

## WHAT DOES BEHAVIORAL ENRICHMENT LOOK LIKE? SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

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A social environmental enrichment activity would involve changing the present social setting by introducing an additional animal to the group, births, hatchings or deaths.

Taking a look at our lion family, when the female lion gave birth to four cubs in 2009, this dramatically changed the social setting for the adult pair. The birth brought out normal, natural parental behaviors for the adults.

When our crowned cranes build nests, lay eggs and tend to the hatchlings, these are all natural behaviors that they would display in the wild.

Another type of social enrichment would be keeper or visitor interaction. The barnyard animals enjoy the visitors scratching them! Providing the proper nesting material or the proper temperatures for animals to begin nest building and breeding are also social enrichment activities as they encourage natural behaviors.