

Saboto-Gunea Wildlife Exports, LLC
YOUR NEW MONKEY



CONGRATULATIONS!

As soon as the import documents are cleared and the quarantine period expires you will be the proud owner of a young Rhesus Monkey gifted to you for the following reason:

- Wedding Gift
- Anniversary
- Birthday
- Holiday present
- Other _____

This gift was paid for and arranged by:

Name: _____

Friend/Family member chooses to remain anonymous for now.

A monkey is a wonderful and unique pet, but before your monkey arrives (in approximately 2-3 weeks) there are many things you must be aware of and do. We hope you'll read this so that you'll be fully prepared – thus getting you and your new monkey get off to a great start together! You will be best friends.

ADVANCE PREPARATION

Until your monkey gets accustomed to his/her new home, you will need a “monkey-proof” room in your household. This is very easy to do and will ensure you suffer minimal damage during the monkey’s adjustment period. Rhesus monkeys do not like change and will find the new environment stressful. During this time period (days to months, depending on the monkey) they will be prone to depression and outbursts. Choose one room in your house as the monkey room and do the following:

- Remove all furniture.
- Make sure the door is lockable from the *outside*. In many cases this can be done by simply reversing the doorknob assembly.
- Install a peephole viewer in the door so that you can look *into* the room and see if the monkey is in an attack posture prior to entering.
- Remove all lighting and outlet plates and replace them with solid covers (easily found at Home Depot and other retailers).
- Make sure all windows are closed and locked. **DO NOT COVER THE WINDOWS** as monkeys need light. Do not worry about the glass – monkeys are afraid of glass and will not break it.
- Hang a rope from the ceiling or between the walls for the monkey to exercise with.
- Line the floor with newspaper or absorbent pads from the pet store.
- Leave a bowl of fresh water and scatter food throughout the room.

You should purchase the following in advance of your monkey’s arrival:

Bananas

Lettuce

Grapes

Hummus

Fresh water

Newspapers or thick absorbent pads to cover the floor

Diapers (Size 5 – cartoon characters are optional as monkeys don’t care)

Rope (1” thick or more)

Squeeze toys

Tape measure

Hammer

Piece of medium-sized Samsonite luggage (for monkey to play with)

Stuffed doll

Aluminum trash can lid (until the monkey stops viewing you as a threat)

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- A monkey has the same mental capacity and behavior pattern as a two-year old child.
- In captivity a monkey can live up to 40 years – so you'll have a life-long friend.
- Monkeys require constant attention. Do not leave a monkey unattended as they will view this as abandonment and react in a very negative way. If you have a job you will have to bring him/her to it, or get a monkey sitter.
- Do not assume a monkey throwing feces is aggressive, sometimes they're just being playful and expect you to participate. You can determine the monkey's mood by studying their faces and looking them in the eye.
- Avoid extended eye contact with a monkey. They will view this as a "challenge" and attack.
- If you are attacked, turn away from the monkey and act sad. It will eventually stop attacking and try to make amends, often by licking your arm and cooing.
- Monkeys have an incredible memory as well as scent recognition. If your friends or family members upset the monkey, they will remember the incident and could strike back years later.
- DTGG! The cardinal rule of monkey ownership: Don't tease – give grape.

PLEASE BE ADVISED:

- The monkey will arrive in a crate and will be tired and/or agitated. Follow the instructions attached to the crate and do not deviate from them.
- If you have any questions or concerns call the 24 hour number on the crate or in the guidebook provided you. Our staff has answered any question you can imagine, be it about sleeping habits, noise or biting – they can't be stumped!
- If you think you'll be driving with your monkey, check your state's vehicle laws to see what the rules are. Some states require monkey seats.
- A lot of people are afraid they will be overwhelmed by owning a new monkey and never fully enjoy the experience. Although monkey ownership is extremely difficult, angering and tiresome, it's one of the most rewarding experiences you will ever have if you like owning a monkey.
- That is all!

Most important:

ENJOY YOUR NEW MONKEY!

(please be home when it arrives)

DO NOT SEND THIS PAGE TO YOUR FRIEND – THIS IS THE TRIVIA PART

- I created *Your New Monkey* as a wedding present/joke for my friend Norman. I still haven't heard back from him.
- Eventually I posted the PDF on my humor website, Banterist.com, figuring other folks could use it.
- It somehow made its way to Penn from Penn & Teller. Apparently he has a radio show. Apparently he finds monkeys funny like I do. It was read on the air. It was nice that someone tracked me down to tell me that.
- People keep asking me where the name Saboto-Gunea came from. I deliberately had a word that seemed similar to Guinea because I figured it'd add to the confusion – New Guinea? What? What? And "Saboto" was just a tweak of "sobota" which means "Saturday" in Polish.
- If your friend actually falls for it, I'd love to hear that story. That makes up for me not hearing from my friend.
- While working on a TV commercial years ago I was attacked by a monkey dressed as Santa Claus. That's stayed with me, and I'll always have a soft spot for the poo-flinging little bastards.

Enjoy,

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