

This document contains summaries of review, deliberation, and consensus decisions by the NIH Veterinary Panel of animals classified as “Not Recommended for Relocation” to the Federal Sanctuary System operated by Chimp Haven, Inc. by the Attending Veterinarian at the Southwest National Primate Research Center (SNPRC).

As of December 15, 2021, 11 animals in social groupings remain at the SNPRC in San Antonio, Texas. These social groupings include other animals owned and supported by the Texas Biomedical Research Institute.

The NIH Veterinary Panel used a review Protocol that is described here ([https://dpcpsi.nih.gov/sites/default/files/Protocol for Review Process by the Veterinary Panel 9-16-2019 508.pdf](https://dpcpsi.nih.gov/sites/default/files/Protocol%20for%20Review%20Process%20by%20the%20Veterinary%20Panel%209-16-2019%20508.pdf)). They looked at each animal individually, and then looked at the animal as part of its social grouping. Summaries are presented for each animal.

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Date Review Completed: 08/03/2021

Animal Name: Newt

Animal Identification Number (if applicable): 4x 0118

Animal’s Date of Birth (if unavailable, estimated age): 03/24/1979 (42 y.o.)

Animal’s Sex (select one of the following options): Male Female

Animal’s Location: Southwest National Primate Research Center, San Antonio, Texas

Panel Recommendation (select one of the following options):

- The Panel agrees with the recommendation of the AV at the sending or receiving facility not to relocate the animal; the animal will therefore remain at the sending facility.
- The Panel disagrees with the recommendation of the AV at the sending or receiving facility not to relocate the animal; the animal is recommended for relocation to the receiving facility.

Describe in a few sentences below the Panel’s rationale for its recommendation:

Newt is a geriatric male chimpanzee with a history of self-injurious behavior (SIB) when stressed; he is medicated for his behavioral condition. He has also been diagnosed with early-stage cardiovascular disease (mild mitral valve insufficiency). The physiological and psychological stressors associated with transportation, change in social structure, and change in human care provider could trigger a severe SIB and/or a fatal cardiac event. Therefore, Newt is precluded from being transferred to the federal sanctuary system.

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Date Review Completed: 07/27/2021

Animal Name: Antoinette

Animal Identification Number (if applicable): 4x0321

Animal’s Date of Birth (if unavailable, estimated age): 01/13/1988 (33 y.o.)

Animal’s Sex (select one of the following options): Male Female

Animal’s Location: Southwest National Primate Research Center, San Antonio, Texas

Panel Recommendation (select one of the following options):

- The Panel agrees with the recommendation of the AV at the sending or receiving facility not to relocate the animal; the animal will therefore remain at the sending facility.
- The Panel disagrees with the recommendation of the AV at the sending or receiving facility not to relocate the animal; the animal is recommended for relocation to the receiving facility.

Describe in a few sentences below the Panel’s rationale for its recommendation:

Antoinette is a 33-year-old obese, pre-diabetic female chimpanzee. A cardiac exam in 2020 revealed structural heart disease and Ventricular Premature Complexes. Due to the risk of an acute cardiac event and sudden death during relocation, transfer to the federal sanctuary system is not recommended.

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Date Review Completed: 07/27/2021

Animal Name: Hilarie

Animal Identification Number (if applicable): 4x0204

Animal’s Date of Birth (if unavailable, estimated age): 04/16/1981 (40 y.o.)

Animal’s Sex (select one of the following options): Male Female

Animal’s Location: Southwest National Primate Research Center, San Antonio, Texas

Panel Recommendation (select one of the following options):

- The Panel agrees with the recommendation of the AV at the sending or receiving facility not to relocate the animal; the animal will therefore remain at the sending facility.
- The Panel disagrees with the recommendation of the AV at the sending or receiving facility not to relocate the animal; the animal is recommended for relocation to the receiving facility.

Describe in a few sentences below the Panel’s rationale for its recommendation:

Hilarie is an obese geriatric female chimpanzee with progressive degenerative arthritis that limits her mobility. She is significantly compromised by contralateral (left arm and right leg) osteoarthritis which may create instability during transportation and make her vulnerable to injury. Hilarie is socially bonded to Hilde, her partner for the last 11 years. The Panel does not recommend Hilarie for transport to the federal sanctuary system.

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Date Review Completed: 08/19/2021

Animal Name: Hilde

Animal Identification Number (if applicable): 4x0298

Animal’s Date of Birth (if unavailable, estimated age): 05/28/1996 (25 y.o.)

Animal’s Sex (select one of the following options): Male Female

Animal’s Location: Southwest National Primate Research Center, San Antonio, Texas

Panel Recommendation (select one of the following options):

- The Panel agrees with the recommendation of the AV at the sending or receiving facility not to relocate the animal; the animal will therefore remain at the sending facility.
- The Panel disagrees with the recommendation of the AV at the sending or receiving facility not to relocate the animal; the animal is recommended for relocation to the receiving facility.

Describe in a few sentences below the Panel’s rationale for its recommendation:

Hilde is a medically healthy chimpanzee who has a strong, supportive, and highly protective social bond with Hilarie who the panel is not recommending for relocation to the federal sanctuary due to her medical condition. The Panel does not recommend transferring Hilde at this time due to her strong bond with Hilarie. The Panel recommends reconsideration of transfer when Hilarie succumbs to her medical condition.

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Date Review Completed: 08/03/2021

Animal Name: Joy

Animal Identification Number (if applicable): 4x0300

Animal’s Date of Birth (if unavailable, estimated age): 08/29/1986 (35 y.o.)

Animal’s Sex (select one of the following options): Male Female

Animal’s Location: Southwest National Primate Research Center, San Antonio, Texas

Panel Recommendation (select one of the following options):

- The Panel agrees with the recommendation of the AV at the sending or receiving facility not to relocate the animal; the animal will therefore remain at the sending facility.
- The Panel disagrees with the recommendation of the AV at the sending or receiving facility not to relocate the animal; the animal is recommended for relocation to the receiving facility.

Describe in a few sentences below the Panel’s rationale for its recommendation:

Joy is a female chimpanzee with a history of anxiety and self-injurious behavior (SIB), when caged and transported. Her behavior during transport could result in severe injury to herself, other animals, or even human handlers. The physiological and psychological stressors associated with transportation, change in social structure, and change in human care provider could trigger severe SIB events. Therefore, Joy is precluded from being transferred to the federal sanctuary system.

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Date Review Completed: 08/03/2021

Animal Name: Zorro

Animal Identification Number (if applicable): 4x0352

Animal’s Date of Birth (if unavailable, estimated age): 01/13/1988 (33 y.o.)

Animal’s Sex (select one of the following options): Male Female

Animal’s Location: Southwest National Primate Research Center, San Antonio, Texas

Panel Recommendation (select one of the following options):

- The Panel agrees with the recommendation of the AV at the sending or receiving facility not to relocate the animal; the animal will therefore remain at the sending facility.
- The Panel disagrees with the recommendation of the AV at the sending or receiving facility not to relocate the animal; the animal is recommended for relocation to the receiving facility.

Describe in a few sentences below the Panel’s rationale for its recommendation:

Zorro is a male chimpanzee diagnosed with cardiac disease (multifocal Ventricular Premature Complexes with associated femoral pulse deficits, multiple valvular insufficiencies, mild cardiomegaly). His cardiac disease places him at high risk of experiencing a severe adverse event during the transfer and relocation process. The Panel does not recommend transfer to the federal sanctuary system.

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Date Review Completed: 08/03/2021

Animal Name: Dexter

Animal Identification Number (if applicable): 4x0356

Animal’s Date of Birth (if unavailable, estimated age): 04/06/1990 (31 y.o.)

Animal’s Sex (select one of the following options): Male Female

Animal’s Location: Southwest National Primate Research Center, San Antonio, Texas

Panel Recommendation (select one of the following options):

- The Panel agrees with the recommendation of the AV at the sending or receiving facility not to relocate the animal; the animal will therefore remain at the sending facility.
- The Panel disagrees with the recommendation of the AV at the sending or receiving facility not to relocate the animal; the animal is recommended for relocation to the receiving facility.

Describe in a few sentences below the Panel’s rationale for its recommendation:

Dexter is a male chimpanzee that is HIV positive and has a history of HIV-related contagious skin disease. He also has mild cardiovascular disease with multiple valvular insufficiencies. Due to the communicable risk that he would present if housed with other chimpanzees and the potential effects of physiological and psychological stressors associated with transportation, change in social structure and human care provider, he is precluded from being transferred to the federal sanctuary system.

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Date Review Completed: 07/27/2021

Animal Name: Dominic

Animal Identification Number (if applicable): 4x0431

Animal’s Date of Birth (if unavailable, estimated age): 04/21/1995 (26 y.o.)

Animal’s Sex (select one of the following options): Male Female

Animal’s Location: Southwest National Primate Research Center, San Antonio, TX

Panel Recommendation (select one of the following options):

- The Panel agrees with the recommendation of the AV at the sending or receiving facility not to relocate the animal; the animal will therefore remain at the sending facility.
- The Panel disagrees with the recommendation of the AV at the sending or receiving facility not to relocate the animal; the animal is recommended for relocation to the receiving facility.

Describe in a few sentences below the Panel’s rationale for its recommendation:

Dominic is a 26-year-old male chimpanzee with a history of cardiac disease (sinus bradycardia and atrioventricular block). A cardiac examination in 2020 revealed structural heart disease including dilatative cardiomyopathy. Due to the risk of an acute cardiac event and sudden death during relocation, transfer to the federal sanctuary system is not recommended.

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Date Review Completed: 11/30/2021

Animal Name: Sheila

Animal Identification Number (if applicable): 4x0035

Animal’s Date of Birth (if unavailable, estimated age): 01/01/1964 (57 y.o.)

Animal’s Sex (select one of the following options): Male Female

Animal’s Location: Southwest National Primate Research Center, San Antonio, Texas

Panel Recommendation (select one of the following options):

- The Panel agrees with the recommendation of the AV at the sending or receiving facility not to relocate the animal; the animal will therefore remain at the sending facility.
- The Panel disagrees with the recommendation of the AV at the sending or receiving facility not to relocate the animal; the animal is recommended for relocation to the receiving facility.

Describe in a few sentences below the Panel’s rationale for its recommendation:

Sheila is a 57-year-old chimpanzee with moderate to severe osteoarthritis affecting her mobility and interaction with other chimpanzees. She is bonded to a geriatric male chimpanzee, Greg, who has similar mobility issues and is not recommended for transfer. Due to her advanced age and vulnerability to injury during the relocation process, the Panel does not recommend Sheila for transfer to the federal sanctuary system.

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Date Review Completed: 11/30/2021

Animal Name: Greg

Animal Identification Number (if applicable): 4x0039

Animal’s Date of Birth (if unavailable, estimated age): 4x0039 (46 y.o.)

Animal’s Sex (select one of the following options): Male Female

Animal’s Location: Southwest National Primate Research Center, San Antonio, Texas

Panel Recommendation (select one of the following options):

- The Panel agrees with the recommendation of the AV at the sending or receiving facility not to relocate the animal; the animal will therefore remain at the sending facility.
- The Panel disagrees with the recommendation of the AV at the sending or receiving facility not to relocate the animal; the animal is recommended for relocation to the receiving facility.

Describe in a few sentences below the Panel’s rationale for its recommendation:

Greg is a geriatric male chimpanzee with moderate osteoarthritis limiting his mobility. A recent (2021) imaging report revealed erosive poly-arthropathy of his stifles. Due to Greg’s vulnerability to injury during the relocation process, as well as his social bond with Sheila (a geriatric female chimpanzee who is not recommended for transfer), the Panel does not recommend Greg for relocation to the federal sanctuary system.

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Date Review Completed: 11/30/2021

Animal Name: Penny

Animal Identification Number (if applicable): 4x0175

Animal’s Date of Birth (if unavailable, estimated age): 07/24/1979 (42 y.o.)

Animal’s Sex (select one of the following options): Male Female

Animal’s Location: Southwest National Primate Research Center, San Antonio, Texas

Panel Recommendation (select one of the following options):

- The Panel agrees with the recommendation of the AV at the sending or receiving facility not to relocate the animal; the animal will therefore remain at the sending facility.
- The Panel disagrees with the recommendation of the AV at the sending or receiving facility not to relocate the animal; the animal is recommended for relocation to the receiving facility.

Describe in a few sentences below the Panel’s rationale for its recommendation:

Penny is a 42-year-old medically healthy chimpanzee who has a strong social, supportive, and protective bond with Sheila and Greg who the Panel are not recommending transfer to the federal sanctuary due to their medical conditions. The Panel does not recommend transferring Penny at this time due to her strong bond with Sheila and Greg. The Panel recommends reconsidering Penny for transfer when Sheila and Greg succumb to their medical conditions.