

GULF COAST PRIMATE SANCTUARY

PRIMATE SURRENDER & INTAKE CHECKLIST

Thank you for trusting Gulf Coast Primate Sanctuary with your primate.

Our goal is to make the transition as safe and low-stress as possible for both you and your animal. Preparing the required medical records and paperwork **before arrival** allows us to focus on your primate's comfort instead of trying to complete paperwork and testing during intake.

BEFORE YOUR PRIMATE ARRIVES

Please complete the following before scheduling the final intake:

- ☐ **Contact Gulf Coast Primate Sanctuary and receive surrender approval.**
- ☐ Complete all required **surrender paperwork and owner information.**
- ☐ Provide complete **veterinary and medical records** for your primate.
- ☐ Have your primate examined by a USDA qualified veterinarian familiar with nonhuman primates.
- ☐ Obtain a current **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI/Health Certificate)** from a USDA accredited veterinarian when required.
- ☐ Have a **negative TB test** completed and documented. Mississippi's current requirements call for a negative tuberculosis test within 12 months for nonhuman primates over 6 months of age entering Mississippi.
- ☐ Make sure the **negative TB result is recorded on the health certificate/CVI or accompanying veterinary documentation** provided for transport.
- ☐ Provide current **rabies vaccination information/proof**, when applicable and recommended/required by your veterinarian and the receiving authorities.
- ☐ Provide all available vaccination records, laboratory results, medical history, medications, previous surgeries, and other veterinary records.

☐ Provide the primate's **microchip number, tattoo, identification number, or other permanent identification**, if applicable.

MISSISSIPPI IMPORT / ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

IF THE PRIMATE IS COMING FROM OUTSIDE MISSISSIPPI:

A prior Mississippi entry permit and a **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI/Health Certificate)** are required before the primate enters Mississippi.

IF THIS IS NOT AN EMERGENCY INTAKE, DO NOT TRANSPORT THE PRIMATE UNTIL THE REQUIRED PERMIT HAS BEEN OBTAINED.

Mississippi Board of Animal Health

Nonhuman Primate Requirements & Permit Information:

[Mississippi Nonhuman Primate Import Requirements](#)

Nonhuman Primate Import Permit Application:

[Mississippi Nonhuman Primate Import Permit Application](#)

Mississippi Board of Animal Health:

Phone: 601-359-1170

Email: exoticanimals@mdac.ms.gov

Before transporting the animal, owners should confirm the current requirements directly with the Mississippi Board of Animal Health because requirements can change.

While Gulf Coast Primate Sanctuary maintains an **emergency intake policy with appropriate quarantine protocols**, we strongly encourage owners to complete the primate's **veterinary examination, TB testing, and rabies vaccination prior to transport whenever possible**.

Completing these requirements before arrival helps **reduce stress on the primate during the intake process**, allows our team to focus on the animal's comfort and adjustment, and helps make the transition into the sanctuary **safer, smoother, and less stressful for everyone involved**.

PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR PRIMATE

The more information you provide, the easier it is for us to make the transition comfortable.

Please provide information about:

Name: _____

Species: _____

Age/Date of Birth: _____

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Spayed/Neutered: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Microchip/ID: _____

Current Diet: _____

Favorite Foods: _____

Medications: _____

Veterinarian: _____

Known Medical Conditions: _____

Behavioral Information: _____

Things that frighten or upset the primate: _____

Favorite enrichment/toys/activities: _____

Please do not arrive without a scheduled intake appointment

IMPORTANT

Gulf Coast Primate Sanctuary wants every surrender to be as smooth and compassionate as possible.

Completing medical testing before arrival helps reduce the stress of intake and allows our staff to concentrate on getting your primate settled safely into its new home.

We understand that surrendering a beloved primate can be emotional. Our goal is not to judge owners. Our goal is to provide the animal with a safe, permanent home and the lifetime care it deserves.

Thank you for helping us make this transition as safe and comfortable as possible.

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