

## Suitability of captive bred individuals for reintroduction

### Checklist / questionnaire for animal keepers

(This questionnaire should be completed for each juvenile lynx and also for the mother before the release of the offspring into coordination enclosures)

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Lynx ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth year: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator (name): \_\_\_\_\_ Evaluator (function): \_\_\_\_\_

1. How do you generally evaluate the behaviour of the lynx towards humans??

shy  
aggressive  
indifferent/calm  
interested/curious

2. How does the lynx behave in the majority of cases when animal keepers enter the enclosure (multiple answers possible)?

Does not show itself  
Shows itself, but flees when approached by the keeper  
Shows itself, remains on platform/in shelter when approached  
Walks around in the enclosure, observes  
Stereotypes in anticipation of the keeper/show feeding  
Follows the keeper with interest  
Follows the keeper, sometimes approaches aggressively

3. Did the lynx actively approach the keepers when they entered the enclosure during the last 3 months? If yes, how often?

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4. Does the lynx show itself during show feedings (multiple answers possible)?

Yes, when the keepers have left the enclosure  
Yes, even if the keepers are still in the enclosure  
Conditional: only when there are few visitors and it is quiet  
Conditional: only when the other lynx have approached  
Almost never shows itself  
There are no show feedings

5. Has the lynx approached the visitors at the fence (outside of show feeding situations) in the last three months?

Never observed

Observed only few times

Observed regularly

Context of the approach(es): \_\_\_\_\_

6. How does the lynx react in the majority of cases when visitors with dogs walk along the enclosure?

Dogs are not allowed in our facility

Keeps away, behaves fearfully

Keeps a distance, observes

Approaches the dogs with interest

Follows, threatens and sometimes performs mock attacks

7. How does the lynx deal with wild ungulate carcasses?

Was never fed with wild ungulate carcasses

Accepts carcass parts with skin and bones

Can utilise a whole deer carcass cut open/opened by other lynxes

Can open and utilise a deer carcass itself

8. Has the lynx ever shown hunting behaviour, e.g. tried to capture birds/small mammals? Was the hunting behaviour successful?

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