



ANIMAL ENRICHMENT

Enrich Minds. Engage Hearts



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About Animal Enrichment, s. r. o.

My name is Lucie Holatová, and I've been working in animal enrichment for many years. I spent several years working as a keeper at zoos in the Czech Republic and Germany, where I experienced firsthand how much difference even a seemingly small change to an animal's environment can make. That experience is what led me to found the Czech company Animal Enrichment s.r.o.

To me, enrichment is far more than simply adding something to an environment – it's a tool that lets keepers actively support the natural behaviour, movement, sensory perception and mental stimulation of the animals in their care. That's why I design every product around how the animal actually lives and what it truly needs – drawing on hands-on experience with a range of species and the real demands of their daily care. I place particular emphasis on functionality, safety, durability, and the ability to adapt each product to the specific species and environment it will be used in. My range includes handmade wicker products, wooden enrichment pieces and durable stainless-steel solutions – as well as fully custom enrichment made to order.

My work also includes hands-on workshops for zoos and other animal-care facilities. In them, I teach keepers not just how to make enrichment, but above all how to think about it – who it's for, and how it can genuinely enrich the animals' everyday lives.

Do you have a specific idea in mind, or particular requirements? I'd be happy to discuss it with you personally, and together we'll create enrichment that has real meaning for your animals.



BALL

This versatile enrichment piece suits a wide range of species – from rodents and birds to larger mammals. The ball can be tailored to the animal's specific needs, for example size, weave density, or the number and size of the openings.



It works excellently as a foraging enrichment. Once filled with food, it encourages natural searching and food acquisition and extends the time the animal spends feeding. It can also be used as sensory enrichment – herbs or other scented materials can be placed inside to stimulate the sense of smell.



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TEARDROP

This hand-woven wicker basket is an all-purpose enrichment piece that supports animals' natural activity, motivates movement, and develops motor skills.

It's ideal for hiding food, engaging natural instincts and simple problem-solving. Once hung up, it becomes an interactive element that stimulates active engagement. It can also serve as a hideaway for small mammals or birds.



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ACORN

This acorn-shaped basket is an ideal choice for smaller primates and other animals, offering them a stimulating and enjoyable way to obtain food.

The removable lid allows easy filling, while the side openings encourage instinctive foraging behaviour – animals must extract the contents through the openings, which stimulates both mental activity and motor skills.



TUNNEL

The wicker tunnel provides safe shelter – an essential part of any animal's environment – while also serving as a fun climbing feature that supports active movement and motor skills.

It can be placed on the ground or hung up, and thanks to being made to order in various sizes, it can be fully adapted to the needs of a specific species. The woven structure also contributes to sensory enrichment – animals can discover new textures and perceive their surroundings in a new way.



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BASKET

The basket offers animals a comfortable resting spot and a calm retreat, or it can serve as a feeding platform.

Hung freely in space, it mimics the natural instability of surfaces found in the wild. The animal has to adjust to its movement, which promotes balance, coordination and muscle strengthening.



LOTTERY DRUM

The cylinder- or ball-shaped wicker lottery drum presents an engaging challenge that encourages curiosity, manipulation and natural foraging strategies. Food is hidden inside, and the animal gets to it by rotating the drum – exercising motor skills, coordination and simple problem-solving in the process.

The size of the drum and the number and dimensions of the openings can be tailored to the species. It can be placed on a universal ground stand, mounted on a wall or enclosure structure, or hung on ropes – each placement creates a slightly different interaction scenario.



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Shake-Tube FEEDER

This hand-woven wicker Shake-Tube Feeder is a hanging enrichment piece that supports mental stimulation, fine motor skills and patience. Inside the tube, two levels create three separate chambers, each with its own opening positioned on a different side – so the openings are not stacked directly above one another.

The animal's task is to move the food from the upper levels down to the bottom chamber, retrieving it through the side opening. Small gaps between the woven material allow it to see the contents inside, motivating it to solve the task. To reach the food, it has to tilt, shake or rotate the piece – this promotes focus, movement coordination and natural foraging.



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BAMBOO

This hand-woven wicker piece, inspired by the structure of bamboo, is designed to enrich feeding and encourage natural food acquisition. The tube is divided into three separate chambers, each with its own opening for filling and retrieving food.

It can be placed freely on the ground, hung in space, or permanently mounted to enclosure structures. It supports curiosity, motor skills and mental stimulation, and its natural appearance blends seamlessly into any exhibit environment.



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FISH LARGE

This three-dimensional wicker fish with a hollow interior offers animals a natural incentive to explore, manipulate, play and forage. An opening can be woven into the fish and its interior filled with food. For suitable species, it can encourage natural hunting and foraging behaviour.



The size of the fish can be tailored to the species. Thanks to its woven construction it floats naturally, making it well suited for polar bears, otters or pinnipeds, who can use it both to obtain food and during water play.



FISH SMALL

This handmade wicker fish is a piece that delights aquatic animals, such as otters, as well as parrots, who enjoy exploring and picking it apart.

Thanks to the naturally buoyant material it's made from, it offers a fun form of enrichment, allowing animals to carry, chase and manipulate the fish in water. Pieces of dried fruit, fish or chicks can also be tucked into the weave, giving the animals a hunting challenge. All of this stimulates natural behaviour, develops sensory perception, and supports overall activity.



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SWING RING

This hand-woven wicker swing ring is an aesthetically natural and functional piece that enriches the animals' environment with the possibility of swinging, climbing and resting. It supports natural behaviour, physical fitness and psychological wellbeing, and allows animals to use space three-dimensionally, developing balance and engaging the whole body.



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EGG

The hand-woven wicker egg is a variation on our wicker ball, only in an elongated shape and with a less dense weave, offering animals a slightly different type of manipulation than classic round enrichment pieces. The egg can be filled with dried herbs or small pieces of feed, creating foraging or scent-based enrichment – animals can roll it, carry it, or explore the openings while searching for the contents. Available in four sizes (S–XL), with or without openings. On request, the EGG can also be made in a different size or with a different opening layout – I'm happy to design a custom solution for you.



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EGG SET

This set of 10 smaller wicker eggs with a small opening is designed mainly for birds and small mammals. Each egg can be filled with food, dried herbs or other sensory materials; the denser weave keeps the contents inside and encourages active foraging as well as scent stimulation. The eggs measure approximately 10–15 cm. On request, they can also be made with a different number of openings – I'm happy to design a custom solution for you.



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DOE

This hand-made, true-to-life-sized wicker doe offers a unique form of enrichment designed especially for carnivores. Standing approximately 150 cm tall, it can be used to conceal meat or other animal parts, stimulating natural hunting instincts and searching behaviour.

Thanks to its natural appearance, it looks aesthetically at home in any animal environment and supports both mental and physical activity.

On request, the model can be made in different dimensions or as a different animal species – I'm happy to design a custom solution for you.





HANGING WOODEN BOX

This wooden hanging box with holes encourages smaller mammals to actively search for food. It supports fine motor skills, curiosity and natural behaviour. The box can be opened from the top for easy filling and cleaning.

A version with a removable insert is also available – a brush made of natural coconut fibre, custom-made for this box, which increases the difficulty of foraging inside.



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SWINGING FEEDING PLATFORM

This wooden hanging platform offers animals a dynamic element for both feeding and movement. Its gentle swinging mimics the naturally unstable surfaces found in the wild, promoting balance, coordination and muscle strengthening.

The central opening for a bowl allows for easy integration into the feeding routine and adds variety to it.



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BALANCE FEEDER

This handmade balance feeder is an interactive enrichment piece that motivates animals to physical activity and naturally exercises their body. Through swinging, turning and tilting of the whole structure, it promotes coordination, balance and active engagement.

The base is formed by a wooden cross-shaped stand, covered on top by a round disc with four openings. The interior can be filled with various materials – leaves, pinecones, wood chips or balls – or bowls of food can be placed in the openings.



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OKAPI FEEDER

This wooden feeder is suited to long-tongued species such as bongo, okapi or giraffes, which naturally exercise their tongue by pulling pellets out from inside the feeder. It also finds use across a wide range of other animals, including primates.

Thanks to its opening doors, it's easy to clean and refill. Adding balls, pinecones or other internal obstacles allows the difficulty level to be varied.

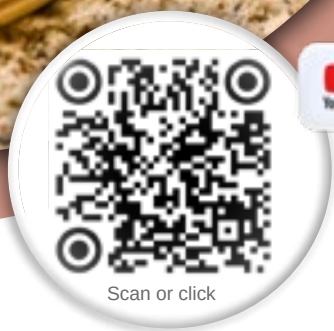




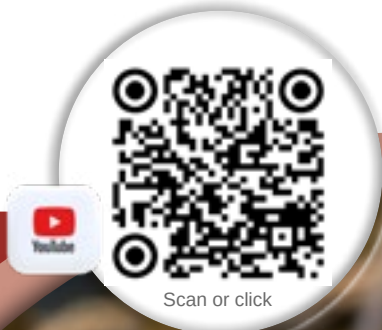
PUZZLE FEEDER

This puzzle feeder works like a brain teaser – food is hidden beneath sliding flaps, and the animal must figure out the right way to move them aside. The product is available in a simpler and a more complex variant.

The puzzle feeder can be placed freely on the ground, mounted on a wall or mesh, or hung from ropes, making it suitable for a wide range of species and environments.



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TRANSPARENT FORAGING BOX

This hanging transparent box offers animals both a mental and a motor challenge – they can see the food inside but must figure out how to reach it. It supports focus, coordination and natural food-acquisition strategies.

The transparent construction also allows visitors to observe the entire active feeding process.



CUBE BIG

This robust foraging cube is crafted from durable stainless steel, designed for large animal species such as gorillas. Its sturdy construction withstands even the strongest and most demanding animals while remaining easy to clean and maintain over the long term.

The CUBE BIG supports natural foraging behavior by requiring animals to manipulate and explore the structure to access food inside, encouraging problem-solving, physical activity, and mental stimulation. It is suitable for permanent outdoor installation and represents the first product in our new stainless steel enrichment line.

By naturally extending feeding time and exercising patience, the CUBE BIG offers a great example of foraging-based enrichment.



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WORKSHOP



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This hands-on workshop focused on making enrichment from willow wicker combines the fundamental principles of welfare with skills keepers can put to immediate use in their daily practice.

In a short theoretical part, participants get to know the basic principles of environmental enrichment, its individual categories, and the S.P.I.D.E.R. model. This is followed by a practical part, during which each participant makes their own wicker enrichment piece – typically a willow ball, which can be adapted for different species.

Depending on interest, the workshop can also focus on other materials, such as weaving from fire hoses or making enrichment pieces from bamboo and other natural materials.

The workshop isn't just about weaving itself. It's also a space for sharing experience, teamwork, and thinking through how to design enrichment so it holds real meaning for the specific animals it's made for.



CONTACT

Interested in a custom enrichment piece?

Did one of our products catch your eye, or do you have your own idea for enrichment for your animals? I'd be happy to discuss it with you personally and work out a solution together that fits the specific needs of your animals in your care.

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I look forward to working with you and to the opportunity to create enrichment that has real meaning for your animals.



