

GULF COAST PRIMATE SANCTUARY

VISITOR RELEASE OF LIABILITY & ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT

This Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by the undersigned visitor (“Participant”) in favor of Gulf Coast Primate Sanctuary, its officers, directors, volunteers, contractors, affiliates, and property owners (collectively referred to as “Sanctuary”).

1. Acknowledgment of Inherent Risk

Participant understands that Gulf Coast Primate Sanctuary houses exotic animals, including New World primates, kinkajous, and a genet. Participant acknowledges that interaction with or proximity to exotic animals involves inherent risks, including but not limited to:

- Bites, scratches, or other injuries
- Unpredictable animal behavior
- Physical injury from fences, terrain, or equipment
- Exposure to zoonotic disease

Participant understands that even with barrier systems and supervision, animals may act unpredictably.

2. No Direct Contact Policy

Participant acknowledges and agrees:

- No person is permitted to enter animal enclosures.
- No direct physical contact with animals is permitted.
- All enrichment feeding (if applicable) occurs through secure exterior fencing only.
- Participant must remain outside all enclosure barriers at all times.

Participant agrees to follow all posted rules and verbal instructions provided by Sanctuary staff.

3. Assumption of Risk

Participant voluntarily assumes full responsibility for any risks of injury, illness, property damage, or loss arising from participation in activities at the Sanctuary, including supervised enrichment

feeding or volunteer activities. Participant understands that participation is voluntary and may decline to engage in any activity.

4. Release & Waiver of Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Participant hereby releases, waives, and discharges Gulf Coast Primate Sanctuary and its representatives from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, or liability for personal injury, property damage, or loss arising from participation in Sanctuary activities, except in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

5. Indemnification

Participant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Gulf Coast Primate Sanctuary from any claims arising from:

- Failure to follow safety instructions
- Unauthorized access to restricted areas
- Intentional misconduct or rule violations

6. Health & Conduct Requirements

Participant affirms that:

- They are physically able to participate.
- They will not tease, provoke, or attempt to touch animals.
- They will follow all safety rules and remain under supervision.
- They will immediately report any injury or unsafe condition.

Failure to comply with Sanctuary policies may result in immediate removal from the premises.

7. Minors

If Participant is under 18 years of age, this Agreement must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. The parent/guardian assumes all risks on behalf of the minor and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Sanctuary.

8. Photography & Media Release

Participant grants permission for photographs or video taken during participation to be used for educational or promotional purposes unless otherwise requested in writing.

9. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Mississippi.

10. Acknowledgment

By signing below, Participant acknowledges that:

- They have read and understood this Agreement.
- They understand the risks involved.
- They voluntarily agree to its terms.

Participant Name (Print): _____

Participant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (if minor): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____