

10.02.2024

Great Ape Project an den Tiergarten der Stadt Nürnberg

Guten Tag, namens und im Auftrag des staatlich anerkannten und lizenzierten Primatenschutzzentrums "Wales Ape and Monkey Sanctuary" biete ich Ihnen bzw. dem Tiergarten Nürnberg an, einen Transfer der zur Tötung anstehenden "überzähligen" Paviane nach UK zu organisieren. Es könnte solcher Transfer innerhalb kurzer Zeit - und erforderlichenfalls für den Tiergarten bzw. die Stadt Nürnberg völlig kostenfrei - auf den Weg gebracht werden.

Unser Interesse liegt ausschließlich im Wohlergehen der Tiere.

Bitte um schnellstmögliche Rückmeldung.

Freundliche Grüße,

GREAT APE PROJECT

12.02.2024

Tiergarten der Stadt Nürnberg an das Great Ape Project

vielen Dank für Ihre Nachricht und Ihr Angebot - wir werden uns in den kommenden Tagen bei Ihnen melden.

14.02.2024

Great Ape Project an den Tiergarten der Stadt Nürnberg

Guten Tag,

besten Dank für Ihre Nachricht.

Um die Sache zu beschleunigen, käme Dr. Goldner jederzeit, auch kurzfristig, zu einem Gespräch mit Dr. Encke bzw. den zuständigen Stellen nach Nürnberg.

20.02.2024

Tiergarten der Stadt Nürnberg an das Great Ape Project

vielen Dank für Ihre Anfrage bezüglich unserer Guinea-Paviane. Diese Spezies wird innerhalb eines EAZA EEPs koordiniert, in welchem der Koordinator und das sogenannte Species Committee die Entscheidungen über Transfer- und Zuchttempfehlungen fällen. Für diese Entscheidungen sind Informationen über Haltung und Management der Tiere in der Empfängerinstitution maßgeblich. Wir bitten Sie deshalb darum, den Fragebogen im Anhang zu vervollständigen, damit diese Informationen an die entsprechenden Mitarbeiter unseres Zoos, unsere Behörde und das EEP weitergeleitet werden

können. Nur dann kann das EEP eine Entscheidung über den Transfer von Pavianen treffen. Da die meisten Mitglieder des EEP Species Committee kein Deutsch sprechen, ist der Fragebogen auf Englisch verfasst.

Sollten Sie weitere Fragen haben, wenden Sie sich gerne jederzeit an uns.

14.03.2024

Tiergarten der Stadt Nürnberg an das Great Ape Project und das Wales Ape and Monkey Sanctuary

Dear Sir or Madam,

since our last correspondence at the end of February we have not heard back from you. I am therefore asking if your inquiry about our Guinea baboons is still relevant. If so, it is necessary for you to complete the form sent in our last e-mail in order for us to proceed in reviewing your husbandry and management conditions. Otherwise, our institution and the Guinea baboon EEP cannot make an informed decision about a potential transfer and would therefore have to decline. Please send your reply until the 12th of April.

Many thanks,

15.03.2024

Great Ape Project an den Tiergarten der Stadt Nürnberg

thank you for inquiry.

Wales Ape & Monkey Sanctuary (WAMS), founded in 1999, is NOT a zoo. WAMS provides a safe and permanent home for many types of unwanted animals, especially primates, such as chimpanzees, baboons, spider monkeys, vervets, capuchins, macaques, tamarins and marmosets. WAMS currently houses three troops of baboons. See also: <https://www.ape-monkey-rescue.org.uk/mission-statement.html>

WAMS serves as European sanctuary of the International Great Ape Project. WAMS does NOT intend to become member of EAZA/EEP.

WAMS offers to rehome the baboons, currently kept at Nuremberg zoo, to prevent them to be killed due to management reasons.

See also: <https://hpd.de/artikel/plaene-zur-toetung-pavianen-im-namen-des-populationsmanagements-21948>

Sincerely,

28.03.2024

Tiergarten der Stadt Nürnberg an das Great Ape Project und das Wales Ape and Monkey Sanctuary

thank you for your message. It seems that some misunderstandings have come up:

- 1) We respect that WAMS doesn't want to be called a zoo, even if in the European Union, WAMS would be defined as a zoo according to the EU Zoo Directive.
- 2) In order to determine if WAMS is a suitable place for a subgroup of our baboon group, we definitely need all the information we asked for, especially the group size that you are able to hold and the dimensions and layout of your enclosures.
- 3) We respect that you deny becoming a part of ex-situ baboon species conservation.

We are looking forward to receiving the missing information.

With kind regards,

16.04.2024

Tiergarten der Stadt Nürnberg an das Great Ape Project und das Wales Ape and Monkey Sanctuary

In our last email to you on the 14th of March, we kindly asked you to submit the necessary information on your proposed baboon husbandry by the 12th of April. As you have not answered any of the relevant questions since we sent you our questionnaire on the 20th of February, we must assume that you are no longer interested in the acquisition of a baboon group. In the absence of information on how many animals you can and/or wish to take in, a description of the conditions under which they are kept, and proof of expertise in keeping this species, whose males are categorised as particularly dangerous animals, we cannot pursue the transport and transfer of Guinea baboons to your institution any further.

Best regards

17.05.2025

Great Ape Project an den Tiergarten der Stadt Nürnberg

Guten Tag, , namens und im Auftrag des staatlich anerkannten und lizenzierten Primatenschutzzentrum "Wales Ape and Monkey Sanctuary" biete ich der Stadt bzw. dem Tiergarten Nürnberg an, einen Transfer der offenbar immer noch (oder erneut) zur Tötung anstehenden "überzähligen" Paviane nach UK zu organisieren. Es könnte solcher Transfer innerhalb kurzer Zeit – und erforderlichenfalls für den Tiergarten bzw. die Stadt Nürnberg völlig kostenfrei – auf den Weg gebracht werden.

Unser Interesse liegt ausschließlich im Wohlergehen der Tiere.
Bitte um schnellstmögliche Rückmeldung.
Freundliche Grüße

23.05.2025

Tiergarten der Stadt Nürnberg an das Great Ape Project

vielen Dank für Ihre Email. An dem grundsätzlichen Vorgehen bei einer etwaigen Abgabe der Paviane hat sich seit dem vergangenen Jahr nichts geändert. Zunächst benötigen wir grundlegende Information zur möglichen neuen Haltung der Tiere, den entsprechenden Fragenbogen haben wir Ihnen ja bereits 2024 übersendet. Sobald uns die Informationen vollständig vorliegen, können wir die Option in Absprache mit den zuständigen Personen und Gremien prüfen. Da es sich um ein Zuchtprogramm handelt, wird der Bedarf an neuen Partnern für das Programm dauerhaft bestehen. Insofern werden vom EEP alle Möglichkeiten geprüft, neue Halter in das Programm aufzunehmen.

Übersenden Sie uns den vollständig ausgefüllten Fragenbogen bitte bis spätestens 31.5.2025.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

23.05.2025

Great Ape Project an den Tiergarten der Stadt Nürnberg

Guten Tag

unser Interesse und Engagement liegt ausschließlich darin, die drohende Euthanasie der Nürnberger Paviane aus Gründen des "Populationsmanagements" abzuwenden.

Wir bieten insofern eine dauerhafte und dem Tierschutzrecht entsprechende Unterbringung und Versorgung der Tiere in einem staatlich anerkannten Primatensanctuary in UK.

Eine Teilnahme an irgendwelchen Zuchtprogrammen lehnen wir ab. Gleichwohl bitten wir um erneute Übersendung Ihres Fragebogens.

Danke

26.05.2025

Tiergarten der Stadt Nürnberg an das Great Ape Project

anbei erhalten Sie den Fragebogen.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

10.07.2025

Tiergarten der Stadt Nürnberg an das Wales Ape and Monkey Sanctuary

in February 2024 Mr. Colin Goldner offered us in the name and on behalf of your sanctuary to take over surplus baboons from our zoo. In the following correspondence we included you in cc in our mails to the Great Ape Project/Colin Goldner hoping to get any answer and information about the

number of animals, which you can take over from our group and under which conditions they will be cared for especially in the winter time.

Since we never got any of the necessary information for a reasonable decision, we could not initiate any further step for the transfer of animals.

Now Robert Marc Lehmann, a German influencer, publicly claims to be able to take over our surplus animals and bring them to your sanctuary. Can you confirm that Robert Marc Lehman is authorized to negotiate in your name and on behalf of your sanctuary?

I am really a bit irritated that two different persons are offering us to transport our baboons to your sanctuary both claiming to act in your name and on behalf of you, while we never had a direct contact with you or an answer from you to the mails that we sent to you.

Can we resolve the puzzle and clarify the questions directly between us without intermediaries?

With kind regards

11.07.2025

Wales Ape and Monkey Sanctuary an den Tiergarten der Stadt Nürnberg

Thank you for your email I will reply to you over this weekend.

I am away from the Sanctuary for a few days I will sort it as soon as back

Regards

14.07.2025

Wales Ape and Monkey Sanctuary an den Tiergarten der Stadt Nürnberg

Firstly the baboons were offered a place by Colin Goldner who is linked to our Sanctuary & as he was aware that we were integrating our Chimpanzees into one group & would have a chance to help your Baboons, The Sanctuary has 2 owners Myself & my wife but to be sure the Sanctuary continues after us both we have made our Head Keeper a full Director who has cared for the animals for 20 years, the Sanctuary is also a Registered Charity. So the Final decision of any offers is not Third Parties but the Sanctuary Directors

Your Zoo has only ever contacted us by email never contacted to speak to us by telephone but only to send the appalling & insulting questionnaire & insisting on a few days deadline which we believe was to encourage us to decline taking your Baboons.

We have only ever had 3 emails from your zoo the last 10-7-25 some 15 months since the other zoo representatives telling us we never answered in time.

We at the Sanctuary object to your zoo putting press statements out that we only rescue Pets, Circus monkeys etc,

Great Ape Project is an International Organisation & well respected as are Wales Ape & Monkey Sanctuary

We rescue monkeys often from EU & World Wide & I personally have been in Germany 5 times since January 2025 without the visits in 2024

Not once did your zoo telephone or ask to visit us at the Sanctuary.

We had a project with some Laboratory monkeys the Animal Welfare Commissioner & Laboratory immediately Visited us. Your Zoo Nothing not even to invite me to see your animals & have a discussion which we would have required prior to accepting them.

The Sanctuary always responds to requests that appear genuine even if we find it not at a later stage it would have been nothing for me to visit on my travels but your staff made it clear we were on a deadline for the form

, which was insulting to say the least in the light of overbreeding / Monkeys not allowed inside by the group & did the monkeys here have heating for winter

The Sanctuary has a £300.000K Heating system which runs every building.

Also in the press was the fact we do not have Guinea Baboon & they would not integrate, WHY who asked us they would have remained as the Family group that left your zoo but again no one asked only made assumptions for the press.

If your zoo was Genuine about rehoming I would have expected you to be contacting everyday

22.07.2025

Tiergarten der Stadt Nürnberg an das Wales Ape and Monkey Sanctuary

thank you for your clarifying words. I appreciate that you answered to the fourth mail that you received from us, and I respect that you expected more than mails with questions from us. Obviously we are used to different ways of how to organise and negotiate animal transfers. The result remains the same: we can't send animals without receiving any information from the receiving side and therefore will not bother you again.

With kind regards