

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Enrichment Plan

Species/Animal: Masai Giraffe

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Natural behaviors to encourage and consider	Do they exhibit behavior now?	Enrichment to encourage behavior. Comments.	Projects to be accomplished
Foraging- Giraffes Forage with a prehensile tongue	Yes	Increase foraging opportunities. Giraffes lick various parts of their holding and exhibit. Use more feeding devices that will challenge giraffes to use tongue to forage. smaller mesh in hay feeder to challenge use of tongue. Increase foraging stations.	Pole browse feeder.
Rubbing behavior observed in holding.	Yes	Create scratching areas in holding areas with brushes. Make them movable for variety.	
Diet in wild: Broad leaf deciduous foliage, some evergreen species. vines herbs, flowers, also weaver bird nest with babies in them.	Zoo diet is grain, hay, browse.	Provide a greater variety of browse, including grapevine, edible flowers.	
Senses: Visual- excellent Olfactory-? Tactile- with tongue	Yes	Experiment with olfactory to observe reaction to it. See prehensile tongue above.	

Key Behaviors to Encourage: Foraging, Prehensile Tongue Use, Rubbing, (experiment with olfactory enrichment)