

## WHAT DOES BEHAVIORAL ENRICHMENT LOOK LIKE? PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

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A physical environmental enrichment activity would entail changing out any object or substrate in the animal's enclosure.

For example, replacing the climbing rope structures in with the small primates, replacing climbing logs/branches in with the ocelot, porcupine or reptiles are all activities that would stimulate the animals to investigate their new surroundings. The animals would be very busy scent marking the new structures and possibly finding new travel routes within the exhibit.

Adding or changing out mulch, sand or gravel is another activity. If changing out the mulch in the meerkat or prairie dog exhibits, the animals might be possibly seen digging in the new substrate creating new tunnels and burrows.

Giving the lions a pile of sand is always lots of fun for them as they enjoy digging through it. Creating mud holes for the emu, elephant and rhino stimulates the natural behavior of the animal coating itself in the cool mud.