

Title: Appropriate Behavior in the Animal Areas		
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Purpose, Scope and Background

Appropriate behavior in the animal areas to minimize potential stress to the animals

Responsibility

All employees and visitors in animal areas at WaNPRC

Procedure

- Always look in the window of a housing room prior to entry.
- Ask if it is alright to enter a room if someone is working with a monkey. If the monkey is not secured within its cage wait until it is before opening the door to ask.
- Minimize the number of personnel in an animal room; more than one person in a room is potentially stressful.
- Do not speak loudly within the animal rooms or in the hallway outside of the animal rooms.
- Conversations with coworkers or visitors should be held outside of the animal rooms. If conversations must be held in the room keep your voices at a low level and avoid standing in front of or looking into an animal's cage.
- Walk slowly in and out of a room. Do not make quick, jarring movements or run within the animal rooms.
- Do not stare into a monkey's eyes. It is perceived as a threat.
- Do not crowd in front of a monkey's cage.
- Squat (rather than bend over) to look at monkeys in lower cages.

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- For your own safety, be aware of the monkey any time you are close to, or in contact with its cage.
- Do not let a monkey grab your PPE.
- Do not discipline a monkey.

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