As with any career, professional development and training is vital for our Zookeepers to improve their ability to provide the best possible care for the beloved animals at The Belize Zoo.

Since 2017, we have partnered with the Milwaukee County Zoo and Cheyenne Mountain Zoo for a dynamic training program, and even a global pandemic couldn't break our learning streak! Sadly our friends and colleagues couldn't join us in person in Belize, but virtual exchanges proved to be an excellent alternative.

The topics were strategically selected, and included: training and enrichment, nutrition, health and vet care, emergency response, animal husbandry, and the leadership roles of zookeepers. TBZTEC Zookeepers stated they were grateful to MCZ and CMZ partners for their continued friendship and commitment, and for the opportunity to enhance their zookeeping abilities. In particular, they were glad for skills to help them to provide mental stimulation, enhance overall well-being, and provide more choices and independence to the animals within their living environments.