



Nonhuman Primates Imported as Assistance Animals

Animals subject to these provisions may be brought into California under a wild animal importation permit issued by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Veterinary Public Health Section (VPHS), and upon payment of a \$10.00 per animal permit fee. Nonhuman primates (NHP) may not be imported until the consignee receives a permit issued by CDPH-VPHS. Persons wishing to import NHPs shall complete and submit to CDPH-VPHS a permit application no less than ten business days prior to importation. The following supplementary documentation must be provided to CDPH-VPHS no less than five business days prior to importation:

A certificate of veterinary inspection (a.k.a. health certificate) signed/dated no more than 30 days prior to importation, certifying that the NHP has been examined by a veterinarian accredited by the United States Department of Agriculture and is free of signs of infectious diseases, and

1. Veterinary records of the NHP--or the parents if less than six months of age--reflective of the 180 days prior to importation, and
2. A signed statement from the consignor describing the date and location of acquisition if the animal has been in the consignor's possession less than 180 days, and
3. A signed statement describing the manner in which the NHP will be maintained to preclude public and other animal contact during the isolation period, and
4. A negative tuberculin test administered by intradermal injection. This test must be administered by a veterinarian not more than 30 days prior to importation or on the first day of the isolation period.

NHPs imported into California as an assistance animal shall be isolated to prevent contact with the public and other animals for 30 days. The veterinarian must administer a tuberculin test by intradermal injection, and perform a physical examination on the first day of the isolation period. A negative tuberculin test administered by a veterinarian not more than 30 days prior to importation will be considered an acceptable alternative to the administration of a tuberculin test on the first day of the isolation period. A repeat physical examination and administration of a second tuberculin test must be performed no earlier than 30 days after the first day of isolation; the tuberculin test is to be read by the veterinarian on the 31st, 32nd, and 33rd day after the start of the isolation period. After the NHP is found to be free of infectious diseases, the veterinarian is required to complete and submit the Veterinary Certificate of Quarantine to CDPH-VPHS. Upon satisfactory review of the Veterinary Certificate of Quarantine, CDPH-VPHS will issue by electronic mail a Release from Quarantine. The veterinarian may release the NHP from quarantine only upon receipt of the Release from Quarantine.

NHPs permitted entry under these provisions shall not be sold, traded, or given away without notification and prior approval by CDPH-VPHS and the California Department of Fish & Wildlife.

Local Restrictions: An importation permit shall not be issued where local ordinances (city or county) prohibit the possession of the species. Importers must provide CDPH-VPHS with any applicable permit or licenses required by a local ordinance prior to the issuance of a wild animal importation permit.

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