

Research Conducted November 2024-October 2025

Between November 2024 and present, **11 projects have commenced at Colchester Zoological Society.** These are either solely based at Colchester Zoological Society or are multi-zoo studies. This list is by no means extensive, as Colchester Zoological Society has also contributed to a large number of projects by replying to information requests, providing samples or by completing questionnaires.

Author: Mason Ttofi **Title:** Behaviour comparison and enclosure use of Komodo Dragons (*Varanus komodoensis*) with relation to visitation rates. **Establishment:** University of Essex, BSc.

Author: Caitlin Lewer **Title:** Investigating Chimpanzee Behaviour in Response to Visitor Activity **Establishment:** ARU Writtle, BSc.

Author: Daniela Gomes **Title:** Investigating visitor effects on Cherry-crowned Mangabeys: Comparing behavioural responses in females and males. **Establishment:** ARU Writtle, BSc.

Author: Jessica Stennett **Title:** The Effect of Visitor Numbers on the Behaviour of an all male group of captive Meerkats, *Suricata suricatta* at Colchester Zoo. **Establishment:** The Open University, BSc.

Author: Bradley Brown **Title:** Behavioural comparison and enclosure use of Komodo Dragon **Establishment:** Capel Manor College, BSc.

Author: Elle Sutton **Title:** Evaluating the effects of enclosure space and substrate on Giraffe hoof health and behaviour in British Zoos. Evaluation of correlations between diet composition, gut pH, and welfare indicators in captive giraffe population across UK zoos) **Establishment:** Royal Veterinary College & ZSL, MSc

Author: Elisa Cady **Title:** Comparing the Reaction of A Routine Stressor to Baseline Behavioural Data for Poison Dart Frogs **Establishment:** University of Suffolk, BSc.

Author: Rachel Thomson **Title:** Validating a Personality Assessment in Captive Elephant Zoo Populations **Establishment:** University of Southampton PhD

Author: Jinty Wong **Title:** The Intraspecific and interspecific interactions in the mixed species African exhibit at Colchester Zoological Society. **Establishment:** ARU Writtle, MSc.

Author: Milly Whiting **Title:** The impact of contraception on intergroup relationships in captive Gelada Baboons at Colchester Zoo **Establishment:** Anglia Ruskin University, BSc.

Author: Aimee Vessey **Title:** How do visual senses affect captive sealion swim patterns and behaviours **Establishment:** University of Essex, BSc.