

Animal Training Plan Approval Form San Francisco Zoo

Department - Carnivores Species – Snow leopard

Animal name - Rigel Accession number - 108017

Behavior to train or modify – voluntary subcutaneous fluids

Reinforcers – Regular diet and goats' milk

Trainer/Mentor – Debbie

Assistant trainers – Sandy, Andrew

Curatorial approval – Corinne

Vet approval, or Director of Training (if needed)_____

Safety concerns if any – Training door should only be opened when the animal is lying down.
Staff should not have on any clothing, watches or other items that may catch on the mesh.
The spacer should be in to keep the animal close to the opening.

Start date –September 2015 Completion date_____

Training Goal (Please describe the completed behavior and its criteria.)

The animal will sit voluntarily for one liter of fluids given subcutaneously.

Shaping Plan Approximations (List the training steps in sequential order).

The animal is already trained to sit for a variety of cooperative medical behaviors.

We will lengthen the amount of time he is asked to sit on the bench

Open the training door and touch his side

Grab the skin and make a tent and hold it briefly

Insert a small needle into the tented skin

Increase the needle size to 18 gauge

Give a small amount of fluids subcutaneously

Increase the amount of fluids given in one sitting until reaching one liter