

# Lisa Wallis

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**Date Of Birth** 25 October 1977

**Qualifications** 2005–2008 Manchester Metropolitan University Manchester

- MSc Animal Behaviour – Distinction.

*Taught Courses* – Techniques for Behavioural Research, Statistics and Research Design, Brain and Behaviour, Animal Behaviour, Zoo Conservation Biology, and Field Techniques.

*Thesis* - Social Interactions in the European Beaver (*Castor fiber*). 2006 – Supervisor Frank Rosell, Telemark University College, Bø, Telemark, Norway.

1997–2000 Anglia Polytechnic University Cambridge

- BSc, Honours Animal Behaviour, Conservation & Ecology. Second Class Honours Upper Degree (2:1)

## Research Experience

- Reproductive Conflict - suppression of subordinate female reproduction in cooperatively breeding meerkats (*Suricata suricatta*). Analysis project, completed as part of year research assistant position.

6<sup>th</sup> November 2008 – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009 – Kalahari Meerkat Project, Van Zylsrus, South Africa

### Volunteer Research Assistant

- Studying the behavioural ecology of a number of habituated meerkat groups as a volunteer for Cambridge University.
- Work involving twice daily observation in the field with adlib data collection, radio tracking, GPS tracking, assisting with captures and experiments.
- Skills gained including: habituating meerkats, data entry and analysis, use of Microsoft Access, Microsoft Excel, Cool Edit and Map Source programs.

- Social Interactions in the European Beaver (*Castor fiber*).

29<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2006 Telemark University College Bø, Norway

### Research Assistant

- Studying the behavioural ecology of the Eurasian Beaver, assisting with PhD work of Roo Campbell for the University of Oxford.
- Work involved daily nocturnal radio tracking and observation of habituated individuals using continuous behavioural recording, and lodge watches.
- Assisting in live trapping of beavers from boats. Data entry and project write up.
- Co-ordinating Volunteers. Boat operation and maintenance.

- Behavioural differences in captive European and North American wolves, focusing specifically on communication.

2000 – 2002 UK Wolf Conservation Trust, Beenham, Reading

### Wolf Curator and Education Coordinator

- Public tours, lectures, and seminars.
- Supervising and training Volunteers and Work Experience personnel.
- Project planning and prioritising. Office & Administration work.
- Educational displays. Fundraising and PR work.
- Environmental enrichment. Maintenance & feeding, (butchering road killed deer, calves).

- Ambassador wolves were socialized from two weeks old, and thereafter required extensive handling and training, (including leash training), to maintain the high level of socialization needed to facilitate interaction with the general public.
- A Study on Wolf Human Interaction at Wolf Park USA (Dissertation – Anglia Polytechnic University) 1999. Supervisor Prof. Guy Norton.
- Wolf pup development and socialisation. Onset of howling, social hierarchy development among littermates, and pup integration into the pack. Completed as part of ongoing work at Wolf Park.

Feb-Aug 1997 June-Aug 1998 June-Aug 1999 Wolf Park Battleground, Indiana USA

**Six Month Summer Wolf Internship/ Volunteer/ Assistant Manager**

- Daily public tours and lectures. Data entry and accounts.
- Puppy mum – 24 hour pup development and socialisation.
- Maintenance and feeding.
- Wolf handling, leash training, walking and generally socialising with the wolves.
- The Use of Cross Species Microsatellites in Studies of Extra Pair Paternity in *Parus caeruleus*. 1998
- Behavioural Interactions of Sumatran Tigers. Bristol Zoo. 1996

**Publications**

- Wallis, L. 2009, Rosell, F. and Campbell, R. The Social Nature of Beavers; maintenance of sociality in Eurasian Beavers (*Caster fiber*). (In prep.). Paper to be submitted to Journal of Animal Behaviour.
- Wallis, L. 2000, and 2001. Wolf Biographies – 8 Page Year in the life of the wolf.

**Public Engagement with Science**

- Interviews with local news presenters, newspaper journalists and Magazine writers.
- BBC Film Work – Monarch of the Glen, (Series 4, Part 1), Documentaries, Man Meets Wolf.
- Talk on Captive wolf Behaviour. Seminar at UK Wolf Conservation Trust. September 2002.

**Voluntary Work**

May 2007– October 2008, Bryn-y-maen RSPCA, Conwy. **Cat and Dog Voluntary Officer**

- Assisting with maintenance, feeding and veterinary care.
- Animal handling, correcting inappropriate behaviours, (including leash training), puppy and kitten socialization, and interacting with the general public.

Dec 2006– May 2007, St David's Dog Training, Mochdre. **Volunteer Trainee Member**

- Pup classes: Beginners Intermediate and Advanced. Also heel work to music and agility.
- Participated in training various members' dogs.

Summer 1996, Iberian Wolf Conservation Centre, Lisbon, Portugal. **Wolf Internship**

- Daily wolf log - general behaviour observations. Puppy training & socialisation.

Autumn 1995, RSPCA West Hatch, West Hatch, Taunton. **Wildlife Hospital Internship**

- Assisting vet in house. Accompanying RSPCA Inspector on call out.

**Membership**

ASAB (Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour)  
 APBC (Association of Pet Behaviour Councillors)  
 CABTSG (Companion Animal Behaviour Therapy Study Group)

**Referees**

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