

Introductory sessions in the classroom (and the provision of worksheets) are followed by observations in the Zoo. (Living animals are only used in the classroom in exceptional cases). The theme is then developed back in the classroom with the help of suitable audio-visual aids.

Each lesson lasts from 1-3 hours depending upon the age of the pupils and instruction by the Zoo's scientific and educational staff is free.

So far these prearranged sessions have been given to over 10,000 students per year.

The Zoo School also provides help and instruction to visiting teachers and holds In-Service Courses. In addition, the education staff produce teaching material.

Holiday courses for children are also arranged.

The Zoo school has accommodation for 52 pupils and laboratory space for 15. There is a collection of teaching materials, a library and technical equipment.

There is also an agreement for co-operation in research and instruction between the Karl Marx University, Leipzig and the Leipzig Zoo.

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#### MORE NEWS FROM THE ZOOS

The Tynehead Zoological Society of British Columbia, Canada is establishing a large Wild Animal Park in the Vancouver area. This complex will include facilities for recreation, education, conservation and research. Educational programmes are being developed at all levels.

The Jardin Zoologico, Barranquilla, Colombia is developing its educational facilities and, together with the Museum of Natural History, provides an excellent service for students. The Zoo as a whole is a study centre for all ages and it aims to promote an understanding of the urgent need to conserve native wildlife.