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Addressing Welfare Concerns for Animal Ambassador Birds

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Overview



- John Ball Zoo's team approach to welfare
- Case Studies
- Where we're going from here



Ambassador Animal Team



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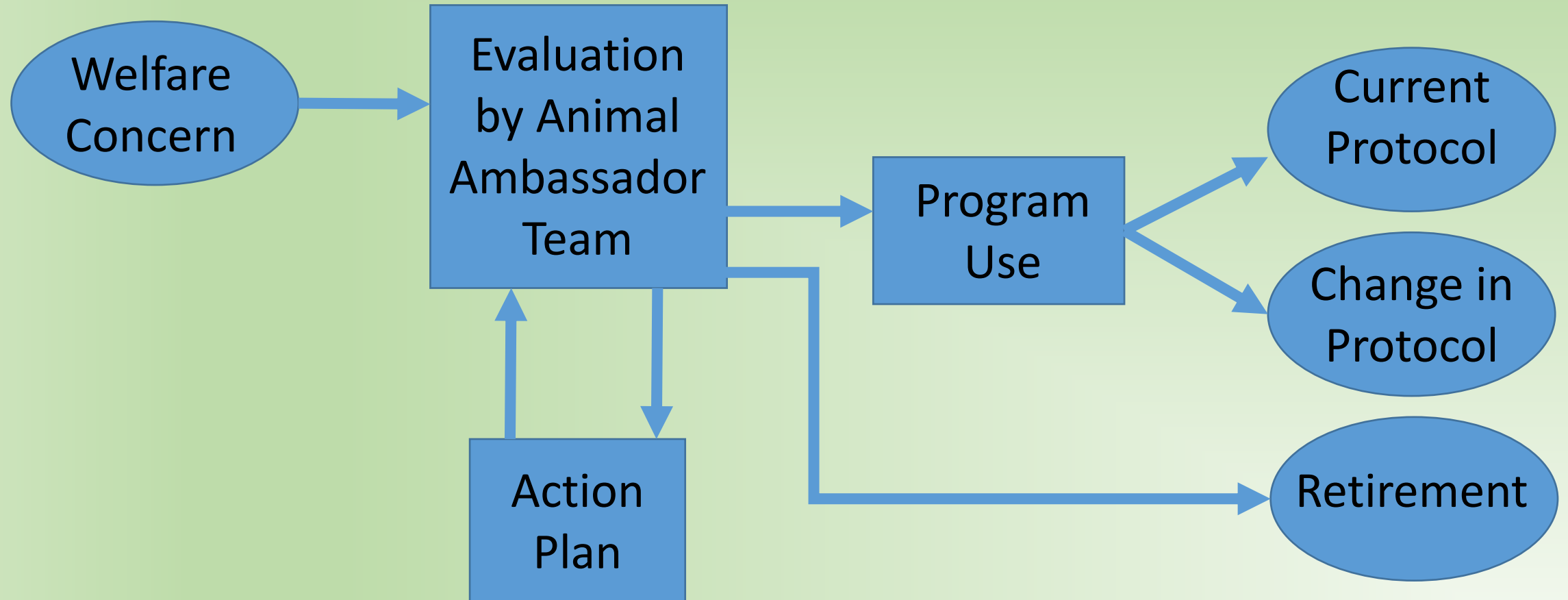
- Ambassador Animal Coordinator
- Area Management
- Behavioral Husbandry / Enrichment Coordinator
- Senior Keepers (Keeper 2s)





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Welfare Concern Process





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Screech Owl - Drac

- Welfare Concern
 - With age, posture changed and he started appearing uncomfortable
 - Vet evaluation - on Gabapentin SID
 - Quality of life watch better in AM, decreasing effect of pain management during the day
- Action
 - Look at limited program use only during mornings – full time staff only.
- Evaluation
 - In progress





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Barred Owl - Ramsey

- Welfare Concern
 - Flew all around enclosure before being crated for program.
- Action Plan
 - Taken off programs
 - Intensive training
- Evaluation
 - No noticeable change in behavior
- Recommendation
 - Retired from program use



African Gray Parrot - Bailey

- Welfare Concern
 - Very timid, did not want to leave enclosure
- Action Plan
 - Training to leave enclosure
 - Crate training
 - Travel around the zoo
 - Relationship building with Education Staff
- Evaluation
 - Over a year of evaluation and plan modification
- Recommendation
 - Used for programs by year round staff



Expansion of Animal Ambassador Team



- Animal Staff from other areas
 - As programs grow there are other animals that may be taken out of their habitats for programs
 - Penguins
- Additional Education Staff
 - Guest Programs
 - School, Youth, and Family

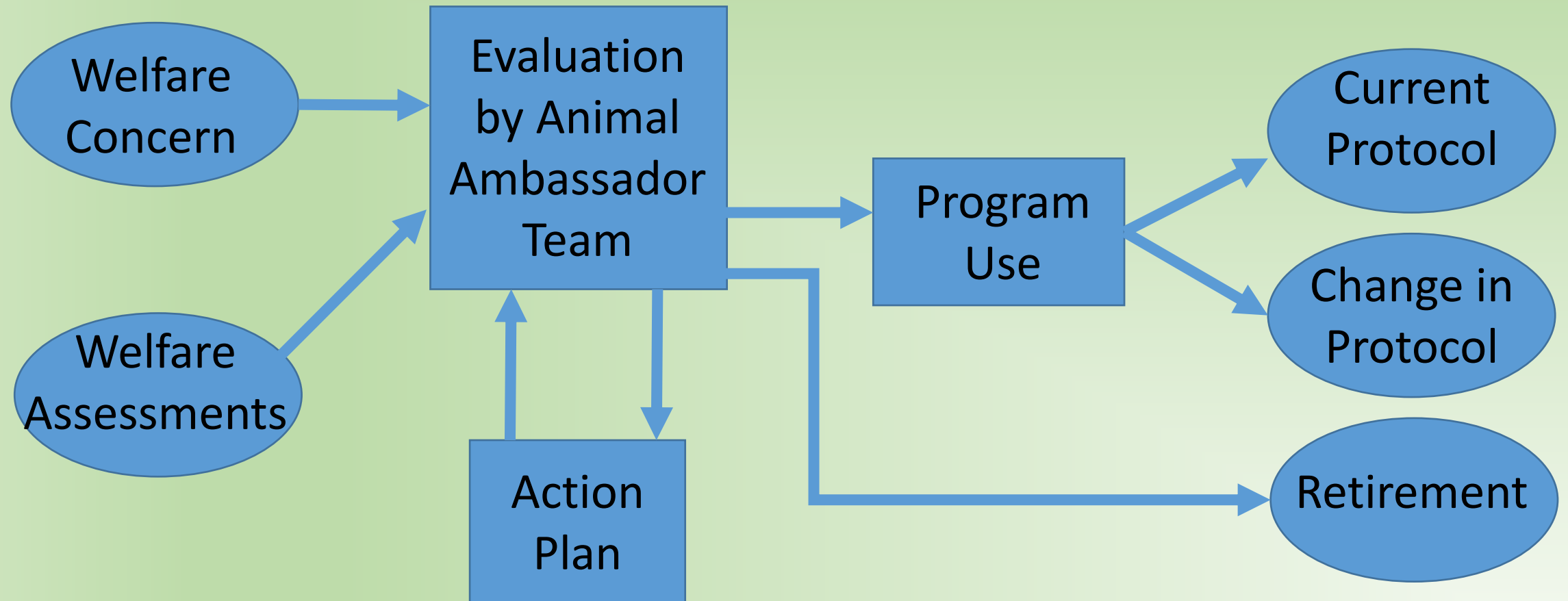




Quarterly Welfare Evaluations

- AZA Standard - 1.5.0
- Taxon specific welfare assessment forms
- All Ambassador Animals will have additional criteria for evaluation.

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