

Hey all you crazy cats,

Today we had a meeting filled with blue whale facts and an interesting talk from Dr. Tom Loch on aquatic animal health! If you missed this crazy meeting you can watch the zoom recording posted up above.

The blue whale (*Balaenoptera musculus*) is the largest animal on earth with a tongue weighing as much as an elephant and a heart weighing as much as a car. They can eat up to 40 million krill in a year (talk about a big eater) and they can reach sounds up to 188 decibels. In a fight between a blue whale and the ZSA e-board we give them a rating of 100/10 they wouldn't intentionally kill us but they would crush us with weight alone. We wouldn't stand a chance.

Dr. Loch discussed aquatic animal health and how he screens for diseases in aquatic animals kept in captivity. If you have more questions feel to reach out to Dr. Loch at lochthom@msu.edu.

There's an IBIO seminar coming up on applying animal behavior to wildlife management. It's happening December 15th from 3-4pm. Email Dr. Braasch (braasch@msu.edu) for the zoom link.

We are still raising money for the Dian Fossey gorilla fund international! Return your cans and bottles and send the money to the ZSA venmo.

Annica's joke corner:

Q: What does a blue whale do on a date?

A: Netflix and krills

See you next week you crazy cats

Love,

Your ZSA E-Board