



NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Elevating Giraffe Care at Longneck Manor

View The Hoof
Team in ACTION!



A Commitment to Providing Superior Husbandry

From ossicone to hoof, caring for giraffes is no small task. At Longneck Manor giraffes participate in training programs geared toward their health and husbandry care, including hoof work. Much of this training takes place in and around the Giraffe Tamer™.

The Tamer provides access points that allow trainers and handlers to safely engage with the giraffe. The catwalk elevates staff to be near the animal's head and neck - useful for offering food as reinforcement, performing blood collection, administering vaccines and more!



Working together to trim Kafele's hooves in the Tamer

Giraffe Tamer Features

Access Doors - provide numerous safe and controlled access points

Catwalks - provide two elevated working platforms

Full Floor Scale - allows weights to be collected easily and routinely

Escape Door - by opening the large swing door, giraffe can be safely lowered into a prone position under sedation or released quickly in an emergency situation

Seamless Integration - connect the Tamer to Fauna designed penning and chutes for a complete handling system

"A standing immobilization for giraffe hoof trims in the Tamer, avoids the inherent risks of a full immobilization where the animal can injure itself by falling down and attempting to stand up before full recovery. "

*- Rick Barongi,
Founder Longneck
Manor*

A Tall "Ask"

The team at Longneck Manor orchestrated a standing immobilization to trim the hooves on Kafele, an 8 year old bull giraffe weighing nearly 3,000 pounds. The extensive trim that was needed to keep the hooves healthy was a tall "ask". The team worked together seamlessly and safely achieved this goal!

Congratulations to everyone involved!

Steve Foxworth lets the trimmings fly in a safe and controlled environment



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