Enrichment Evaluation Flow Chart

Did the animal interact with the enrichment item?

Yes → Was it a natural behaviour?

No → Were you expecting a reaction?

Was it a natural behaviour?

Yes → Did they preform this behaviour for an adequate amount of time?

No → Is the behaviour beneficial for the animal?

Did they preform this behaviour for an adequate amount of time?

Yes → Is the behaviour beneficial for the animal?

No → Is there a way you could present this enrichment item differently in order to increase engagement time?

Is the behaviour beneficial for the animal?

No → Discontinue the enrichment

Is there a way you could present this enrichment item differently in order to increase engagement time?

Yes → Try presenting the enrichment in a novel way and see if that effects engagement time

No → Try to think of ways that this enrichment could be modified or combined with another to increase engagement time

Yes → Continue to evaluate the enrichment item over time.

Were you expecting a reaction?

Yes → Has the animal received this enrichment item multiple times recently?

No → Can you confidently and objectively say that the experience was enriching for the animal?

Has the animal received this enrichment item multiple times recently?

No → Consider modifying the enrichment item to make it target a specific behaviour

Yes → Put the item in storage for a few weeks and try it again

Can you confidently and objectively say that the experience was enriching for the animal?

Yes → Continue giving it to the animal on an infrequent basis or consider ways you can increase the animals involvement with the enrichment item

No → Discontinue the enrichment item, or put it in storage for a while and try again