

# EAZA European Carnivore Campaign will run for two years!

On 16th September during the EAZA Annual Conference 2009 a special campaign session took place for the European Carnivore Campaign.

Angela Glatston, chair of the campaign committee, started the session with announcing the campaign's extension into 2010 as well as updating on the successful Teddy Bear picnic held across Europe on 21st June 2009 where 24,621 teddy bears were gathered at 34 zoos around Europe.



Campaign coordinator Ann-Katrine Garn gave an update on the various traditional and more unusual campaign activities which had been seen throughout the campaigning year. The fundraising result was also revealed and is currently only one third of the original fundraising target.

For the relaunch Angela introduced "The Fantastic Four": the harbour porpoise, the Egyptian vulture, the black vulture and the imperial eagle. These four species have been added to the original twelve carnivores covered by the campaign, with a new unifying theme to "Stop poison in Europe".

Staffan Widstrand, managing director of Wild Wonders of Europe, introduced conference participants to a spectacular slideshow of European natural heritage taken by leading nature photographers. Wild Wonders of Europe are one of the new partners to the campaign.



All photos by Mikkel Stelvig (Copenhagen Zoo).