

Bio Terror Bible

EXPOSING THE COMING BIO-TERROR PANDEMIC

BIOTERRORBIBLE.COM: In the aftermath of man-made bio-terror generated pandemic, the government and media may attempt to scapegoat monkeys just as they did in the 1994 book [The Hot Zone](#) and the 1995 blockbuster movie entitled [Outbreak](#). Since 9/11, there have been unprecedented reports of monkey [attacks](#), monkey [escapes](#), monkey [thefts](#) and monkey [smuggling](#) which may suggest that the monkey scapegoat option is being primed for prime-time.

Title: Escaped Monkey Again Eludes Capture

Date: October 11, 1987

Source: [Houston Chronicle](#)

Abstract: A fugitive monkey from the Pittsburgh Zoo has eluded capture again, this time frustrating police in a high-speed chase.

Cpl. Kim Kay said Alfie, a Japanese macaque monkey, successfully eluded police officers, several residents and two dogs who tried to corner him in a tree night in this Beaver County town.

"He was just too fast. We couldn't keep up with him," she said.

The monkey has been on the run since July 23, when he and two other macaques jumped the moat at the zoo's Monkey Island while a keeper was shooting a fourth monkey with a tranquilizer dart. The two others returned the next day.

Alfie has crossed the Allegheny River and since been spotted about a dozen times in Allegheny and Beaver counties ([Houston Chronicle, 1987](#)).

Title: Missing Lab Monkey Believed Dead

Date: February 23, 2003

Source: [LA Times](#)

Abstract: An [adolescent monkey](#) that vanished this month from a research lab at UC Davis likely slipped down a drain and perished in the sewer system, officials said Wednesday.

Investigators who have spent the last two weeks searching for the 4.4-pound gray-and-tan rhesus macaque came to that conclusion after the animal's handlers passed "truth verification" tests that satisfied officials they had not smuggled the primate out of the facility.

"Now she is presumed dead," said UC Davis spokeswoman Lisa Lapin. "It's very sad. We're sick about it. In the 40-year history of the primate center, there's never been a monkey unaccounted for."

The disappearance comes at a bad time for the university, which is under fire for its efforts to build a federal lab on campus that would study deadly diseases, such as Ebola.

Many in the leafy college town say the lab would pose a risk to the community, both because of the threat that dangerous pathogens could escape and because it might make the city a terrorist target, said Councilwoman Sue Greenwald.

The university technically does not need the support of the town to construct the facility, and officials said there is no comparison between the security at the primate lab, known as the California National Primate Research Center, and the armed guards and 10 security checkpoints that would be installed at the proposed disease center.

Nevertheless, university officials said that the disappearance of the monkey, a 2-year-old with a sweet disposition but no name, as per center custom, has prompted them to review security procedures.

The 20-inch-long monkey was last seen Feb. 13, when handlers opened her cage for a routine cleaning.

The handlers are supposed to connect a clean cage to the soiled one so an animal can move from one to the other without escaping or being picked up. But apparently that procedure was not followed, officials said, and the monkey darted out, ran behind a row of cages and slipped through a four-inch hole that connects to the sewage system.

In the days after the disappearance, officials searched the system with fiber-optic cameras, baited humane traps and posted watchers to look for the animal.

On Feb. 20, convinced that the sociable monkey would not have left on her own, officials called police in to investigate whether an employee may have walked off with the \$5,000 animal.

But on Wednesday they decided the monkey had perished in the drain after all.

More than 4,000 primates are kept in indoor and outdoor facilities at the sprawling compound on the western edge of the campus. They are used in medical experiments, which in the past have included developing treatments for HIV-infected pregnant women. They are also bred to provide monkeys for other research programs around California.

The monkey that disappeared was not fated for experimentation. When she was old enough, officials said, they had hoped to breed her.

Every year, a few primates manage to escape from outdoor enclosures, but they have always been quickly recaptured. This is the first time in 30 years that a monkey has managed to slip out of an indoor cage, officials said.

"I've been holding out hope that we'd find the monkey alive," said Dallas Hyde, director of the primate center. "But I think at this point, we've resigned ourselves. Now we're trying to find the remains" ([LA Times, 2003](#)).

Title: Missing Monkey In Middle Of Lab Debate

Date: February 23, 2003

Source: [Red Orbit](#)

Abstract: When a monkey slipped from its cage at a University of California medical research lab, handlers peered into sewers, poked behind cages and baited traps to try to catch it.

A week and a half later, though, all they've found in their search is an angry town armed with new ammunition against a proposed biodefense research center that the university says would study the world's deadliest diseases for the effort to protect the country from bioterrorism.

The monkey, a rhesus macaque, disappeared from the California National Primate Research Center, which would supply animals to the proposed Biosafety Level 4 lab to study diseases with no known cure, such as the Ebola (news – web sites) and West Nile viruses.

School officials promised that the runaway was disease-free — the center currently raises animals for research on level two and three diseases, which have vaccines or treatments — and would never have escaped from the proposed biodefense lab, which would have armed guards.

But that was little comfort to residents working to prevent the biodefense lab from being built. They learned about the disappearance Thursday, a week after the monkey got away.

“If they can’t manage these monkeys when they’ve got level two and three diseases, how will they manage monkeys with level four diseases?” asked Joshua English.

The University of California, Davis, is one of about a half-dozen institutions across the country that applied this month to the National Institutes of Health (news – web sites) for a grant to build the \$200 million disease research lab.

The United States already has five high-containment disease laboratories and two others are being built or designed. UC Davis is competing against institutions in Texas, Maryland, Illinois, Massachusetts and New York to build another.

The proposed facility would have strict security.

Still, opponents fear a lab just 65 miles northeast of San Francisco could be a terrorism target or a rogue scientist could smuggle out a deadly pathogen.

Dr. Dallas Hyde, director of the primate center, said he can understand why the incident has fed fears, but he said the security level of the primate center and the lab would be quite different.

“Animals that go in there don’t come out alive,” he said.

University spokeswoman Lisa Lapin said critics are unfairly using the episode to target the university’s grant application.

“People will make connections, but there truly is no connection,” she said. “There’s no scientific connection, there’s no security connection, they’re two completely different kinds of facilities.”

Campus police are looking into the possibility that, after the monkey got out, one of the primate center’s 278 employees stole the animal, valued at \$5,000. Few other possibilities are left after days of searching the buildings and grounds that house 4,279 monkeys on 300 acres on the outskirts of the rural campus.

“It’s certainly something that would be a disappointment and is, in my mind, highly unlikely, but it is something we need to consider,” Hyde said of the possibility that the monkey was stolen.

The two-year-old female, which was to be used for breeding, escaped Feb. 13 while handlers were cleaning cages. It slipped behind a row of cages, and the employees reported a slurping sound as if it went down a small drain. Examinations of the plumbing with fiber-optic cameras turned up nothing.

In the center’s 41-year history, 82 monkeys have found fleeting freedom but all were quickly captured or returned to their cages on their own, Lapin said.

The monkey's escape may not be the biggest setback for the lab.

Davis Mayor Susie Boyd announced Friday that she has reversed her position and will oppose the project because of the divisiveness it has stirred. She needs three votes to send a letter of opposition to the NIH and two councilors have publicly opposed the project.

The NIH, which will announce the grant winners in the fall, said it would consider community support in making its decision ([Red Orbit, 2003](#)).

Title: Monkey's Escape May Sink Biodefense Lab

Date: February 24, 2003

Source: [SF Gate](#)

Abstract: The escape of a small gray and tan monkey from a UC Davis medical research center may threaten a proposed high-security lab on campus to study deadly infectious organisms such as anthrax and smallpox that could be used as terrorist weapons.

The 4-pound rhesus macaque monkey vanished two weeks ago as her cage was being cleaned at the California National Primate Research Center, where she was used for breeding purposes and was "disease free," according to the university.

But the primate's disappearance is raising grave concerns among the many opponents of a proposed \$150 million biocontainment facility that would be entrusted to study the world's most dangerous diseases.

"A lot of people are anxious about security and the university's ability to operate a lab with such high security needs," said Davis City Councilwoman Sue Greenwald. "This doesn't reassure citizens who have the perception that the proposed facility cannot be failsafe."

On Wednesday, the City Council will vote on a letter, drafted by Mayor Susie Boyd, formally telling UC Davis officials that city government opposes the facility.

The Davis campus is among several institutions in the country that applied this month to the National Institutes of Health for the funds to build the National Center for Biodefense and Emerging Diseases.

The facility would be the only Biosafety Level 4 lab on the West Coast, and it would house such highly infectious and deadly organisms as anthrax, smallpox, the Ebola virus and the plague. Monkeys for the Level 4 lab would be supplied by the California National Primate Research Center -- from which the monkey escaped.

The research center currently supplies monkeys to other UC campuses for Level 2 and 3 research such as cancer, asthma and AIDS, and it is one of eight centers nationwide supported by the NIH to conduct medical research.

Opposition to the proposed Level 4 facility from Davis city government cannot, by itself, stop UC from getting the lab, but NIH has said community input will be a factor in selecting a site.

Boyd says the disappearance of the monkey, which has been on the lam since Feb. 13, played no role in her decision to ask the council to vote against the lab.

The 2-year-old monkey stands 20 inches high and is valued at \$5,000. It was kept in an indoor cage for breeding purposes with a "disease-free" group of animals at the research center, said UC Davis spokeswoman Maril Stratton. More than 4,200 monkeys live in the primate center, Stratton said.

Escape Tries Not Unusual

Every year, several monkeys make a break from their outdoor enclosures but are found within the confines of the center itself, Stratton said. She said indoor escapes have been rare and the last one happened 30 years ago. That monkey was quickly found and tighter security imposed.

The university is investigating the possible theft of the monkey -- officials said she could not have slipped off campus on her own. They have searched for her in vain, scouring sewers, baiting traps.

The university has said that security would be much more stringent at the proposed Level 4 lab and that no monkey would escape from the facility, which would have armed guards. Nonetheless, many community members are capitalizing on the AWOL primate to raise alarm about the project.

"They can't even handle security to keep a monkey in," says Samantha McCarthy, a member of the newly formed Stop UCD BioLab NOW. "They didn't even tell the public about the monkey's disappearance for a week. . . . It's a security breach regardless of how it disappeared.

"It's all so ridiculous -- we have monkeys escaping, we have faculty members and the community up in arms."

UC Davis' proposal has been endorsed by numerous politicians and agencies, including the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and the public health directors of California's 58 counties.

Opposition on the Rise

Earlier this month, the Davis City Council sent a "neutral" letter to the NIH, saying it needed additional information and public outreach before voting on the proposal.

Particularly in Davis, public opposition has been increasingly thunderous. Boyd says letters and phone calls to her are running 50-1 against the project.

"While I personally still support it . . . I have to put aside my personal point of view," she says. "I knew it would be controversial, but I believed the support would be stronger. I have not seen an issue that was so overwhelmingly opposed in my 13 years on the council" ([SF Gate, 2003](#)).

Title: Loose Monkey Teaches Biodefense Lab A Lesson On The Hazards Of Secrecy

Date: February 26, 2003

Source: [Sunshine Project](#)

Abstract: Biodefense accidents can spread of some of the world's most infectious and lethal diseases. As part of the \$6 billion-plus expansion of the US biodefense program, more than three dozen new and upgraded "hot zones" have been proposed across the country. Arms control experts and health and safety watchdog groups are deeply concerned that secrecy at these labs will undermine US compliance with the Biological Weapons Convention, result in accident cover-ups, and obscure risks to surrounding communities. Because of these concerns, in early February, a group of non-profit watchdogs began sending a series of open letters to proposed biodefense labs asking them to commit, in writing, to policies that prohibit all classified research and which ensure transparency of their operations.

A contender to receive federal biodefense funding is the University of California at Davis (UCD), which wishes to build a biosafety level 4 laboratory (BSL4), the most secure type of facility, capable of handling dangerous agents such as Ebola virus. In recent weeks, UCD's proposal has come under intense fire from community activists. UCD only consulted its neighbors in the final days before submitting its BSL4

proposal, when it sought a letter of support from the Davis City Council. Some BSL4 labs, including that proposed by UCD, deliberately infect animals with disease.

Davis citizens were understandably angered when the story broke on Monday that a monkey had escaped from UCD's primate breeding facility, which rears animals for biodefense experiments. University officials had been hiding the story for ten days. It took a whistleblower's leak to the local newspaper before UCD decided to advise the community of the security breach. UCD says the rhesus monkey - which remains at large - is disease-free; but citizens are asking the obvious questions: Why did UCD keep the escape secret? According to Joshua English, a community activist in Davis, *"When we found out that UCD officials suppressed information regarding the escaped monkey, the first thing that I think came to everyone's mind was 'how open will they be when that escaped monkey is infected with ebola?'"*

Not Monkey Business: The rogue two kilogram primate has done far more than thwart her captors. The lost monkey would have been an embarrassment under any circumstances; but UCD's suppression of the news provoked anger that may have delivered a deathblow to UCD's BSL4 ambition, tipping the balance on the Davis City Council against the University. Davis Mayor Susie Boyd says she personally supports UCD; but because of community opposition, has joined opponents on the City Council and disinvited UCD's project from the city. Boyd wrote UCD that she and the City Council *"have concluded the facility will remain an unwelcome project by our residents."* Adding to UCD's woes was a vote, last Friday, in which UCD workers allied in the Professional and Technical Employees Union decided against the BSL4 proposal. The Union represents laboratory workers and animal handlers.

Secrets Elsewhere: UCD's lack of transparency has put its application for federal biodefense dollars in deep jeopardy. While other laboratories have avoided UCD's catastrophic meltdown, some are committing the same errors that have led to UCD's woes. The New York State Department of Health's Wadsworth Center and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, for example, believe that even the fact that they are seeking a new biodefense lab should remain a secret.

At the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in Galveston, officials are quietly retreating from a pledge made in 2001 that their BSL4 facility will not conduct classified work and will be *"wide open and above board"*. That standard, which UTMB used in public meetings and on its website, has been downgraded to apply only to its *"current plans"*. Future work, outside researchers granted access to its labs, and new laboratory spaces are under no such transparency commitment.

There is also biosafety accident history that has not been presented to the public. One of UTMB's lead researchers formerly directed a Yale University lab where faulty equipment and inadequate safety measures resulted in a researcher being infected with Brazilian Hemorrhagic Fever (sabia virus). The infected scientist did not report the accident, in which a liquid containing a high concentration of sabia was aerosolized. The severity of the accident and the infection were not detected by lab management for several days, during which the virus was released outside the containment zone. Sabia is usually spread by rodents and is not believed to be human-to-human transmissible, however, some closely-related arenaviruses (a UTMB specialty) can be spread from person to person. The infected scientist was successfully treated after showing symptoms. The lab director left Yale shortly after the incident.

"UTMB is propping up a transparency façade through carefully crafted statements that don't mean what they sound like. A careful look at UTMB's words betrays a sad slide toward secrecy," says Edward Hammond, Director of the Sunshine Project, a biological weapons watchdog in Austin, TX, *"Most of all, I am concerned about how the behavior of UCD and UTMB will impact biological weapons control. The international system to prevent these weapons relies on transparency, on the ability of an informed public to judge the nature and intent of biodefense experiments. This security seems to be an afterthought for these institutions. They are instead preoccupied with public image and scientific rivalries, threatening control of biological weapons with their petty arrogance."*

The US Department of Energy's proposals to construct and operate biowarfare agent facilities inside its nuclear weapons labs poses an additional, very serious threat to US compliance with the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC). Inside the DOE bio-facilities classified research on bio-agents would be conducted inside classified nuclear weapons development centers - the antithesis of the openness on which the watchdogs insist.

The "No Secrets" Pledge Non-profit biodefense watchdogs are calling on biodefense labs to make a "no secrets" pledge that includes specific transparency elements. So far, they have contacted three proposed BSL4 biodefense laboratories - UCD, UTMB, and (today) Rocky Mountain Labs in Hamilton, MT. Elements of the pledge, to be made in writing, include a commitment to not conduct classified research (or permit it in their facilities) and to operate completely transparent biosafety committees, the groups that review proposed projects. So far, none have responded. In the coming weeks, the watchdogs will contact more of the three dozen institutions across the US who are seeking new or substantially upgraded hot zone facilities. These include Boston University and the University of Illinois at Chicago, which both are seeking BSL4 facilities ([Sunshine Project, 2003](#)).

Title: 4 Monkeys Said To Escape From China Zoo

Date: June 25, 2003

Source: [Red Orbit](#)

Abstract: Four monkeys escaped from a zoo in northeastern China and attacked a woman and her baby before three of the animals were shot to death by police, the official Xinhua News Agency said Wednesday.

The three adult monkeys and one baby escaped Monday from a zoo in Changtu county in Liaoning province, Xinhua said. It did not say what species they were.

The monkeys took refuge in a grove of trees and resisted attempts to recapture them, the report said.

"One of the monkeys pounced on a woman holding a child, biting her arm before leaping back into the tree," Xinhua said. It said police shot the adult monkeys "to prevent further attacks."

The baby monkey escaped and is still at large, Xinhua said ([Red Orbit, 2003](#)).

Title: Monkey That Escaped From Zoo Found

Date: December 27, 2004

Source: [San Diego Union Tribune](#)

Abstract: An endangered monkey that got out of its San Diego Zoo cage Saturday afternoon was found the same day in a tree just off the property and is now safely back home.

Zoo officials said the Francois' langur was found in a eucalyptus tree at nearby Theodore Roosevelt Junior High School on Park Boulevard.

Because eucalyptus leaves could be poisonous to the species, the decision was made to tranquilize the monkey, zoo spokeswoman Yadira Galindo said.

Just how it got loose is being investigated. Galindo said it was seen on the school property about 3 p.m. and was back in keepers' hands by 4 p.m.

A Francois' langur is a curious, easy-going monkey with longish black hair and long white sideburns. Adults are about 22 inches long and weigh between 15 to 20 pounds. They come from northern Vietnam

and southern China and have been listed as endangered since the 1970s ([San Diego Union Tribune, 2004](#)).

Title: Monkey Escapes From S.C. Island Laboratory

Date: May 6, 2005

Source: [Red Orbit](#)

Abstract: An escapee from Morgan Island has been captured in a tree in the backyard of a home on Lady's Island – about 7 miles away from where he was supposed to be.

The 10-year-old, 20-pound male rhesus monkey was first noticed as missing from the island April 30, the same time residents of Coosaw and Lady's islands reported seeing him. Some residents were concerned the animal might carry an infectious disease because Morgan Island houses primates used in government research.

Alpha Genesis officials said they can't explain how the monkey managed to leave the island laboratory and make its way across Parrot Creek.

"I have been here eight years and this is the first (escape) I can remember in the area," said Greg Westergaard, president and chief executive officer of Alpha Genesis. "I'm at a loss at how it got over there. They probably can swim a little bit, but it really is a long way over there."

The monkeys have been on the island since 1979 and are the property of the Food and Drug Administration. They are used in defense and vaccine development studies.

The escaped monkey was caught Tuesday, Westergaard said. "I'm sure he wanted to get back but couldn't figure out how," he said.

But the escapee won't be going back to the 400-acres colony on Morgan Island. Instead, he'll probably be taken to one of two breeding facilities in Yemassee or Early Branch, Westergaard said.

Westergaard said it was unlikely the monkey would have a disease because the research performed on the animals isn't done at the island. The monkeys also go through physical examinations four times a year to make sure they are healthy and carry no diseases, he said.

"This monkey's in great shape," he said.

He said there are no artificial barriers keeping the monkeys on the island other than the water surrounding it, as they tend to be social creatures and stay with other monkeys.

"I don't know what happened to this guy," Westergaard said ([Red Orbit, 2005](#)).

Title: Escaped Monkey Spotted Near Zoo

Date: June 1, 2005

Source: [BBC](#)

Abstract: A monkey which escaped from Belfast Zoo after an "argument" with his dad has been spotted near his enclosure.

The Colobus monkey has been seen lurking in dense woodland about 300 metres from the zoo's perimeter.

The two-foot tall, black and white animal escaped on Sunday night but a man living near the zoo raised the alarm after seeing him in his garden.

Police joined staff in the hunt for the animal. Zoo manager Mark Challis said the sighting was good news.

"He was spotted yesterday afternoon by half a dozen visitors in the zoo," Mr Challis said.

"By the time we got there he had gone, but that's quite encouraging.

"He knows the zoo and we were hoping to see him back around here. He's lurking."

Eating fruit

The zoo said the monkey appeared to have had "a set-to with his dad" before fleeing the enclosure.

Hours after his disappearance on Sunday, he turned up in the back garden of Johnny and Betty Owens, who watched in astonishment as their nieces fed him fruit and vegetables.

Mr Owens said he could not believe what he was seeing.

"I was sitting there last night watching television and just happened to look out the window and saw this beautiful black and white monkey going up and down the gazebo and I couldn't believe my eyes," Mr Owens said.

"I phoned my nieces and they stayed for a couple of hours and fed it."

He said he contacted the police, who notified the zoo.

"They in turn said it had settled down nicely for the night and they'd start their search in the morning."

Earlier this week, Mr Challis said the monkey came from a relatively shy, nervous species.

"They come from the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro, so they are quite a tough species of monkey. The cool air nights shouldn't bother them too much," Mr Challis added.

"We have a very capable and trained escape team in the zoo. We wouldn't want people to approach him too closely, but if they can keep an eye on him and see what he's up to that would be ideal."

A red panda escaped from the zoo in December 2002 ([BBC, 2005](#)).

Title: Monkey Escapes San Diego Zoo Enclosure

Date: June 19, 2005

Source: [News 10](#)

Abstract: Takala, the golden-bellied mangabey, was back in the San Diego Zoo's Monkey Trains and Forest Tales exhibit Sunday after escaping for about an hour.

The young male monkey apparently got out through a hole in some overhead netting and was spotted in a ficus tree about 5:45 p.m. Saturday, The San Diego Union-Tribune reported.

"When we build a natural habitat, animals behave naturally. They sometimes surprise us and do things we don't expect them to do," Christina Simmons of the zoo told the newspaper. Takala eventually climbed

down, and zookeepers found him at one of the doors to the exhibit, Simmons said. When zookeepers opened the door, the monkey went inside.

The exhibit will be closed Sunday so zookeepers can repair the netting ([News 10, 2005](#)).

Title: Gorilla Escapes At Dutch Zoo, Injures 4

Date: May 18, 2007

Source: [Breitbart](#)

Abstract: A 400-pound gorilla escaped from his enclosure and ran amok in a Rotterdam zoo Friday, biting one woman, dragging her around, and causing panic among dozens of visitors before he was finally subdued, officials and a witness said.

The Diergaarde Blijdorp zoo was evacuated and the 11-year-old gorilla, named Bokito, was eventually contained in a restaurant within the park, police spokeswoman Yvette de Rave said.

Four people were injured, including the woman who was bitten, zoo director Ton Dorrestijn said.

Bokito was shot with a sedative dart and recaptured, said zoo spokeswoman Lilian Jonkers, but she couldn't say what his condition was. It was not immediately clear how he managed to climb the high stone walls surrounding his enclosure.

"He got over the moat, which in itself is remarkable, because gorillas can't swim," Dorrestijn said. "He got onto a path for visitors and started running and went at full speed through tables and diners at the Oranje restaurant."

A witness, Robert de Jonge, told NOS radio that he didn't see the gorilla escape but began following it and tried to help after he saw people running and screaming that the animal had grabbed a woman.

"I saw the beast running through the park with a woman behind him, him grabbing her forearm," De Jonge said.

At a distance of around 30 yards, he saw the gorilla lie down near the woman and then heard her scream.

"He bit her, or I think he bit her, because when he stood up his mouth was covered in blood," De Jonge said.

He said he then stopped to tell arriving police what had happened and ran with them as they traced the gorilla to a nearby restaurant terrace.

The zoo was packed with visitors as many Dutch took advantage of a national holiday Thursday to make a long weekend.

"Everyone was in panic, running away, screaming, wailing, screaming kids running around, I don't know what all, kids without parents—it was a total drama," De Jonge said.

Children cowered in their parents' arms as the gorilla loped past.

People tried to hide inside the restaurant and were trying to bar the door, but fled as the gorilla approached, De Jonge said. Bokito then punched through the glass door and ran inside.

"They were all in panic—the animal, too, I mean—and all the people ran outside the restaurant, and zoo personnel were running up and they were able to keep the animal inside by barricading the doors with garden furniture and things," he said.

De Jonge said he later saw the woman "covered in blood," but walking unaided ([Breitbart, 2007](#)).

Title: Monkey Unlocks Pen, Eludes Zoo Staff

Date: July 31, 2007

Source: [Red Orbit](#)

Abstract: The Tupelo Buffalo Park and Zoo asked residents Tuesday to help in the recovery of a white-faced capuchin monkey that apparently managed to unlock his pen and escape. Oliver freed himself at about 8 a.m. and led park staff on a chase through the park's trail system before eventually eluding them.

Park employee Ann Stewart said Oliver will respond to his own name and may take bait of bananas, marshmallow or grapes. She urged people to call the park if they spot the mammal.

"He will bite. People around here have handled him, but he will bite. Just call the Buffalo Park," Stewart said.

Oliver is a nine-year-old capuchin, a species of monkey native to South and Central America.

Stewart believes Oliver could be in the Country Club or Colonial Estates areas, but said the monkey could have traveled much farther given his ability for speed.

"He could outrun the horses," she said in a <http://www.djournal.com> article. "You can't catch him. If he doesn't want to be caught you can't catch him" ([Red Orbit, 2007](#)).

Title: Police Capture Escaped Monkey In Wisconsin, USA

Date: August 9, 2007

Source: [Wiki News](#)

Abstract: Police apprehended a 18 inch tall monkey that is reported to have bitten a 20 year-old woman outside *State Street Brats*, a [Madison, Wisconsin](#) nightclub.

The long-tailed, black and white monkey, which was wearing a diaper, was leashed in a beer garden outside the nightclub on State Street when people began to pet the animal. When the woman approached the monkey around 1:00 a.m. [CDT \(UTC-5\)](#) on Wednesday morning and put her hand out to pet it, it bit her then escaped the garden and led police on a seven hour 'monkey hunt' before it was caught.

The woman was left with four puncture wounds to her thumb. Doctors are said to be testing blood samples from the monkey to check for diseases.

"This guy was in the beer garden at State Street Brats letting women pet his monkey," said a spokesman for the Madison police Department, Joel DeSpain.

Police say the monkey will remain in [quarantine](#) for at least ten days ([Wiki News, 2007](#)).

Title: Will No Cage Hold Him? Monkey Again Escapes Zoo

Date: August 14, 2007

Source: [New York Times](#)

Abstract: For the second time in two weeks, Oliver, a 9-year-old capuchin monkey at a [Mississippi](#) zoo, escaped his cage, and this time, his keepers said he proved to be an even more artful dodger.

"I know he wasn't happy when we caught him the last time," said Kirk Nemechek, manager of the Tupelo Buffalo Park and Zoo.

"We had a sighting this morning," Mr. Nemechek said in a telephone interview on Tuesday. "Usually he will come to you. We tried chips, candy, Froot Loops, anything. He wasn't ready to give up."

On July 31, the white-faced monkey popped a relatively simple lock on his cage and went on the lam for more than six days before he was spotted looting the vegetable garden behind a nearby home, Mr. Nemechek said.

With his monkey safely back behind bars, Mr. Nemechek said, he spent \$300 on new locks for the cage Oliver shares with Baby, another of the park's five capuchins.

The locks were installed last Friday.

On Monday, Oliver got out of his cage, 20 minutes after his handlers said they had cleaned and locked it. He was seen headed toward the lush landscaping of the Tupelo Country Club.

The new locks were on the ground.

It was unclear if Oliver had shown himself to be a capuchin Houdini or if he had a human accomplice, perhaps an animal rights advocate, Mr. Nemechek said, although he emphasized that that was speculation.

Capuchins are used as helper monkeys for disabled people, he said. "They see a lot of things and they can mimic things." Oliver, he said, "might have a piece of wire hidden in his cage or something" that he used to open the lock.

Whatever the explanation, the chase could not end too soon for Mr. Nemechek, who said he would be happy never to spend another day trekking through the woods in triple-digit temperatures.

At 2 p.m. Tuesday, a call to a tip line put Oliver in the backyard of a woman's home about four and a half miles from the zoo.

Mr. Nemechek called for backup.

"Seven or eight police officers and five or six of our staff surrounded him and we nabbed him," Mr. Nemechek said.

By late afternoon, Oliver was back inside his cage, drinking water to cool off.

Mr. Nemechek said he would try titanium locks ([New York Times, 2007](#)).

Title: Monkey Apparently Picks Lock, Escapes

Date: August 14, 2007

Source: [Red Orbit](#)

Abstract: A monkey that freed himself two weeks ago from a Mississippi zoo has escaped again, zoo officials said. Tupelo Buffalo Park and Zoo Manager Kirk Nemecheck and other employees noticed the white-faced capuchin's cage open and lock on the ground around 8:30 a.m. Monday.

Oliver and another capuchin named Baby were found wandering nearby. Workers easily captured Baby, but Oliver fled the park headed in the direction of the Tupelo Country Club, Nemecheck said.

"This is the craziest thing I have ever seen," Nemecheck said. "I have heard of chimps and orangutans that can pick locks. I've also heard a guy who swears his raccoon can pick a lock, but I've never heard of a monkey who can pick a lock."

The 9-year-old capuchin, a species of monkey native to South and Central America, freed himself July 31 and led park staff on a chase through the park's trail system before eventually eluding them. He was apprehended Aug. 6 at Tupelo Stone & Masonry after being spotted by a motorist.

This marks the third time Oliver has escaped from the zoo. About six-years ago the monkey escaped and ran amok on the grounds of Tupelo Country Club before being captured and returned to the zoo.

On Friday, Nemecheck said he bought \$300 worth of new locks for the monkey cage. The cage did not appear to have been tampered with, he said ([Red Orbit, 2007](#)).

Title: Escaped Monkey Shot Dead In Edinburgh Zoo Rabies Alert

Date: February 9, 2008

Source: [Daily Record](#)

Abstract: A MONKEY has been shot dead after escaping from a rabies quarantine cage at Edinburgh Zoo.

Panic-stricken visitors fled as the animal went on the run for two hours

The tailless Barbary macaque was tracked down several times but repeatedly dodged tranquilliser darts.

Keepers finally decided to shoot the animal, fearing it would get lost in the 82 acres of parkland as darkness fell .

The escape happened on Tuesday at the zoo, which is home to more than 1000 animals.

Last night, Iain Valentine, the zoo's head of animals and conservation, said: "The animal was in rabies quarantine at the time and we therefore had to act quickly to ensure public safety.

"Visitors were escorted from the premises or taken to a secure location.

"We made several attempts to dart the animal but unfortunately we had to take the decision to shoot it as we were losing light.

"Having to shoot one of the animals in our care is a regrettable situation but the welfare of the public has to be our primary concern.

"We informed the environment and rural affairs department and Lothian and Borders police.

"Both organisations were content that the situation was handled correctly."

The zoo were last placed on escape alert in March 2006 when a teenage gang destroyed the door locks on the tiger enclosure.

Thankfully, the Siberian tigers didn't try to escape ([Daily Record, 2008](#)).

Title: State Investigating Tampa Busch Ape's Brief Escape

Date: May 19, 2008

Source: [Red Orbit](#)

Abstract: State wildlife investigators were to be at Busch Gardens today to find out how an orangutan busted out of the new Jungala exhibit Saturday.

The primate was captured almost immediately, and no spectators were injured.

The female Bornean orangutan scaled the exhibit's 12-foot barrier. All the spectators were evacuated immediately, park officials said.

The 10-year-old, 85-pound ape remained calm throughout the incident, officials said, and keepers lured the animal to its night quarters with treats.

It was the second simian escape in the Tampa Bay area in a month. The first was at Polk County's fledgling Safari Wild preserve in April. That's when 15 patas monkeys swam a moat and scaled a wall to gain their freedom.

Thirteen of those monkeys remain in the wilds of northern Polk County.

A female patas and her offspring were trapped within a few days of their escape. Zoologists are feeding the remaining absconders, hoping to get them to relax and let their guard down so they can be trapped as a group.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission investigators were expected to be at the park today to find out what happened, agency spokesman Gary Morse said this morning.

Park officials say it was not a case of human error.

Jungala, a 4-acre attraction set in the Congo area of the park, opened in April and features an up-close experience with exotic animals. There also are rides and live entertainment.

Park officials called the exhibit the "most ambitious park enhancement project to date" ([Red Orbit, 2008](#)).

Title: [Escaped] Monkey Sends Motorists Bananas By Causing tailback On N11

Date: August 8, 2008

Source: [Independent](#)

Abstract: SOME said it was a gorilla in their midst. They were obviously towards the back of the traffic tailback.

Those with a better view -- and less prone to exaggeration -- could see that a much smaller primate was the cause of the disruption on the N11 in Wicklow yesterday morning.

And while those towards the back of the two-mile delay were undoubtedly going bananas, those towards the front were handing them out.

"She got out this morning, I don't know what time," owner Ed Drew said yesterday afternoon.

"But I got a call to say 'one of your monkeys is on the road'. We went down with the quad and a net and caught her straight away

"She was tired and completely disorientated. Someone had pulled up in a Jeep and given her a banana so she was eating that."

The 'she' in question is a three-year-old capuchin monkey called Gina. She escaped from Copsewood Aviaries in Kilmacanogue sometime yesterday morning, sparking lengthy tailbacks. But AA Roadwatch suspected monkey business of a different kind when reports of the cause of the traffic jam first started coming in at 8.15am.

"We got a call from a female motorist and initially we thought it might be a hoax. We found it very odd, but we have to look at all things that come in," a spokeswoman said.

"By 8.35am we found out there was a place nearby that keeps monkeys, so we thought it could be true," she added.

"By 8.45am the gardai in Bray confirmed there was a monkey on the road but he was caught, caged and cleared by 9am."

Mr Drew (46) has a wide variety of animals and birds at the business he has been running for 15 years, including, chipmunks, rabbits and peacocks. While some are for sale, his nine monkeys are kept as pets.

Yesterday, Gina decided to sample life on the outside. Fittingly, she ended up alongside an 'On the Run' service station.

"There have been no escapes like this before. I've had few birds escaping, but nothing as exotic as that," Mr Drew said.

By yesterday afternoon -- and after a protein lunch and a sugar drink -- the cheeky monkey was doing well.

"She's a bit stressed out from being out of her own environment, but she's actually quite tame," Mr Drew said.

"She's back in now with her buddy -- she lives with her brother -- and she's fine now" ([Independent, 2008](#)).

Title: Monkey Jungle Closed By Herpes

Date: March 27, 2009

Source: [BBC](#)

Abstract: The drive-through monkey jungle at Longleat in Wiltshire has closed after a monkey was found to have Simian B herpes, which can be fatal to humans.

Only one creature in the group, a female, was found to have the virus during routine tests of the rhesus monkey colony at the safari park.

The jungle will remain closed while the park finds out how it tested positive when all the others are negative.

The monkeys are regularly tested by the Health Protection Agency.

'Every Precaution'

Keith Harris, head warden at Longleat, said: "We are well aware that Simian B herpes is dangerous for humans.

"We are being governed by the Health and Safety Executive and are taking every precaution to make sure that no-one is put in any danger.

"We expect the Monkey Jungle to be closed for the next few weeks while we and the Health Protection Agency investigate how this has happened."

The Simian B virus is part of the herpes family and is not thought to be a serious infection for monkeys - but it can be fatal if transmitted to humans.

Nigel Scott, of the Herpes Viruses Association, said: "This virus is fatal for humans and should not be confused with the everyday herpes simplex virus which commonly causes cold sores."

The monkeys were last routinely tested in October and were all found to be negative. Monkey Jungle has not been open to the public since then as it was closed for the winter.

The infected monkey is currently in quarantine ([BBC, 2009](#)).

Title: Last Escaped Monkey Captured In Oregon

Date: April 6, 2009

Source: [Komo News](#)

Abstract: The Oregon Health & Science University says the last of the nine monkeys that escaped from the Oregon National Primate Research Center in Hillsboro has been captured.

Hillsboro police assisted OHSU animal caretakers in locating the animal Sunday afternoon.

The nine escaped Friday when a caretaker failed to lock a cage door during routine cleaning. Four were captured immediately.

The animals are part of the primate center's breeding colony and not involved in health research.

Research center director Nancy Haigwood said the center will take measures to improve security so that it will be harder for an animal to leave the property if it gets out of its enclosure ([Komo News, 2009](#)).

Title: Infected Monkeys Escapes Bio Lab... "Several Times!!?"

Date: April 6, 2009

Source: [KGW](#)

Abstract: Several infected monkeys escaped a Bio lab in Beaverton, Oregon. This was not the first nor second time it has happened.

These monkeys are carrying the Herpes B virus.

To the people in the Primate Research Facility...NO BIG DEAL!!! Round them up AGAIN, Put them back in their cages...until the next time it seems.

But this really shows how incompetent the standards are for human safety in this place and that it easily sets the precedent for allowing something FAR WORSE to get into the general population.

The Director of the facility is reviewing it's policy. How nice!! ANYTHING ELSE??

Meanwhile, what does it take for another monkey escaping with something potentially deadly?
([KGW, 2009](#)).

Title: Monkeys Make A Break From Scottish Zoo

Date: June 6, 2009

Source: [Red Orbit](#)

Abstract: The Edinburgh Zoo in Scotland said it closed part of its park after a troop of monkeys made a break for freedom during a transfer from one habitat to another.

Zoo officials told The Scotsman the Barbary macaques didn't pose a threat, but as a precaution, they evacuated the 110-acre zoo.

It took several hours for zoo employees, using bananas and nets, to round them all up. Onlookers said the monkeys approached the bananas, but often grabbed the fruit and took off again.

The zoo was opened for the weekend.

Zoo officials said the monkeys are social animals and remain in a group for the most part. None left the zoo grounds, The Scotsman reported.

It was the second monkey escape this year. One got out of a rabies quarantine area in February ([Red Orbit, 2009](#)).

Title: No Monkeying Around: Chimpanzees Escape British Zoo

Date: July 5, 2009

Source: [Digital Journal](#)

Abstract: The Chester Zoo in Cheshire, Britain, has been evacuated and closed after the escape of an unidentified number of chimpanzees.

According to the [Chester Standard](#), a spokesperson for the Zoo maintained that none of the chimpanzees have escaped into the public and thus remain on zoo grounds.

Officials closed the zoo as a precaution and are currently trying to recapture the animals.

Workers trying to retain the animals will have a lot of ground to cover. The zoo covers 110 acres.

The [BBC](#) reports that the chimpanzees escaped after they "found their way into a nearby keepers' area, where their food is usually prepared."

While chimpanzees and monkey are both primates, they are very different animals. Chimpanzees share some 98% of human genes and are the closest relative to humans in the animal kingdom. They are also regarded as highly intelligent and mobile ([Digital Journal, 2009](#)).

Title: Escaped Monkey Still On The Loose

Date: August 12, 2009

Source: [3 News](#)

Abstract: Keepers at Christchurch's Willowbank Wildlife Reserve are again on the hunt for Minty the capuchin monkey.

Almost a year to the day after her last escape, Minty managed to beat the park's security system - including a moat and an electric fence.

"We believe she's fallen in the moat accidentally," says head keeper Jeremy Maguire. "They don't like the water, so we think she's fallen in, swum across the moat and got to the electric fence. She must have climbed up that and probably got a shock unfortunately as well. We heard reports from the neighbours that they've seen her in the garden and we've gone down and seen her ourselves."

It has been five days since her escape, but Minty's keepers hope to entice her down with fruit and nuts and a familiar face, rather than nets or traps.

"They recognise the uniform, but they get more familiar with keepers who work with them regularly," Mr Maguire says.

Minty has been spotted several times in trees a short distance from Willowbank. Yesterday she came down low enough to be almost within the reach of one of the keepers.

Minty escaped last year while being moved to a new enclosure and was captured after three days. Staff say this second breakout is just a coincidence.

Users of a neighbouring dog park are keeping an eye out for her, but Minty's keepers say they're fearful the longer she's out the greater the chance she'll become cold, hungry or sick ([3 News, 2009](#)).

Title: Escaped Monkey Moves In To House

Date: August 27, 2009

Source: [The Sun](#)

Abstract: Gemma Peck, 18, was having her breakfast when boyfriend Colin Hinder spotted something move on top of the curtain rail.

He thought it was a pigeon — then looked closer and found it was a tiny marmoset.

The monkey — named Kite — had escaped with pal Ponty from Woburn Safari Park, Bucks, two miles away.

It is believed that the intrepid pair scaled the 8ft park wall, crossed a busy A road and scampered across a field and down a steep hill into Aspley Guise.

Kite snuck into the home by climbing a drainpipe and sneaking through an open window.

Colin, 21, said: "Even though I could see it was a monkey my brain just would not process it.

"It just sat there looking at us and blinking. The only time it moved was to get more comfortable."

Gemma's mum Jean called the safari park and they returned Kite to his proper home.

But Ponty is still on the loose.

Jean, 56, said: "It was a tiny little thing. I was tempted to keep it" ([The Sun, 2009](#)).

Title: Escaped Monkey Is Still At Large.

Date: August 28, 2009

Source: [Free Library](#)

Abstract: A [MARMOSET](#) monkey is still missing after her twin brother was found hanging on to a curtain rail watching television having escaped from a safari park.

[Woburn Safari Park](#) in Bedfordshire said it was still looking for two-yearold Ponty after her brother Kite was found at a house in the nearby village of Aspley Guise.

Gemma Peck was watching television and eating her breakfast when her boyfriend Colin Hinder noticed Kite perched on a curtain rail in their living room ([Free Library, 2009](#)).

Title: Lahore Zoo Recaptures Escaped Monkey

Date: October 6, 2009

Source: [Daily Times](#)

Abstract: Lahore Zoo authorities recaptured a monkey, which escaped from the zoo, after a struggle of four hours, a private TV channel reported on Monday. According to the channel, one of the workers at the Lahore Zoo opened the monkey's cage to clean it, but the monkey escaped due to the worker's negligence. The zoo authorities captured the monkey with the help of Rescue 1122 workers ([Daily Times, 2009](#)).

Title: Puerto Ricans Are Tired Of Escaped, Belligerent Research Monkeys

Date: November 30, 2009

Source: [Discovery](#)

Abstract: Fool me with monkeys once, shame on you. Fool me twice... well, Puerto Ricans [won't get fooled again](#).

Some people on the island commonwealth are up in arms over the proposal by a company called Bioculture Ltd. to make Puerto Rico a major supplier of [primates](#) to researchers in the United States. Beyond the ethical issues connected to animal testing, [the AP reports](#), Puerto Ricans have "a bad history with research monkeys":

The U.S. territory has long struggled to control hundreds of patas monkeys, descendants of primates that escaped in recent decades from research projects and now thrive in the lush tropical environment.

No labs want the [patas monkeys](#) because they're no longer right for research, and many are diseased. There isn't much demand from zoos, either. So rangers from the island's Department of Natural Resources trap and kill them.

Bioculture counters that its proposed facility in the mountainous region of Guayama would bring 50 jobs and other economic benefits, like buying fruit from local farms to feed the African monkeys, to a place currently reeling from 16 percent unemployment. Bioculture executive Moses Mark Bushmitz tried to reassure people from the Guyama neighborhood of Carmen, which is near the proposed facility, that their homes would be no more run over with research primates than homes in Cambridge, Mass.:

"You have monkeys in MIT, you have monkeys in Harvard," Bushmitz said. "So why isn't it an issue if the monkey will escape in Harvard, but it is an issue if a monkey will escape in Carmen?"

To be fair, though, there isn't a history of monkeys that "run through backyards, stop traffic and destroy crops" in Harvard Yard ([Discovery, 2009](#)).

Title: Escaped Monkey On The Loose Again In The Tampa Bay Area

Date: March 4, 2010

Source: [TampaBay.com](#)

Title: Elusive Florida Monkey Evades Captors For A Year, Is Immune To Tranquilizers

Date: March 4, 2010

Source: [Huffington Post](#)

Abstract: A monkey that has eluded capture in the Tampa Bay area for more than a year has again escaped from Florida wildlife officials. Authorities were called to a neighborhood in St. Petersburg on Wednesday when the rhesus macaque monkey was spotted. It was twice hit with tranquilizer darts, but still got away by ducking behind a drug store and a church.

Wildlife rehabilitator Vernon Yates says the tranquilizers don't appear to affect the animal, though officials have increased the dosage each time they've used the drug on the monkey.

Yates says the monkey is smart, even stopping to check traffic before crossing a busy street.

Officials didn't say how the monkey got loose. They say it isn't considered a threat to humans ([Huffington Post, 2010](#)).

Title: Police Warning After Monkey Escapes From Cumbrian Zoo

Date: April 8, 2010

Source: [BBC](#)

Abstract: A search is under way after a South American monkey escaped from a wild animal park in Cumbria.

The small beige Capuchin went missing from his enclosure at the South Lakes Wild Animal Park in Dalton.

Staff from the centre, which is home to dozens of exotic animals, called in police to help in the search operation.

Capuchins are native to the Amazon basin, about 20ins (51cm) high and recognisable by a distinctive black or dark brown head with dark sideburns.

Distracting drivers

Karen Brewer from the zoo said it was unclear how the monkey had got out of its enclosure.

She added: "It's only a small monkey so it is not going to hurt anybody or anything like that.

"It will be really scared and just wanting to get back home.

"So we would appeal to anyone who comes across it to contact us or the police."

A Cumbria Police spokesman said: "If it is seen crossing the road it will obviously distract drivers and could cause crashes.

"Staff from the wildlife park are currently searching the area for the monkey and would like to stress that although it is not thought to be a danger to the public, it should not be approached."

Capuchin monkeys are tree-dwelling and known to use tools such as stones to crack open nuts, shellfish and crabs.

Their ability to be easily trained gave rise to their early exploitation as organ grinder monkeys.

They were named by explorers after their resemblance to an order of Catholic friars, the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin ([BBC, 2010](#)).

Title: Escaped Monkey Still On The Loose

Date: April 10, 2010

Source: [North West Evening Mail](#)

Abstract: Zoo keepers are urging members of the public to contact them with sightings of an escaped animal.

A capuchin monkey was reported missing on Thursday morning when keepers at South Lakes Wild Animal Park noticed one was missing from the enclosure.

Police and the zoo have confirmed the monkey is still on the loose.

The last reported sighting of the wild animal was in the woods near the Park Road roundabout in Barrow.

A zoo spokeswoman said the monkey was still missing yesterday afternoon.

She also urged the public to report any sightings to the zoo as soon as they see the animal ([North West Evening Mail, 2010](#)).

Title: Escaped Monkey Roaming The Hills Of Northern San Antonio

Date: September 13, 2010

Source: [WOAI News](#)

Abstract: Some people in North Bexar County are still feeling the effects of Tropical Storm Hermine's damage. Unfortunately, for workers at Primarily Primates Sanctuary, it has turned into a serious search for a missing monkey.

"This is unexpected," said Stephen Tello, executive director of Primarily Primates. "We don't want things

like this to happen."

Tello says a spider monkey named W.C. Fields is among three that escaped the non-profit sanctuary after strong winds caused a tree to fall damaging their cage last Tuesday. The staff quickly captured two of the monkeys, but the leader of the pack is still missing.

"You can tell he's lost," said Tello. "You can tell he's scared, doing a lot of vocalizations. So, we really have a scared, hungry primate."

The missing monkey is described as dark brown, with tan-coloring on his face and stomach. Neighbors have already reported seeing the monkey traveling very close to some homes, even in garages.

Tello says W.C. Fields was last seen swinging around Scenic Loop near Helotes. He says neighbors should use caution if they spot the monkey.

"Don't go outside. Don't try to pet him. Don't try to befriend him, and don't feed him at this point."

Anyone who spots the missing spider monkey is asked to immediately call Primarily Primates at (830) 755-4616 ([WOAI News, 2010](#)).

Title: One Monkey Dead, Another At Large From Alma Park Zoo

Date: October 10, 2010

Source: [Brisbane Times](#)

Abstract: Keepers at Brisbane's Alma Park Zoo are still searching for a missing, highly-endangered female Tamarin monkey after her partner was found dead yesterday in a nearby housing estate.

The pair of Cotton-top Tamarin monkeys, named Tonto and Conchetta, were taken from their zoo enclosure on Saturday night.

The eight-year-old male monkey, Tonto, was found dead yesterday afternoon by residents in nearby Surround Street, Dakabin.

"We don't know whether the people who broke in actually captured the female or whether they both managed to escape," Alma Park Zoo manager Garry Connell said.

He said Conchetta, who is pregnant with twins, was unlikely to survive another 24 hours in the wild, if she had managed to escape.

"She hasn't got much going for her in these wet and cold conditions," he said.

Mr Connell said he hoped the small tropical monkey had found shelter high in a tree within the zoo grounds.

Keepers kept her enclosure open overnight in the hope she would be enticed back by the warm lights and food.

Mr Connell said zoo employees were devastated at the news.

"I even have cafe staff, who do not have anything to do with the animals, that have gone home in tears," he said.

"It's quite emotional."

Mr Connell said there was no indication what had motivated the thieves.

"Whether someone thought they would be a cute pet ... or they were interested in them for some other reason, we do not know," he said.

Mr Connell appealed for anyone with information about the Tamarins' disappearance to contact the zoo or police.

It is not known if more than one person was involved in the theft.

Police Inspector Ross Martin said it appeared whoever stole the monkeys had climbed a fence to get into the zoo and then cut a padlock to the monkey's enclosure ([Brisbane Times, 2010](#)).

Title: Escaped Monkey Attacks Oneida Castle Woman

Date: November 11, 2010

Source: [Oneida Dispatch](#)

Abstract: An Oneida Castle woman became the victim of an attack from the unlikelyst of creatures in Central New York while playing with her son on Sunday.

Nick Fedchenko, of Prospect Street in Oneida Castle, said his wife Amy was playing with their two-year-old son on the newly installed tire swing in the backyard when they were attacked by an escaped capuchin monkey.

"Out of nowhere a monkey ran up and was going after our son," he said. "She intervened and the monkey attacked. It jumped on her several times and she threw it off. It bit her twice and penetrated, causing puncture wounds to her middle finger."

He described a long retreat to the house for his family.

"She had to keep the monkey at bay from the swing all the way to the house until she could get me," he said. "The monkey was coming at her the whole time. When she got to me, the monkey was at our side garage door trying to get in after them still. I was standing in my garage shocked to see that there was a monkey wrenching at the door."

He put on leather gloves and a jacket before proceeding outside as his wife called 911.

"I went out and kept the monkey on the porch," he said. "The monkey came after me a few times, but eventually we got it settled down when a banana came out. The authorities came here and did a great job."

State Police Captain Francis Coots described the scene upon arrival.

"A trooper arrives and sees the monkey on top of the house," said Coots. "The owner of the monkey, Robert Jones, who lives just around the corner, comes over and gets a hold of the monkey. It apparently had escaped from his residence unbeknownst to him."

Coots said Jones produced proof of the monkey's rabies vaccination and his license from the Department of Environmental Conservation to own an exotic pet. Amy was taken to the hospital and the monkey was tested for rabies.

Fedchenko said the results of the test had not been made available to him on Thursday.

The eight-year-old monkey, Jada, was scheduled to be euthanized on Wednesday and not held for observation while the rabies test is run in accordance with state law, but The Dispatch could not confirm if

it had taken place.

The Oneida County Health Department could not be reached for comment Thursday.

Fedchenko said the real hero of the day was his wife.

"She did a very good job protecting our son," he said.

He said the day's events were unreal in a way.

"It was a bizarre Sunday," he said.

Robert Jones could not be reached for comment Thursday ([Oneida Dispatch, 2010](#)).

Title: Monkeys Take Up Residence Near Airport

Date: December 17, 2010

Source: [UPI](#)

Abstract: Floridians near the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport said a family of non-native monkeys has moved into the area with their adopted raccoon.

Dave Winquist, who works near the airport, said the vervet monkeys have been swinging in the Broward County trees for decades but recently became more visible when they migrated north toward the airport, WPLG-TV, Miami, reported Thursday.

"This is the first time I've been around when there's been a whole family just breeding and eating," Winquist said.

Local lore holds the original vervet monkeys, which are native to Africa, were set free by a roadside attraction near Dania Beach in the 1950s, but no evidence exists to confirm the story.

Winquist said as many as 15 of the monkeys have been spotted in the area along with a raccoon that appears to have been adopted as a member of the family ([UPI, 2010](#)).

Title: Report: Escaped Monkey Swinging Near Gainesville?

Date: January 14, 2011

Source: [Orlando Sentinel](#)

Abstract: Ocala.com reports residents south of Gainesville have seen a Patas monkey on the loose and some think it's the same monkey that escaped from a Marion County home in 2009.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officials said they received reports of the monkey sighting near Williston between County Road 318 and 217th Court. Officials thought the cold weather had killed the escaped monkey, but they think it could be another monkey ([Orlando Sentinel, 2011](#)).

Title: Monkey, Lucky, Bites 118 People Then Escapes

Date: January 24, 2011

Source: [Chimpamzee Info](#)

Abstract: A Japanese monkey that was captured in Shizuoka Prefecture after biting over 100 people has escaped from a park, sparking a warning from local authorities. The monkey, named Lucky, escaped from Rakujuen Garden in Mishima on Monday morning. The macaque was spotted near JR Mishima Station, and some 20 city workers launched a search, but were unsuccessful. The Mishima Municipal Government

has warned residents to lock their doors, saying there is a possibility the monkey could bite more people.

In a news conference on Monday, city officials said Lucky escaped when a worker cleaning her cage opened an inner door without locking the outer one. At first she remained beside the cage for a while, but workers failed to catch her.

"It was a human error," Rakujuen head Shizuo Sugiyama said in an apology.

Lucky bit 118 people in five cities and one town before city workers captured her on Oct. 10 last year in a resident's home. After naming the monkey Lucky, city workers put her on display at the garden. Souvenirs associated with the monkey were sold and the garden saw an increase in visitors, but Lucky had been losing hair, apparently due to stress ([Chimpanzee Info, 2011](#)).

Title: Escaped Monkey Recaptured At Kansas City Zoo

Date: June 1, 2011

Source: [KSDK News](#)

Abstract: The Kansas City Zoo will be back open after a daring escape by one of the animals.

Floyd, the red-capped mangabey, got out after a zookeeper forgot to close the padlock on his enclosure on Tuesday.

Witnesses say other monkeys were making a lot of noise and visitors to the zoo were asked to stay inside.

Floyd was monkeying around for a good half-hour before he was caught ([KSDK News, 2011](#)).

Title: Escaped Monkey Attacks 2 Kids In Fremont

Date: June 9, 2011

Source: [North West Ohio](#)

Abstract: A small monkey attacked two children and ran wild for hours Thursday in Fremont, police said.

The two girls were around nine years old and suffered scratches, according to Fremont Police Chief Tim Wiersma. Wiersma said the girls should be okay.

The grivet monkey, which is about the size of a raccoon, figured out a way to unlatch his leash and run away from his owner on Hickory Street, Wiersma said. Police fired two rounds at the pet monkey during a nearly three-hour pursuit that ended with the owner capturing it around 6 p.m.

The owner was cited with allowing an animal to run at large, which Wiersma said is a minor misdemeanor with a fine of up to \$150. The animal spent Thursday night with its owner, who did not come to the door when WNWO's [Michael Henrich](#) and [Michael Melchiorre](#) knocked.

Wiersma also said this owner has been cited for the same offense one time before, when the monkey escaped and scratched a different neighbor, but the department's hands are tied. The police chief said he would like to see some sort of exotic animals law put in place to avoid these types of incidents ([North West Ohio, 2011](#)).

Title: Monkey Missing From Yerkes National Primate Research Center

Date: June 23, 2011

Source: CBS

Abstract: CBS Atlanta was first to report on Wednesday that there is a monkey missing from the Yerkes Primate Research Center. That's on Taylor Lane in Lawrenceville.

On Thursday PETA called for the U.S. Department of Agriculture to investigate.

The center is set back in the woods, away from a main road, but it's in the midst of neighborhoods.

"Couple hundred yards, real close. Those houses across the street, its right behind those homes," said neighbor Nelson Downing.

The missing monkey is a 2-year-old female. She is about 5.5 pounds. According to the center, most rhesus monkeys are born with the monkey forms of HIV and the herpes B virus, which can be deadly. This monkey was specially bred so she does not have any diseases. Still, Downing is concerned.

"We weren't notified about it. This is serious. We have animals, small dogs," said Nelson.

When reporter Jennifer Mayerle asked a spokesperson from the center since this has happened once, could it happen again?

Their answer, "anything's possible."

"That's a heck of an attitude. It should be a zero defect attitude when it comes to something like that and wild animals," said Nelson.

Cunelippe Russell plans to keep her kids inside until the monkey is caught. She has her own tough questions for the center.

"If one can get loose what about the other ones? And what kind of diseases do they have?" said Russell.

Not everyone is worried. The road into the center is in Menninette Kline's backyard. She said the center has been a good neighbor for 20 years.

"I'm not concerned because the poor little monkey would be so afraid of us that I don't think it would dare approach us. We'll just keep a look out for it," said Kline.

A spokesperson for the center said they are looking at the integrity of the compound. They sent emails to neighborhood associations Wednesday and letters to the neighborhood. Those should arrive Friday.

According to the center, there are 1,899 rhesus monkeys at the center.

1,233 are non-infectious. 536 are infected, and 130 are currently being tested.

Here is the letter for neighbors:

June 22, 2011

Dear Yerkes Field Station Neighbor,

I am writing to let you know that during a routine, annual veterinary exam June 15 of all animals within one of the compounds at the Yerkes National Primate Research Center Field Station, personnel determined a 2-year-old, female rhesus monkey was not in its compound. This animal is one of many specially bred rhesus macaques at Yerkes that does not have the herpes B virus, something common to the species. This animal was in the process of being assigned to a behavioral research study, which is the focus of the research at the Yerkes Field Station. The animal was not part of a scientific study in which it would have been infected with any disease.

Yerkes Animal Care, Colony Management, Facility Management and Veterinary personnel immediately began a search for the monkey that covered the animal's housing compound and surrounding areas, the clinical facility where staff performs the exams and a compound in which the monkey was previously housed, as well as the nearby areas. Yerkes personnel are continuing to search for the monkey.

Members of my staff and I have taken steps to notify the appropriate authorities, including Emory's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, the National Center for Research Resources, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Gwinnett County Police.

Daily operations and research to advance science and improve health are ongoing at the Yerkes Research Center. If you see a monkey, please do not approach it. Call the Yerkes Research Center at 404-727-7732. We will work with Gwinnett County's animal control authorities to respond appropriately.

We appreciate your support of our research center and will keep you informed. Please don't hesitate to call us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Stuart Zola, Ph.D.

Director

Here is PETA's press release:

MONKEY ESCAPE FROM LAB PROMPTS PETA COMPLAINT WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Group Says Escape May Indicate New Violations of Federal Law at Yerkes National Primate Center

Atlanta — Following reports that a rhesus macaque monkey escaped from Emory University's Yerkes National Primate Research Center on June 15—and has yet to be recaptured—PETA is calling on the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to investigate the laboratory for possible violations of the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA). In a formal complaint filed this morning, PETA asserts that the escape indicates that the federally funded facility may have violated several provisions of the AWA, including failure to ensure that personnel are qualified to perform their duties, failure to adequately supervise employees, and failure to ensure that primary enclosures securely contain nonhuman primates.

"These intelligent, sensitive animals don't deserve the loneliness and trauma of life in a laboratory," says PETA Vice President of Laboratory Investigations Kathy Guillermo. "At the very least, Yerkes should adhere to the minimal standards put forth by the only federal law that provides any protection, the Animal Welfare Act."

Yerkes has previously been cited for violating several provisions of the AWA. Last May, USDA inspectors cited Yerkes for a violation of the AWA in response to an incident in which a cage housing three primates

was mistakenly placed in a cage washer. Yerkes was charged with three additional violations in the same month. And in 2007, Yerkes was assessed a \$15,000 penalty for even more violations.

Yerkes has drawn international criticism from leading primatologists, including Jane Goodall, for using more than 4,000 monkeys and apes in invasive and deadly experiments. Monkeys at Yerkes are torn away from their mothers, isolated in small cages, and subjected to experiments in which they are infected with deadly diseases, immobilized in restraint devices, and forcibly addicted to drugs. Yerkes is also one of the very few facilities in the world that still uses humans' evolutionary cousins—chimpanzees—in harmful experiments ([CBS, 2011](#)).

Title: Escaped Monkey May Not Have Gone Far

Date: June 28, 2011

Source: [UPI](#)

Abstract: Officials at a Georgia primate research facility said a monkey missing since June 15 may be hiding somewhere in the facility or on the grounds.

Lisa Newbern, spokeswoman at the Emory University's Yerkes National Primate Research Center Field Station in Lawrenceville, said the female rhesus monkey has not been seen by staff since escaping June 15, but there is a strong possibility she is still somewhere nearby, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported Tuesday.

"Given that she is a social animal and she'd want to be with her family, our focus has now been that she would still be inside the facility," Newbern said.

The 117-acres of land housing the facility neighbors suburban homes and schools including Walnut Grove Elementary School and Collins Hill High School ([UPI, 2011](#)).

Title: Escaped Baboon, Spotted In Jackson And Freehold, Remains Missing

Date: July 1, 2011

Source: [NJ.com](#)

Abstract: Stacey Murphy was in her kitchen Friday morning when she glanced through the glass back door and caught a glimpse of two brown furry legs on the welcome mat.

She assumed it was her neighbor's dog — until she spotted the animal's bulbous red butt.

"I saw the infamous red hiney and I yelled, 'Oh my God, there's a baboon on the patio!' " said Murphy, 42, of Buttonwood Drive in Jackson Township.

Over the next few hours, more than a dozen residents of the leafy Ocean County neighborhood reported seeing a baboon bounding down streets, lounging in trees near Route 195 and ambling around an exclusive private golf course.

As of Friday night, the elusive baboon remained on the lam in neighboring Freehold, in Monmouth County. The search is due to resume Saturday morning.

Animal experts from Six Flags Great Adventure — who assume the primate is an escapee from the Monkey Jungle exhibit in their Wild Safari park — came close to capturing the baboon around 3:45 p.m. in Jackson.

A member of the search team shot a tranquilizer dart at the two- or three-foot animal near Metedeconk National Golf Club, Great Adventure officials said. But the dart missed.

"The animal took off into the woods," Jackson Police Sgt. Edward Bennett said. "I saw it. It's quick, very fast."

The baboon, which appears to be a 2-year-old male, should instinctively want to return to familiar surroundings and other baboons, according to animal experts. However, the adolescent appeared to be moving further and further away from Great Adventure. It traveled more than 10 miles Friday.

"I imagine it's trying to get back. But it's going the wrong way," Bennett said.

Great Adventure, the sprawling amusement park with a 350-acre drive-thru safari, first reported a possible baboon escape to state officials Thursday after two residents reported seeing a primate on neighboring streets.

However, Great Adventure could not say for sure if animal was one of their approximately 1,200 exotic animals. About 150 baboons roam free and breed inside a chain link fence in the wildlife safari. The state does not require the park to keep an exact count of how many primates it has on a given day.

All of the baboons are vaccinated and have a microchip embedded beneath their skin, said Kristin Siebeneicher, a Great Adventure spokeswoman. If the runaway baboon is found, the presence of a microchip will confirm it belongs to Great Adventure.

"This young male is probably very scared and looking for a way to get back to where he came from," Siebeneicher said.

The alleged breakout inspired several Facebook pages and a Twitter page (@JerseyBaboon) with hundreds of followers where the baboon comically chronicled dodging police to head to the Jersey Shore to party with Snooki for the holiday weekend.

"I mean Six Flags is cool and all. But I'm ready for a vacation. Let's do this," read one of JerseyBaboon's Twitter posts.

Lynn Martin, 24, of Jackson, was in her backyard with her twin 2-year-old daughters and 3-year-old son when she spotted the baboon about 30 feet away. She whisked her children inside, then ran out with her camera. But the animal disappeared.

Martin was upset Great Adventure had not warned residents of her street, Winterberry Boulevard, and the neighborhood bordering the wildlife park of a possible escaped animal.

"They need to let everyone know, give us a warning so we can keep our kids safe," Martin said.

Great Adventure officials said their animals are kept behind two or three levels of fencing, including some electrified fences. The park's only animal escape was about 10 years ago when an African antelope slipped out when someone deliberately cut a fence, a park spokeswoman said.

Inspectors from the state Department of Environmental Protection visit Great Adventure several times a year to inspect the enclosures, department spokesman Lawrence Ragonese said.

"We really haven't had any problems with them," Ragonese said. "They've been really good neighbors."

For many in Jackson, the baboon incident was reminiscent of a 1999 escape of a Bengal tiger that made national headlines. The 431-pound cat was shot and killed after it was spotted on residential streets.

The tiger was traced to the Tigers Only Preservation Society, a Jackson preserve owned by "Tiger Lady" Joan Byron-Marasek. Tigers Only eventually lost its state permit and its tigers were moved to a Texas facility.

Longtime Jackson resident George Paramithis shrugged when asked about the chance of two wild animals wandering around town.

"You live here 15 years, it's the law of averages this will happen once or twice," said Paramithis, 50 ([NJ.com, 2011](#)).

Title: Gip The Escaped Monkey Gets Caught

Date: July 7, 2011

Source: [YouTube](#)

Title: Artis Niet Achter Ontsnapte Aap Aan (English Version Below)

Date: July 8, 2011

Source: [NOS](#)

Abstract: Dierentuin Artis laat een aap die afgelopen woensdag ontsnapte vrij rondlopen door het park. De kuifmakaak nam twee dagen geleden de benen samen met een soortgenoot die later wel werd gepakt.

Volgens Artis konden de dieren weggelopen door een "menselijke fout". De verzorgers die hadden moeten controleren of de kooien van de apen wel goed waren afgesloten, verzuimden dat te doen. Zo konden de makaken woensdag rond 20.00 uur weggelopen.

Mast

De ene makaak vluchtte over de daken van de dierenverblijven naar het Entrepotdok en klom daar in de mast van een bootje. Toen de verzorgers hem probeerden te vangen, viel het dier in het water.

Verzorgers konden hem later met een net uit het water vissen. Het dier maakt het goed.

Rustig

Het andere dier dwaalde minder ver van huis. Vandaag klom ze de apenkooi rond, tot grote hilariteit van bezoekers van Artis.

Verzorgers houden de makaak in de gaten, maar gaan er niet achteraan. "Ze zit best rustig, vlak bij haar perkje", aldus een woordvoerder ([NOS, 2011](#)).

Title: Monkeys Escaped From Amsterdam Zoo

Date: July 8, 2011

Source: [Silly Dutch](#)

Abstract: If you live around the center of Amsterdam, please be careful. A group of monkeys just escaped from their cage in Artis (zoo in Amsterdam). A few of them are trying to run away from the zoo, but mostly choose to stay around the zoo. Since the situation is still under control, the zoo decided not to chase all the escaped monkeys. The zoo is sure that all the monkeys are going back to the cage sooner or later peacefully ([Silly Dutch, 2011](#)).

Title: Escaped Monkey Shot, Killed After Injuring Woman, Deputy

Date: August 4, 2011

Source: [News Channel 5](#)

Abstract: Bedford County Sheriff's deputies had to shoot and kill an escaped monkey that attacked a woman and a deputy.

Authorities said the Japanese macaque, also known as a Japanese snow monkey, escaped from a home on Frank Martin Road on Thursday morning.

42-year-old Michelle Pyrdum was standing in her driveway, washing her car, when the animal approached from behind.

"I had no idea he was even there. Then I could feel his teeth in the calf of my leg, and I really didn't know at that point what it was, I just knew I had to get it off me," she said.

Michelle's father said it happened so fast, they never saw it coming.

"It was weird looking, and I thought what in the world is that thing," said Charles Pyrdum. "The next thing I knew it was attacking Michelle, and she said 'Daddy, help me.'"

Michelle's mother called 911, and Bedford County Deputies arrived on scene within minutes.

Cpl. Ronnie Gault said when he arrived to help, the monkey jumped on his arm and left two deep cuts. Gault said he shot at the monkey, but it kept coming at him, so another deputy shot it twice with a shotgun and killed the animal.

Gault was treated and released. Pyrdum has a deep cut in her leg, and had to undergo surgery at Middle Tennessee Medical Center. Doctors told her she's lucky to be alive.

"Get rid of those things," she said. "I mean, there's no reason to have those things. And when they're a danger to other people, have some compassion for other people."

Animal Control Director Brenda Goodridge said the owner had four additional monkeys in his custody, but voluntarily surrendered custody. She enlisted the help of the Animal Rescue Corps to tranquilize the animals and safely remove them from the home.

"The potential for disaster has been great with these monkeys," Goodridge said. "Tennessee needs to toughen up its exotic animal laws."

The Animal Rescue Corps said two of the four remaining monkeys were being kept in dog and bird cages that were far too small. They also did not have access to food or water, which means the owner could face animal cruelty charges.

The woman who actually owns the monkeys was already in jail on charges of manufacturing methamphetamines. Investigators said her husband had been caring for the animals while she was behind bars ([News Channel 5, 2011](#)).

Title: Search Ends In Gwinnett For Missing Research Monkey

Date: August 22, 2011

Source: [AJC](#)

Abstract: The search in [Gwinnett County](#) for a missing research monkey is over. Emory University's Yerkes National Primate Research Center announced it has ended efforts to locate the animal. Known only as "EP13," the 2-year-old rhesus macaque was discovered missing on June 15.

"Despite extensive efforts by Yerkes staff, we have not been able to locate this research animal," Dr. Stuart Zola, director of Yerkes, said in a prepared statement issued last week.

"Efforts included searching the Yerkes property numerous times, conducting multiple census counts of the research animals and working with [Gwinnett County](#) Animal Control to follow up on 26 reported 'sightings' in the metro Atlanta area," Zola said.

Zola said he has directed Yerkes staff to continue taking steps to prevent any such future occurrences, including using microchip technology to better track the animals and increasing security and video surveillance at the center.

The center will also pursue any recommendations regulatory authorities may make, he said. Earlier this summer, Yerkes officials met with representatives of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to discuss steps they had taken in the search.

With the search ended, "we are focusing on our research operations at the center and doing things to ensure this would not happen again," Lisa Newbern, a Yerkes spokeswoman, said in a telephone interview Monday.

If someone should see the monkey, she said, "people are still welcome to give us a call at 404 727-7732, or [Gwinnett County](#) Animal Control, 770 339-3200."

It was hoped that Ep13 could be in or around the 117-acre Primate Research Center, but repeated searches proved fruitless.

Searchers had speculated the monkey fled into the nearby woods, possibly finding shelter in the surrounding Gwinnett suburbs or even going farther, venturing far outside of metro Atlanta. Yerkes has taken calls from people in other counties claiming to have seen her.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution on July 5 cited a Georgia Department of Natural Resources report that Yerkes waited five days before notifying authorities of the missing monkey.

The DNR report showed that after identifying that the monkey was missing on June 15, Yerkes staff started an immediate search of its grounds and on June 17 filed an incident report to the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, the oversight body for university animal testing.

Yerkes contacted the U.S. Department of Agriculture three days later, on June 20, and then the DNR on June 22. The last time Yerkes had conducted a full head count of the monkeys was May 26, when the group was being transported within the facility.

The report also said that five days into the search, a Yerkes veterinarian believed the primate might be deceased. The veterinarian speculated the missing monkey had fallen into a crevice and died, or that a hawk had captured it.

Meanwhile, about 20 area residents filed a complaint with Lawrenceville and Gwinnett authorities against the primate research center, saying it did not belong in a residential area because of the threat escaped animals could pose to neighbors.

Operated by Emory University, Yerkes is one of eight federally funded national primate research centers. It keeps a total of about 3,400 primates at a 25-acre campus in Atlanta and the 117-acre field station in Lawrenceville. The field station, which opened in 1966, is home to 1,899 rhesus macaques and 2,220 animals overall ([AJC, 2011](#)).

Title: Monkeys Let Loose During Texas Wildfire Attack Game Warden And Volunteers

Date: September 13, 2011

Source: [Digital Texan](#)

Abstract: A group of 23 rhesus monkeys are on the loose in Waller County near Houston. One game warden has been bitten and others have been attacked.

The monkeys either escaped or were let loose after the area was evacuated because of wildfires. Authorities are looking into whether they were being housed illegally by a resident.

Game Warden Karin Apple was assisting wildfire evacuees when she was bitten by one of the monkeys. Apple spotted one of the monkeys in a tree on Sunday. When she tried to lure the monkey down it jumped on her, bit her thumb and ran off. She was treated and released from a Conroe hospital with a small puncture wound.

"One bit the officer," said James Jackson, a volunteer from Houston assisting with wildfire management efforts. "Another scratched a cop, stole his phone, took the battery off and started to bite it."

The Waller County Sheriff's Office also said a captured monkey in a cage stole a deputy's cell phone. The deputy did get the phone back, but with teeth marks on it.

Resident Elizabeth Allbritton told KPRC-TV, "We've heard there's a homeowner here with monkeys. Someone we know has seen the monkeys running around. That's basically what we're hearing."

Waller County sheriff's deputies caught some of the monkeys, but they said two or three are still on the loose ([Digital Texan, 2011](#)).

Title: Officials Capture Escaped Monkey

Date: September 29, 2011

Source: [Journal Star](#)

Abstract: Animal control officers caught a therapy monkey that had escaped from a home near Doniphan.

The 10-pound greenback grivet monkey escaped through a doggie door at the home. The monkey was found Thursday afternoon.

Laurie Dethloff, executive director of the Central Nebraska Humane Society, said the monkey was staying at the home until it could be moved to a retirement center.

Animal control officers spotted the 5-year-old monkey earlier Thursday but were unable to catch him. He was later caught after the officers put more fruit out.

Officials say the monkey, named "Rodney" was scared and hungry but seemed OK. He was taken to a local animal shelter to be checked out ([Journal Star, 2011](#)).

Title: Holly Hill Police Round Up Escaped Pet Monkey

Date: October 8, 2011

Source: [Daytona Beach News Journal](#)

Abstract: This is a tale about the one that got away, then bit the Holly Hill cop.

Not a fish, but a monkey named Petra.

The female monkey escaped from its residence in Holly Hill on Thursday afternoon and ended up on a neighbor's back porch at the 1300 block of Holly Avenue, said Police Chief Mark Barker.

By the time Officer Heather Thornton arrived at the Holly Avenue house though, Petra had climbed a tree, Barker said.

But the officer was armed -- with apples.

Barker said Thornton reached out and gave Petra an apple; the primate grabbed it from her, eating it quickly. Thornton thought a second apple would make Petra come down from the tree, and that worked like a charm. The monkey crawled up Thornton's arm to grab the second piece of fruit.

At that point it seemed as if Thornton had gained the trust of Petra, a tamarin -- or so she thought.

The policewoman began petting the monkey, preparing to put her inside a small cage, Barker said, when suddenly Petra's teeth clamped down on one of the officer's fingers.

"She bit Heather," Barker said. "It wasn't a bad bite, but Heather is getting it checked out just to make sure."

Petra was then transported to Driftwood Animal Hospital on Mason Avenue. Employees there did not know her species, but Barker said Petra is about a foot tall.

At the vet, Barker said the biting monkey briefly went berserk.

"She got out of her cage over there too and went crazy," the chief said. "But then she was re-arrested."

Petra was finally reunited with owner Amber MacMahon after another officer recalled that there was a monkey that lived on Hiawatha Avenue, Barker said. Hiawatha is right behind Holly, so Petra did not roam far when she bolted Thursday, police said.

Knocks at MacMahon's door went unanswered Friday, but Barker said officers who visited her home reported that Petra was "very well taken care of." Barker said it also looked as if MacMahon had the required state permits for the primate.

According to the state Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission website, people who possess certain species of wildlife must have a permit. No charges were filed against MacMahon, Barker said.

Steve Grigg, an investigator with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, said he was attempting to reach the monkey's owner Friday to make sure the required permit was in order.

"I've just got to do a follow up," Grigg said.

The monkey appeared to be a cotton-top tamarin and requires a no-cost, personal pet permit, he said. Such permits do not require a certain number of hours of experience, but do require the owners to pass a written test.

As for the monkeyshines that Petra's escape created for police, Barker seemed to take it in stride: "It just goes to show that you never know what you're going to do in this job on a day-to-day basis" ([Daytona Beach News Journal, 2011](#)).

Title: Monkeys On Loose In Waller County

Date: October 10, 2011

Source: [2 Houston](#)

Abstract: A group of pet rhesus monkeys is on the loose in Waller County. Some of them are even turning violent.

Texas Parks and Wildlife officials said one of their game wardens, Karin Apple, was bitten by one of the monkeys.

Apple was assisting wildfire evacuees Sunday morning when she saw a monkey up in a tree. She tried to lure the monkey down and into a cage, but the monkey jumped on her arm, bit her thumb and ran away.

Apple was treated and released from a Conroe hospital with a small puncture wound.

The Waller County Sheriff's Office also said a captured monkey in a cage stole a deputy's cell phone. The deputy did get the phone back, but with teeth marks on it.

"We've heard there's a homeowner here with monkeys," said Elizabeth Allbritton, one of the homeowners who had to evacuate. "Someone we know has seen the monkeys running around. That's basically what we're hearing."

Waller County sheriff's deputies caught some of the monkeys, but they said two or three are still on the loose ([2 Houston, 2011](#)).

Title: Police Say All Escaped Exotic Animals Accounted for, Diseased Monkey Likely Eaten

Date: October 19, 2011

Source: [Fox News](#)

Abstract: Authorities in Ohio said they successfully killed 49 of the 56 animals that were released from a wild-animal preserve, ranging from brown bears to Bengal tigers, before any reported injuries in the area.

A monkey believed to be infected with Herpes-B was the last holdout, but police say it could have been eaten by one of the other escaped animals.

"We're convinced that we do not have any animals running at large," the Sheriff's office told NBC4.

Sheriffs in Zanesville, Ohio, a mostly rural area about 55 miles east of Columbus, have been working with zoo officials and wildlife expert Jack Hanna and agreed on a shoot-to-kill order, considering the immediate danger presented to the community.

"If you had 18 Bengal tigers running around this area, you folks wouldn't want to see what would happen," Hanna said at a press conference.

The deceased animals include a wolf, six black bears, two grizzly bears, nine male lions, eight lionesses, a baboon, three mountain lions and 18 tigers, authorities said. They were buried at the location they were killed.

Authorities were able to transport six animals to the Columbus Zoo, a grizzly bear, three leopards and two monkeys.

The animals escaped from the Muskingum County Animal Farm in Zanesville after the owner threw their cages open and committed suicide, authorities said.

Mike Dodd with the Muskingum County Sheriff's Office told FoxNews.com that authorities are urging the public to "keep your eyes open."

Schools were also closed, parents were warned to keep children and pets indoors and flashing signs along highways told motorists, "Caution exotic animals" and "Stay in vehicle."

Neighbor Danielle White, whose father's property abuts the Muskingum County Animal Farm, said she didn't see loose animals this time but did in 2006, when a lion escaped.

"It's always been a fear of mine knowing (the owner) had all those animals," she said. "I have kids. I've heard a male lion roar all night."

The owner of the preserve, Terry Thompson, left the cages open and the fences unsecured, releasing dozens of animals, including lions, tigers, bears and wolves, before committing suicide, said Muskingum County Sheriff Matt Lutz. His body was discovered in the driveway.

Authorities would not say how he killed himself and no suicide note was found. Lutz wouldn't speculate on why he committed suicide. But Thompson had had repeated run-ins with the law, and Lutz said the sheriff's office had received numerous complaints since 2004 about animals at the property.

Authorities had difficulty entering the property because wild animals could be seen at its entrance, authorities said. The first responding officers used their handguns to help contain the animals.

"This is a bad situation," the sheriff said. "It's been a situation for a long time" ([Fox News, 2011](#)).

Title: Zoo Escape Monkey 'Probably Eaten By Lion'

Date: October 21, 2011

Source: [ABC News](#)

Abstract: Police in the US have called off a search for a monkey which was the last unaccounted animal of the more than 50 that were let loose from a farm in Ohio.

Police in Zanesville say the monkey was probably eaten by one of the mountain lions which escaped from the zoo on Wednesday after the zoo's owner deliberately opened their cages.

Police were forced to shoot and kill [49 animals, including 18 rare bengal tigers and 17 lions](#).

The exotic animals, which also included bears and wolves, ran amok when owner Terry Thompson, 62, flung open the enclosures at his Muskingum County Animal Farm near the town of Zanesville and then shot himself.

By the time experts with tranquiliser guns had been deployed on the 29-hectare property, 49 animals were dead.

Only six of the escaped animals were saved.

Sheriff Matt Lutz says the shot animals have already been buried on the property.

"There's been calls about taxidermists, and hey, they're exotic animals. We know what we had to shoot. There's a lot of people who'd pay a lot of money to have these animals," he said.

Animal activists have demanded action to strengthen the almost non-existent wildlife ownership laws in the state ([ABC News, 2011](#)).

Title: Chimp Incident Closes Zoo Exhibit

Date: October 25, 2011

Source: [Fox News DFW](#)

Abstract: One of the [Dallas Zoo's](#) largest exhibits was temporarily closed Tuesday morning when a chimpanzee got out of its enclosure and into a hallway of a secured building, zoo officials said.

The zoo closed the Wilds of Africa area until handlers could anesthetize Koko, the 25-year-old female chimp and get her safely back to her home shortly after 11 a.m.

Dallas police and a tranquilizing team were called out to the "Code Red" situation when the chimp accessed an unlocked door.

There was never any danger to the public, a zoo spokesman stressed.

Visitors were not evacuated altogether, but merely moved to another area of the park.

There were no injuries reported ([Fox News DFW, 2011](#)).

Title: Escaped Monkey Attacks Tokyoites

Date: October 30, 2011

Source: [Japan Probe](#)

Abstract: On the evening of the 28th, a pet monkey escaped from a house in Tokyo and made its way to the Sekimachikita area of Nerima ward (near [Musashi-seki station](#)), where it attacked 2 people:

The two monkey bit/scratched the legs of two people, but their injuries were not serious.

The cops [were called in](#), and about 30 officers assembled to deal with the menacing beast. After several hours, it was cornered and netted ([Japan Probe, 2011](#)).

Title: Spider Monkey Escapes Enclosure At Dallas Zoo

Date: November 7, 2011

Source: [Fox News DFW](#)

Abstract: A spider monkey briefly escaped its enclosure at the Dallas Zoo on Monday.

The animal somehow made it onto the roof of its cage but keepers were able to lure the monkey back into the enclosure within a half-hour, zoo officials said.

They said the animal is not considered a danger to the public and that a worker mistakenly called 911.

The escape is the second animal-related incident at the zoo in three weeks.

On Oct. 25, [a 25-year-old chimpanzee made her way out of an enclosure](#) and into the hallway of a secured building, according to zoo officials.

The zoo closed the Wilds of Africa area until handlers could anesthetize Koko and return her to her confines.

Koko escaped because of human error, which is likely also responsible for today's incident, officials said.

They said an employee possibly left the monkey's cage unlocked and could face disciplinary action.

An investigation is under way.

In the meantime, zoo officials said they will also seek an independent analysis of its procedure and practices by the [Association of Zoos and Aquariums \(Fox News DFW, 2011\)](#).

Title: Escaped Monkey Raises Concerns

Date: November 14, 2011

Source: [KSAT News](#)

Abstract: A small monkey that escaped from his cage in Bandera County last week was recaptured and returned to his private owner on Wednesday but the debate over how to handle the exotic pet and others is just getting started.

Some residents are calling on county officials to pass tougher laws to crack down on those who own exotic pets.

"I always told her if the monkey gets out we're going to shoot it," said Chuck Neidlinger recalling a conversation he had with his neighbor about her 5 Capuchin monkeys. "If it comes on my property I'm not going to mess around."

Neidlinger said he made good on that promise last weekend when one of the monkey's escaped from his neighbor's backyard cages.

"My step-daughter's boyfriend fired at it and he missed him," Neidlinger said.

The monkeys have lived in Neidlinger's quiet Lakehills neighborhood for the past few years. He said last week was the first time one got out. While the small primates look harmless he sees them as a potential health threat.

"A monkey carries more diseases than any other animal. A monkey is dangerous," Neidlinger said.

Bobby Harris is the County Commissioner for Precinct 2 in Bandera County. He represents the area where the monkeys live.

At this point Harris said it appears the owner isn't breaking any laws and there aren't any requirements for owning the monkeys. But he too has some concerns.

"We vaccinate our dogs and cats. My understanding right now is that monkey doesn't have rabies shots," Harris said. "Even though it's a pet, it's still a wild animal."

The owner of the monkeys was not available to tell KSAT her side of the story but Commissioner Harris said at some point he's going to want to hear her side and determine what needs to be done.

"It's something we need to look at and make sure we're doing all we can do to protect all the taxpayers," Harris said.

Chuck Neidlinger said he's not anti-monkey, he just wants to be assured his furry neighbors are safe.

"They need to come out and check how they are, what they look like and everything and how they're taken care of," Neidlinger said. "If they get the shots and she can take care of them properly I don't have a problem with it."

Neidlinger plans to address the issue in front of the Commissioners Court next week in hopes that they will take a look at it ([KSAT News, 2011](#)).

Title: Monkey Eludes Capture In Palm Coast, Despite Darts

Date: November 21, 2011

Source: [Orlando Sentinel](#)

Abstract: A monkey lurking in the trees of Palm Coast likely arrived there after leaving a troop of rhesus monkeys that live in the Silver Springs State Park in Ocala, officials said Monday. So far, he has eluded capture for two days, even though Flagler County animal control officers were able to hit him with tranquilizer darts Sunday. When Flagler deputies and animal-control officers arrived on Colorado Drive Sunday morning, the monkey was about 25 to 30 feet up a tree, said Flagler County Sheriff's Capt. Mark Carman. The monkey was hit with a tranquilizer dart and took off, Carman said. About 25 minutes later, the monkey was found in another tree, this time 30 to 40 feet above the ground, Carman said.

"They hit him with a couple of more darts," he said.

That time the tranquilizer worked. But instead of falling to the ground, the monkey became tangled in some vines and fell asleep high above the ground. When he finally came to, the monkey took off again. "He looks like a wild monkey," Carman said. "He doesn't look like anyone's pet."

The monkey was spotted a short distance away Monday morning on Compton Place, said Carol Hickey, with Flagler County Code Enforcement, which operates animal control. Hickey estimates the monkey weighs 20 to 25 pounds, and she says he is both fast and smart. He was so high up in a tree Monday that officers could not shoot him with a tranquilizer dart, she said.

Officials will wait for residents to spot the monkey and call in his location, Hickey said. "We're prepared for him," Hickey added.

Silver Springs is the likely source of monkeys that show up from time to time throughout the state, said Gary Morse with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

They have been spotted in the past in Seminole County, and in September a monkey died after it was shot with a tranquilizer dart and fell 60 to 100 feet from a tree in Osceola County

A monkey in Pinellas County has eluded capture for almost two years, Morse said ([Orlando Sentinel, 2011](#)).

Title: Florida Neighborhood Is On The Lookout For An Escaped Monkey

Date: November 23, 2011

Source: [NBC 33 News](#)

Abstract: A monkey remains on the loose in Palm Coast, Florida.

Deputies first responded Sunday around 9 a.m. to a report of monkey in a tree.

They contacted the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Flagler County Animal Control.

Representatives from both agencies found the monkey in a tree around 12:30 p.m. Animal Control tried to use a tranquilizer dart on the animal, but the monkey didn't fall.

John Brueggen, director of the St. Augustine Alligator Farm said the monkey appears to be a macaque, which are typically found in southeast Asia.

This type of animal is often used in lab research or as an exotic pet.

There were two more reported sightings Monday.

The animal is described as slightly larger than a cat with brown and white markings on its face and red bands around its eyes.

The monkey is not aggressive, but according to a statement from the Flagler County Sheriff's Office the public should not approach the animal; monkeys can carry diseases that can be transmitted to humans ([NBC 33 News, 2011](#)).

Title: Monkey Stolen From California Zoo Found Safe

Date: January 1, 2012

Source: [CNN](#)

Abstract: Banana-Sam, a much-loved squirrel-monkey stolen from his enclosure at the San Francisco Zoo, has been safely returned, officials said.

The monkey was found Saturday night -- a day after he disappeared from the zoo -- at a park by a passer-by who spotted the primate in the bushes, the San Francisco Police Department said in a statement.

The passer-by coaxed the monkey from the bushes into his backpack, and then called the authorities, according to the statement.

Police officers brought the monkey to the zoo, where officials determined it was the missing primate.

"Although hungry, trembling and thirsty, Banana-Sam is currently safe back," the zoo said in a statement.

Zoo workers discovered the theft Friday morning, when they found a back perimeter gate had been breached and two holes cut in the mesh fence of the squirrel monkey exhibit.

The male monkey, known as Banana-Sam to his keepers, is age 17, over 12 inches tall and weighs about 2 lbs. Corrine MacDonald, the curator of primates and carnivores, told CNN affiliate KGO earlier Saturday that squirrel monkeys can live into their 20s, saying his relatively advanced age could put him at more risk.

Banana Sam' keepers warned the public that while he looks very cute, he is not a pet -- and can deliver a nasty nip. The curator said such monkeys carry diseases and can cause serious infections if they bite a human.

The monkey needs a specialized diet to stay healthy, the zoo says.

What motivated the thieves to swipe the monkey is not clear. Common squirrel monkeys are not endangered, and they can be found at pet trade markets -- with such sales illegal in California, the zoo says -- or medical research institutions.

MacDonald said the zoo's other squirrel monkeys were visibly shaken by Banana-Sam's apparent capture. She said the decision was made to pull them off the exhibit due to concerns about the integrity of the exhibit and that a "copy-cat" could try to take other monkeys.

It was not immediately known when the zoo planned to reopen the exhibit.

An unknown person was quick to set up a fake Twitter account in Banana-Sam's name, following in the path of a cobra that escaped at New York's Bronx Zoo in March. The snake's mock Twitter account, with humorous tweets on its supposed whereabouts in New York City, swiftly attracted a large online following.

Under the handle @SF_BananaSam, the "monkey" is now tweeting his way round San Francisco.

"Went to monkey bars in Golden Gate Park playground, left disappointed. #nobananadaquiri" one post reads.

Another says: "I'm a funny-looking vegan who ran away from home and who people follow on Twitter. IN other words, A NORMAL SAN FRANCISCAN" ([CNN, 2012](#)).

Title: Monkey On The Loose In Southern Pines

Date: January 4, 2012

Source: [Fox 8 News](#)

Abstract: A 2-year-old rhesus monkey wearing a diaper is on the loose in Moore County.

Toby escaped from a home in Southern Pines on Monday. Toby's owners said he bolted out the door and ran across a highway into the Weymouth Woods nature preserve.

[WTVB reported](#) the edge of the preserve is about 300-400 yards away from Toby's home. The preserve has thick woods and several hiking trails.

Toby's owners said he is not a threat to anybody, but they are concerned that somebody may mistake him for a wild animal and kill him. They are also concerned about how he would do in the cold.

Park rangers and search dogs have helped in the search, and his owners are offering a reward.

Toby's owners just got him a couple of weeks ago after a woman in Indiana had to get rid of him ([Fox News, 2012](#)).

Title: Pet Monkey Escapes From Southern Pines Home

Date: January 4, 2012

Source: [WRAL](#)

Abstract: Moore County Animal Control is searching for a pet monkey that ran away from a home in Southern Pines earlier this week, spokesman Al Carter said Wednesday.

The tan rhesus monkey, which goes by the name Toby, is 2 years old and weighs about 10 pounds. It is wearing a diaper, Carter said, and has been missing since Monday.

Carter said the animal is docile and that he didn't think anyone was in danger.

The animal squeezed out of its collar and leash, opened a door and escaped from Connie and Rudy Baxley's home at 1190 E. Connecticut Ave. The couple said the sirens from a passing fire truck scared the monkey and sent it running.

They've been looking for it ever since, even walking through the woods near their home playing monkey sounds from a recorder. They've left Toby's kennel, blanket and a can of Mountain Dew, the animal's favorite soda, outside to try to lure it home.

Neighbors have reported seeing Toby, but the animal remains on the loose.

The Baxleys have only had the pet for about three weeks, Connie Baxley said.

"I did not expect to love it immediately, (but I did), almost within moments," she said. "He is a member of our family now."

She said she is distraught over losing Toby, which she described as smart and affectionate.

"We can't eat, sleep," she said. "We are in the woods real late."

As long as they are properly kept, Carter said having a pet rhesus monkey is legal in Moore County, but rules vary from county to county in North Carolina.

Anyone who sees Toby is asked to call authorities ([WRAL, 2012](#)).

Title: Escaped Monkey On Loose In Bandera County

Date: January 10, 2012

Source: [The Pilot](#)

Abstract: After a week that can only be described as bananas, things are returning to normal at the Baxley home in Southern Pines.

Toby, the family's pet rhesus monkey, is recovering at home after he was found this weekend less than a quarter of a mile from his home. The monkey caused quite a stir in Moore County and beyond when he escaped from his home on Jan. 2.

"This was a happy ending," said Connie Baxley, Toby's owner. "Everybody has been so wonderful."

Physically, Toby suffered a broken finger and some scratches. Emotionally, Toby was affected by the ordeal, Baxley said.

"The vet said he was traumatized," Baxley said.

Toby's run in the wild ended Saturday morning when he was found on the porch of a home on Valleyfield just outside the Southern Pines town limits.

Baxley received a call from the Moore County Sheriff's Office that a woman had called authorities to report the monkey was on the porch of her home. That woman, Katherine Stafford, had been sitting at her kitchen table reading the paper when her cat, Fuzzy, began acting strangely.

"She was looking at the dining room door and twitching her tail something fierce," Stafford said.

As Stafford investigated, she heard a "cooing sound," and thought she had a bird in the house.

"I repeated the sound, and it answered me," Stafford said.

Eventually she spied the animal on the porch and called 911 about 9 a.m.

"When I saw the story about the monkey on the news earlier in the week, I thought, I'll never see that monkey," she said. "I guess I was wrong."

Baxley and other members of the search party drove to the Stafford home and found Toby sitting on the porch playing with a stick.

"When we saw him, he ran down off the porch like he was nervous," Baxley said. "He acted like he didn't know where to go."

To capture him, Baxley placed Toby's blanket on the ground along with a banana and bottle. Toby ran to the blanket, she said, and they scooped him up.

In addition to his injuries, a check by a local vet on Saturday revealed Toby's weight had also dropped by about a pound. He also suffered some chafing from his diaper, which had remained on during his entire ordeal.

"He was in better condition than I thought he'd be," said Baxley, whose biggest fear was how well Toby would fare when temperatures dipped into the 20s during two of the nights he was outdoors.

She also worried about how good Toby's survival skills would be.

"With him always having been a pet, we weren't sure how he'd be able to survive," she said. "We didn't know if he would eat the right things."

For the first few days after his return home, Toby was on a steady diet that included Pedialyte, a rehydration formula often given to children.

Baxley said Toby will go back to an exotic animal vet next week for another checkup. She said she is grateful for all the community support, especially those who left food and blankets outside their homes, and turned lights on at their homes.

Toby's escape became news across the state. Baxley and her husband, Ray, did countless interviews with print, television and radio outlets from Moore County, Fayetteville and Raleigh.

The monkey was able to remove his collar, open a door and then run outside when the Baxleys opened the front door to their home not knowing Toby had gotten out of his room.

Once outside, Toby climbed over a wall and ran after he was scared by a firetruck driving up and down the street, Baxley said.

Searchers walked through the woods with flashlights, sometimes even playing recorded sounds of a rhesus monkey in hopes of luring Toby out into the open. Search dogs joined the effort at midweek, as did Toby's former owner, Terri Holt, who came down from Indiana to help find Toby.

Sporadic, unconfirmed reports of sightings continued through the week, until tracks were discovered late Friday.

Thought to be less than eight hours old and believed to belong to Toby, the tracks renewed hope in the search for the 2-year-old monkey, which was wearing a diaper when it escaped from the Baxleys' home on East Connecticut Avenue.

Just before Toby was found, Baxley said she was contacted by a woman in Fayetteville who volunteered to bring her monkey down to help search for Toby.

"She was thinking maybe it could make some monkey calls that Toby would recognize," Baxley said ([The Pilot, 2012](#)).

Title: Escaped Monkey Is Back At Home In N.C.

Date: January 7, 2012

Source: [WFMY News](#)

Abstract: A tan rhesus monkey that escaped from a Southern Pines home this week is back at home with it's owner.

The monkey slipped his collar and opened a door to escape the home after sirens from a passing fire truck scared it.

The pet monkey named Toby was found on a neighbor's porch playing on Saturday.

Toby was a slightly dehydrated and had lost about a pound when he was found. After some medical attention the owners Connie and Rudy Baxley were able to take Toby home to get some rest from his adventures ([WFMY News, 2012](#)).

Title: Escaped Monkey Attacks

Date: February 4, 2012

Source: [KLTV News 7](#)

Abstract: A family in Oneida Castle, New York had quite a scare this week when an escaped monkey ran into their yard.

Nick Fedchenko says his wife, Amy, and their 2-year-old son were in the backyard when a monkey jumped onto Amy's arm.

When Amy tried to fend off the monkey, it bit her finger.

Amy Fedchenko then grabbed her son and ran inside.

The monkey clawed at the door.

"You could see there was blood on its teeth, and it was just screeching and screaming," Nick Fedchenko says. "My wife was screaming, 'I've been attacked, and I've been bitten. Help!'"

By the time police got to the scene the monkey was on the roof.

The monkey's owner soon arrived and was able to calm it down.

"It's certainly unusual in Upstate New York," says Capt. Francis Coots, of the New York State Police. "It's not unusual to see wild animals, but seeing a monkey, I think, would be unusual."

Capt. Coots says the state police have finished their investigation and no charges were filed.

He says the monkey's owner was able to produce a license and proof of the monkey's rabies shots.

Still, Fedchenko says he is keeping a close eye on his wife's health, just in case.

He says he never expected this to happen at his house, which he moved into just a week and a half ago.

"We purchased it so our 2-year-old son would have a place to play, and our dog could run around," he says. "Now, she's worried about our son in his brand new backyard."

As for the monkey, Fedchenko says he's heard it has been euthanized ([KLTV 7 News, 2012](#)).