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Nonhuman Primates Imported for Exhibition & Research

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:

1. A certificate of veterinary inspection (aka. health certificate) signed/dated not 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
2. Veterinary records of the NHP--or the parents if less than six months of age--reflective of the 180 days prior to importation, and
3. A signed statement from the consignor describing the date and location of acquisition if the NHP has been in the consignor's possession less than 180 days, 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 upon entrance of quarantine.

NHPs shall be quarantined to prevent contact with the public and other animals for at least 30 days upon entry into California. The veterinarian must administer a tuberculin test by intradermal injection, and perform a physical examination upon entrance of quarantine. 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 upon entrance to quarantine. A repeat physical examination and administration of a second tuberculin test must be performed no earlier than 30 days after the entrance to quarantine; the tuberculin test is to be read by the veterinarian on the 31st, 32nd, and 33rd day. 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.

CDPH-VPHS may waive the post-importation quarantine requirement for NHPs transferred between facilities that are accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) or the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International (AAALAC). Accredited importers should submit all the documents listed above, as well as written verification of current accreditation for both the consignor and consignee facilities.



CDPH-VPHS reserves the right to require post-importation quarantine at any time that it deems that such action is in the interest of the public's health.

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.