台北市立動物園非洲混養區 動物行為之研究

一、環境改變對查普曼斑馬行為之影響

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本研究主要在比較查普曼斑馬在圓山動物園時、圓山動物園遷園前及遷移到木柵新園時,三個不同環境下斑馬行為之差異。在圓山舊園,斑馬區分為三小區,共飼養九隻斑馬,觀察期間觀察最大區的五隻斑馬,三隻雄斑馬,二隻雌斑馬。在木柵新園所有的斑馬混養在一起,四隻雄斑馬,四隻雌斑馬及一隻小斑馬共觀察九隻。在圓山舊園觀察廿四小時,木柵新園觀察八小時,採用每分鐘掃描式觀察法觀察。

觀察結果顯示環境的改變將明顯的影響斑馬之行為,但個體間受到影響的程度差距大。斑馬在白天八小時內之平均攝食時間,以圓山動物園遷園前為最短,而個體的平均攝食時間以在圓山動物園時差距最大,斑馬攝食相當頻繁,在廿四小時裡均會攝取飼料。在步行方面不論在圓山動物園時期或木柵動物園時期,都没有顯著的差異。

前言

兩個不同環境對同一種動物行為之影響,一般而言可由兩方面著手,一比較不同批動物在不同環境下之行為,或者比較同批動物在不同環境下之行為,前者可能造成個體上變異之問題,而後一方法無個體變異問題存在。本試驗擬觀察同一批斑馬在不同環境下,其行為之差異,並探討可能造成行為差異之因素。此批動物原來養在圓山動物圓,其後由於希望遷園的過程順利,因此將原斑馬欄舍經過修改使斑馬每天儘量經過搬運箱,以使其適應搬運箱。搬到木柵新園後,斑馬間內我們均詳細的觀察此批斑馬之行為,其目的在瞭解環境變異下牠們行為之異同。

材料與方法

本試驗比較斑馬在下列三種環境下其行為之差異

- 一、圓山動物園斑馬圈養環境
- 二、圓山動物園遷園前暫時更改的環境
- 三、木栅動物園之全新環境

動物

在圓山舊園斑馬區分為三小區,共九隻斑馬,觀察期間觀察最大區的五隻斑馬,三隻雄斑馬:永吉、美強、華爾,二隻雌斑馬:菲菲、華玲。在木柵新園所有斑馬混養在一起,分別為四隻雄斑馬:永吉、美強、華爾及吉祥,四隻雌斑馬:菲菲、華玲、美華、華瑛及華瑛所生的小斑馬共觀察九隻斑馬(Champman Zebra)

The Effect of Mixed Exhibit on the Behaviors of African Animals at Taipei Zoo. I. Influences of Environment Changes on Chapman Zebra

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At Yuan shan, the old Taipei Zoo, five zebras in the largest zebra enclosure were observed. Just before the moving of Taipei Zoo, several moving boxes were put in the enclosure and several changes were made in the enclosure to encourage zebras to pass through boxes everyday. 24 hour observations were made at the old zoo. At Mucha, the new zoo, all of the 9 zebras were put together. They were observed from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Scanning observations were made once a minute during observation period. Comparison of behaviors were made among three different environments, the old zoo, the old zoo just before moving and the new zoo.

Different environments did affect the behaviors of zehras but the influence varied greatly among individuals. Just before moving, the average feeding hour during daytime was less than in the other two environments. The largest difference of average feeding time among individuals occurred at the old zoo. Zebras fed frequently and might eat at any time of a day. There was no difference in pacing time among different environments.