and can simultaneously serve as a fun climbing structure that supports active movement and motor skills.

It can be placed on the ground or suspended at height, bringing variability in placement. Thanks to the possibility of production in different sizes, its dimensions can be adapted to the needs of the specific animal species.



## BASKET

It can serve as a comfortable place to rest, where animals find a quiet refuge, or as a feeding platform. When suspended freely in space, it mimics natural movements as in the wild, supports natural animal behavior, and simultaneously helps strengthen muscles and improve balance.



# LOTTERY DRUM

The wicker drum in the form of a cylinder or sphere provides a meaningful challenge that supports natural curiosity and active animal engagement. To obtain the content hidden inside, they must rotate the drum, thereby exercising motor skills and developing the ability to solve simple tasks.

Size, number, and dimensions of openings can be adapted to the needs of the specific animal species for which the drum is intended. Thanks to the possibility of permanent mounting on a stand, attaching to a wall or enclosure, or suspending on rope, various interaction scenarios can be created that correspond to natural foraging methods.





## Shake-Tube FEEDER

This handcrafted wicker Shake-tube feeder is a hanging enrichment that supports mental stimulation, fine motor skills, and patience in animals. Inside the tube there are two levels creating three separate compartments with openings positioned on different sides.

The animals' task is to get food from the upper levels down to the bottom section, from where they can remove it. To reach the food, they must manipulate the element, tilt it, rotate it, or shake it, which leads to the natural development of coordination, concentration, and strategies when obtaining food.



## BAMBOO

This handcrafted wicker element inspired by the structure of bamboo is designed to enrich feeding and support natural food acquisition. The tube is divided into three separate compartments, each with its own opening for filling and obtaining food.

The element can be placed on the ground, where it naturally rolls and supports manipulation, or suspended, gaining additional dynamics through movement and changing position. It supports curiosity, motor skills, and mental stimulation, and thanks to its natural appearance, it naturally fits into the expo environment.

# FISH

The three-dimensional wicker fish model with a hollow interior offers animals a natural stimulus for exploration, manipulation, and possibly obtaining food. Thanks to the possibility of creating an opening and filling it with real fish or other food, it supports natural hunting and foraging behavior.



The size of the fish can be adapted to the needs of the specific species, allowing its use with various animals – polar bears, otters, or pinnipeds easily handle it and use it both for obtaining food and during play.



# HANGING RING



This handcrafted wicker swinging ring represents a functional and natural element that supports swinging, climbing, and rest. It allows animals to use space in three dimensions, develop balance, and engage their entire body.

It can be suspended at various heights and adapted to specific species and space. It serves as both a play and rest element and supports natural behavior, physical condition, and psychological well-being of animals.



# DOE

The three-dimensional wicker roe deer model, approximately 150 cm tall, represents an attractive enrichment element that offers animals a natural stimulus for exploration, manipulation, and obtaining food. The hollow interior allows hiding meat or other food, thereby supporting instinctive foraging behavior and developing their sensory abilities.

The deer is excellently suited for predator enclosures, where it not only stimulates their natural behavior but also offers visitors an educational view of hunting behavior, sensitively and visually acceptably. Instead of real prey, predators obtain food from a realistic but ethically rendered model, which contributes to better understanding of their natural needs.

Upon request, the model can be produced in different dimensions or as another animal species; we are happy to design a tailored solution with you.





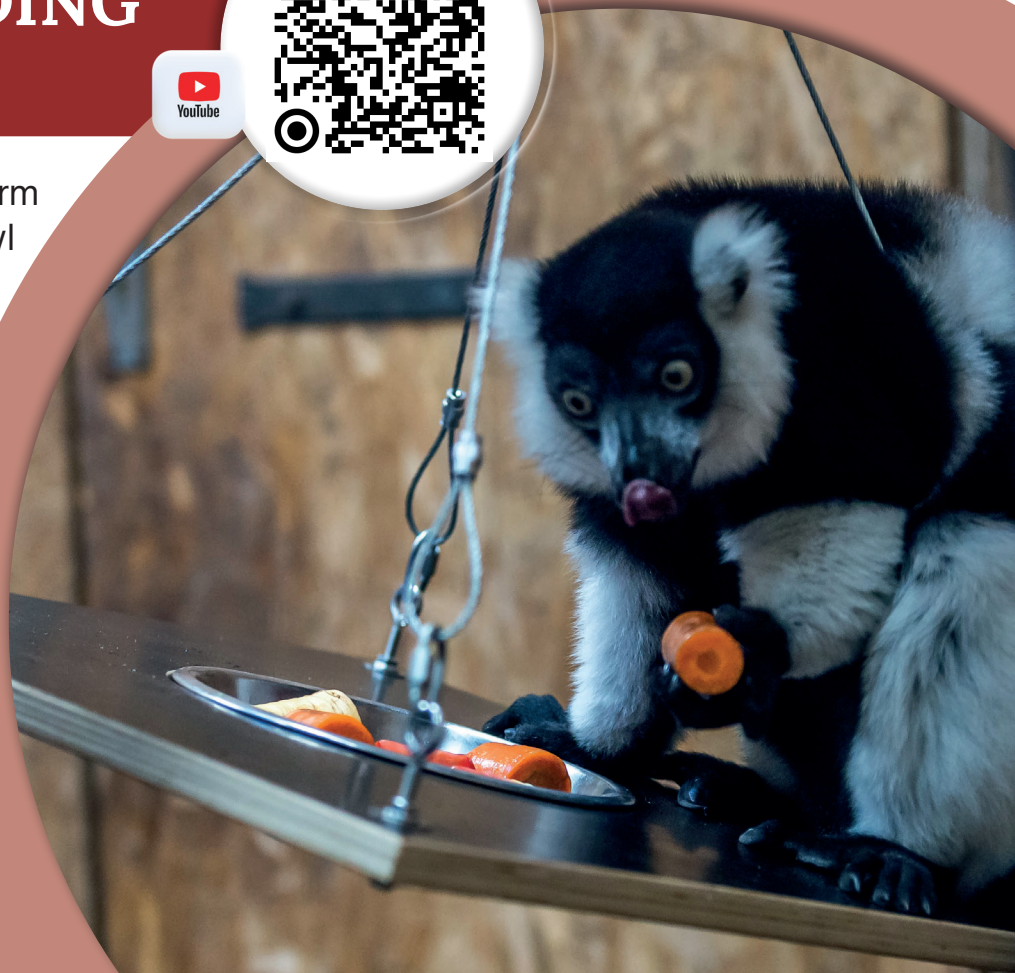
## HANGING WOODEN BOX

The wooden hanging box with holes invites smaller mammals to actively search for food. It supports fine motor skills, curiosity, and natural behavior. The box is openable from the top for easy filling and cleaning. A variant with a removable insert is also available - a brush made from natural coconut fiber, custom-made for this box, which increases the difficulty of searching for food inside.



## SWINGING FEEDING PLATFORM

The wooden hanging platform with a central opening for a bowl is designed as a movable surface that turns every feeding into an active challenge. The animal must adapt to the swinging and engage its entire body to reach the food, thereby strengthening muscles and supporting the development of coordination and balance. The platform is suitable for hanging in enclosures and breeding facilities, where it enriches the environment and spurs routine foraging activities.



## BALANCE FEEDER

An interactive element that swings, rotates, and tilts, thereby naturally supporting the physical activity of animals. The wooden base in the form of a connected cross is covered with a circular disc with four openings. The interior can be filled with loose food or sensory materials, such as cones, wood chips, leaves, etc. The openings also allow insertion of bowls. A hanging feeder that turns every feeding into a gymnastic performance.



## OKAPI FEEDER

This handcrafted wooden feeder will find use with many animal species, including primates. It is especially suitable for species with long tongues, such as bongo, okapi, or giraffes, who naturally exercise their tongue by pelleting pellets from inside the feeder and offers a meaningful challenge. Thanks to opening doors, it is easy to clean and refill.





## PUZZLE FEEDER

This puzzle feeder works like a puzzle, where food is hidden under sliding flaps and the animal must find the correct procedure to push them aside. It supports curiosity, patience, and fine motor work with individual parts. Thanks to the possibility of placement on the ground, on a wall, or hanging, it is suitable for various species and environments.



## HANGING TRANSPARENT FORAGING BOX

The hanging viewing box offers animals a mental and motor challenge. They see the food inside but must think through the procedure for how to reach it, which supports cognition, coordination, and natural food acquisition strategies. The construction simultaneously allows visitors to observe the entire process.



# WORKSHOP



A practical workshop focused on producing enrichment from wicker combines modern welfare approaches with concrete skills usable in practice. Participants become familiar with basic principles of environmental enrichment and then produce their own enrichment element.

The workshop includes a short theoretical part focused on welfare, enrichment areas, and the S.P.I.D.E.R. framework, followed by practical production of a willow ball with the possibility of adaptation for various animal species. The workshop supports sharing experiences, team collaboration, and delivers immediately usable outputs for everyday practice.



# CONTACT

## **Are you interested in custom enrichment?**

If any of the products interested you or you have a specific vision for enrichment for your animals, do not hesitate to contact me.

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I am happy to discuss everything with you and help create enrichment that is truly meaningful!



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