



RMC/EGZAC STATEMENT ON USE AND OWNERSHIP OF DATA SUBMITTED TO THE CONTRACEPTION DATABASE

The AZA Reproductive Management Center (RMC) and EAZA's European Group on Zoo Animal Contraception (EGZAC) were both created, in part, to monitor use, safety, efficacy, and reversibility of contraceptive products applied to captive wildlife in our regional zoological facilities. In order to provide scientifically valid information on contraceptive use in wildlife, the RMC and EGZAC maintain a joint contraceptive database that contains records of contraceptive use in wildlife.

Accredited institutions in our regional associations and other groups who are using contraception in wildlife are encouraged to submit data to the database via an annual online survey. These data are periodically reviewed and/or analyzed to address questions and needs for contraceptive recommendations and to foster the scientific study of contraception in wildlife. The results of these analyses are reported at regional Association meetings, Taxon Advisory Group meetings, scientific conferences, in published contraception recommendations, and in peer reviewed publications in the scientific literature. These analyses are based on compiled data across institutions rather than case studies, and the results are interpreted at the population, not institutional, level so that scientifically robust conclusions may be drawn. Submitting institutions and individual animals are **never** identified in reports. The RMC and EGZAC also **do not** comment to media on individual institutional practices with regards to wildlife contraception.

Records in the Database are submitted by cooperating institutions with the understanding that they will be used **only** under the supervision of the RMC or EGZAC, respectively, for analyses relevant to contraceptive use, efficacy, reversibility and safety. Results of analyses of data from the contraception database may **never** be presented or published without consent of the RMC or EGZAC, respectively. The individual institutional information in these records will **not** be shared in any other way, without specific written permission from the respective submitting institutions.

If a third party outside of RMC/EGZAC staff is permitted to access database records for analysis, any publications and presentations will have shared authorship with RMC/EGZAC staff as appropriate to the regional scope of the analysis. All authors on any reports will fully review the material to be submitted, should be willing to support the conclusions of the study, and defend it. If agreement can't be reached on content of reports, the RMC/EGZAC reserve the right to block publication and presentation of results.