

Highland Farm

Location: Ostrich Pens at Highland Farm, Germantown, New York

Species: Common Ostrich

Equipment: Portable Ostrich TAMER™ with catch pen.

Notes:

The ostrich are conditioned to enter the catch pen and walk through the TAMER™ on a daily basis. A wire mesh sweep gate is used to safely move each bird into the TAMER™ unit which consists of a solid walled, funnel shaped restraint area with numerous sweep and slide gates for quick, easy and protected access to the head, neck, wings and feet. A breeding group of ostrich consisting of 8 mature females, multiple males and numerous chicks are hatched every year are maintained at Highland Farm in several pens on 3acres.

"In addition to easily providing health care to the birds on a regular basis, we can also safely separate the breeding male ostrich from the females and move him out of the enclosure so the area can be cleaned and all the birds can be fed and watered daily," says Mike Ruffell, Farm Manager.



Deworming with pour on Ivermectin



Easy and protected handling of birds



Male ostrich exiting the TAMER™

For more information about the TAMERS™ at this location, contact Mark MacNamara at faunaresearch@gmail.com

Animal Handling Center
HIGHLAND FARM, NY
 Individual instruction & hands on training with live animals.



Class of 2015 - Managers from the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore.

From left to right:

Claire MacNamara, Area Manager; Carey Ricciardone, Mammal Collection Manager; Amy Demchak, Area Manager; Cristina Lauri, Operations Manager

SCHEDULE

Location: Animal Handling Center, Highland Farm, Germantown NY
 Species: Red Deer, Elk, Sika Deer, Fallow Deer, Aoudads, Mouflon, Ostrich
 Equipment: TAMER™ II, Hydraulic TAMER™, Ostrich TAMER™, catch pens, sorting alleyways including sweep and slide gates.
 Date: August 8th and 9th, 2015

Notes:

Workshops include individual instruction and hands-on training with live animals.

Day 1:

Session #1

Classroom: Introductions of hoof stock holding and management facilities with an emphasis on animal movement, sorting, and restraint.

Session #2

Tour of facilities and instruction on the use of drop floor TAMER™, Hydraulic TAMER™, Ostrich TAMER™, sorting pens, sweep gates, bang boards, and push board alleyways.

Session #3

Live animal workshop: The herding, sorting and "TAMERING" of 45 animals ranging in size from 50lbs - 250lbs.

Day 2:

Session #4

Live animal workshop: The herding, sorting and "TAMERING" of large animals over 500lbs in a Hydraulic TAMER™.

Session #5

Live animal workshop: The sorting, herding and restraint of an ostrich.

"I've learned more in one day of hands on training at this workshop than many years of work in a zoo setting."

Cristina Lauri, Animal Operations Manager.



Learning the ropes



Hands on training



Individual training

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