Incidents Involving Primates Kept as Pets 1990 to present

Since 1990, there have been more than 300 dangerous incidents—primarily attacks and escapes—involving primates kept as pets in 41 states. These incidents resulted in injuries to 153 adults and 78 children as well as the deaths of three dozen primates. Species of primates involved in these incidents include baboons, capuchins, chimpanzees, grivets, guenons, howler monkeys, lemurs, macaques, marmosets, owl monkeys, patas monkeys, spider monkeys, squirrel monkeys, tamarins, and vervets.

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Child injured	April 13, 2024/San Antonio, Texas: A vervet monkey kept as a pet bit the ear of an 11-year-old boy during a family gathering. The child's family sought immediate medical attention for the boy. Authorities cited the owner for the bite, failure to have a record of a rabies vaccine, and illegally keeping the primate. The monkey was surrendered to animal control.	David Warner, "Monkey bites child's ear at family gathering, ACS investigating," SBG San Antonio, April 15, 2024.
Escape, primate drowned	April 1, 2024/Aransas Pass, Texas: Two escaped lemurs, believed to be someone's illegal pets, were spotted running loose in the community. One lemur drowned in a shallow body of water and the other was trapped in cage set out by a resident nearly three weeks after they were first observed and picked up by animal control.	"Loose lemur in Aransas Pass rescued," SBG San Antonio, April 20, 2024.
Escape	February 14, 2024/Laredo, Texas: A rhesus macaque running loose suffered serious head injuries after being hit by a car. The macaque, apparently kept illegally as a pet, was given urgent care at a local veterinary clinic and then held at Laredo Animal Control before eventually being transferred the Born Free USA primate sanctuary. The sanctuary estimated the macaque was approximately three years old and was both underweight and anemic.	"Laredo Monkey Hit by Car Starts New Life at Born Free USA's South Texas Primate Sanctuary," Born Free USA news release, March 19, 2024.
Cruelty	January 20, 2024/California: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Wildlife Confiscations Network, and the Oakland Zoo seized a female marmoset being kept illegally at a private residence in southern California. The owner was arrested on charges unrelated to having the marmoset. The Oakland Zoo's veterinary staff found evidence of a pre-existing fracture in her left arm, likely due to trauma experienced while being kept in a birdcage by her owners. The bones had healed out of alignment, which can impact her movement. The Oakland Zoo planned to transfer the marmoset to Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation in Texas following quarantine.	"Oakland Zoo Provides Care for Seized Marmoset Monkey," Oakland Zoo news release, February 6, 2024.
Adult injured	October 4, 2023/Indianapolis, Indiana: Police, animal control, and residents spent 24 hours attempting to capture a neighbor's patas monkey who had jumped a fence and escaped. Residents reported seeing the monkey on their porch, car hood, in a wooded area, and on the street before he was finally recaptured by police when he entered a vacant home. Police reported someone suffered minor injuries in connection with the incident, but could not confirm reports of a biting. The monkey had also escaped three months earlier (see July 2023/Indianapolis, Indiana).	Natalie Neysa Alund, John Tufts, Jake Allen and Amanda Lee Myers, "Momo the monkey, with sprint speeds up to 30 mph, nabbed after escape in Indianapolis; Earlier this week, Momo gave an area resident the shock of her life when he got on the hood of a car: 'I think there's a freaking monkey on my car.'" USA Today, October 5, 2023.
Escape	September 24, 2023/Biloxi, Mississippi: A 2-year-old spider monkey kept as a pet escaped from a home into nearby woods. Approximately 50 people joined a search for the monkey, some with thermal cameras and tracking dogs. The search was called off 14 hours later at 2 a.m. After being loose for 24 hours, the monkey returned to the house on her own.	Patrick Reilly, "Family reunited with beloved pet spider monkey after 24-hour search with help from dogs, thermal cameras," New York Post, September 29, 2023.

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Escape	September 13, 2023/Springfield, Missouri: Two officers responding to a report of a lemur in the road located and captured the animal after a short foot pursuit. The lemur was turned over to animal control. The owners had been keeping the lemur illegally and surrendered custody of the lemur to animal control.	Facebook post, Springfield, MO Police Department, September 14, 2023.
Escape	August 18, 2023/Orange City, Florida: Over a six-day period, Orange City police received at least six reports of sightings of a rhesus macaque monkey in various locations. The complaints spanned at least three miles throughout the city, including outside of a fast-food restaurant. Orange City police searched for the animal and notified the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, but officials had not found or captured the animal as of the seventh day.	Dani Medina, "Monkey on the loose spotted outside Popeye's in Central Florida: 'Weirdest thing I've ever seen'" Fox 35 Orlando, August 24, 2023 Claire Metz, "Officials: Multiple monkey sightings reported in Central Florida city" WESH 2, August 24, 2023.
Escape	July 2023/Indianapolis, Indiana: The owner of a patas monkey posted in a Facebook group that his monkey had escaped. He later posted that the monkey had been found. The monkey escaped again three months later and was loose for 24 hours (see October 4, 2023/Indianapolis, Indiana).	Natalie Neysa Alund, John Tufts, Jake Allen and Amanda Lee Myers, "Momo the monkey, with sprint speeds up to 30 mph, nabbed after escape in Indianapolis; Earlier this week, Momo gave an area resident the shock of her life when he got on the hood of a car: 'I think there's a freaking monkey on my car.'" USA Today, October 5, 2023.
Escape	May 2023/Delaware, Ohio: A woman offered a \$1,000 reward for her missing 2-year-old red ruffed lemur who had been missing for nearly two weeks. While possible sightings occurred as far as seventeen miles away, the owner believed that someone may have picked up the animal.	WSYX Staff, "Owner of diaper-clad lemur offers \$1K reward for missing pet," NBC 24 News, May 18, 2023.
Child injured, primate killed	April 2023/Pendleton County, Kentucky: A child was bitten on her finger by a marmoset who was illegally kept as a pet in her babysitter's home. The incident went unreported for at least two weeks, reportedly because the babysitter convinced the child to tell her guardians that the animal died. Once reported to the child's physician, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife seized the animal, who was later euthanized for rabies testing.	Felicia Jordan, "Woman faces charges after her monkey bit a child in Pendleton County," ABC 9 Cincinatti, May 23, 2023. Betsy Smith, "Monkey bites 14-year-old girl," Grant County News, June 1, 2023.
Adults injured, primate killed	March 12, 2023/Dickson, Oklahoma: A woman was attacked by a neighbor's pet macaque monkey who escaped from his home. The woman called police when she saw the monkey pacing on her porch, jumping from the railing, hitting her door, and ripping off part of the door handle. The woman went outside when police arrived and the monkey crawled up her back, pulled out multiple handfuls of her hair, and nearly ripped her ear in half before running away. The ear was left hanging. The woman was taken to a hospital, received post-exposure rabies shots, and will require plastic surgery for her ear. The monkey ran off and was later shot and killed by another neighbor who reported his hair was pulled and he was slapped across the face.	Greg Graziosi, "Pet monkey shot and killed after it nearly rips Oklahoma woman's ear off," AOL, March 14, 2023. Caroline Cluiss, "Pet monkey shot, killed after escaping, ripping woman's ear," KXII, March 13, 2023. Adria Goins, "Monkey shot and killed after attacking an Oklahoma woman outside her home," KFOR, March 14, 2023.
Escape	February 21, 2023/Lexington, Kentucky: A pet capuchin monkey named Max escaped on the interstate after his owners were involved in a car accident. Road workers spotted Max two days later and he was captured by Lexington police and returned to his owners.	Ana Rocío Álvarez Bríñez, "Kentucky police officers reunite missing capuchin monkey with his family after crash," Courier Journal, February 24, 2023.
Escape	January 11, 2023/Bloomington, Illinois: A family investigating noises in their garage found a ring-tailed lemur. The Illinois Conservation police worked with Miller Park Zoo to capture and remove the animal, who was taken to Miller Park Zoo. The owner was not identified; authorities believe the lemur was illegally kept as a pet and escaped.	Rich Co, "Endangered Ring-Tailed Lemur Rescued from Illinois Garage, Zoo Warns of Zoonotic Pathogens if Kept as Pet," Nature World News, January 18, 2023.

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Danger	November 6, 2022/Dallas County, Missouri: After a motor vehicle crash, EMTs were dispatched to help the driver as well as his pet kangaroo and spider monkey. The kangaroo was described as "feisty" and clearly shaken.	Tony Nguyen, "Missouri emergency crew helps injured driver and pet monkey," FOX4KC, November 10, 2022.
Escape	May 22, 2022/Effingham County, Georgia: The Effingham County Sheriff's Office warned residents that two Patas monkeys were on the loose. The sheriff's department worked with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to locate them. Deputies captured the monkeys more than a week later about 30 miles northwest of Savannah.	"Georgia deputies capture 'monkeys on the loose'," FOX 5 Atlanta, May 31, 2022.
Adult and primate injured	May 10, 2022/ Corrigan, Texas: A 7-month-old capuchin monkey bit his owner outside of a Dollar General store as she offered him water. The diapered monkey then escaped into nearby woods. Police and animal control attempted to trap the monkey without success. Two weeks later, he was found by a motorist lying in the middle of a state highway, bleeding and emaciated. Police transported the monkey to a veterinary clinic and he was reunited with his owner, who claimed the capuchin was training to be a service animal.	Deborah Hastings, "Boss the Monkey had been on the run for two weeks and was the subject of a massive simian hunt," Inside Edition, May 24, 2022.
Cruelty, primate death	February 7, 2022/Cincinnati, Ohio: A man pled guilty to animal cruelty after giving or allowing his pet capuchin monkey to ingest amphetamines. Following a tip, officers executed a search warrant, found the monkey to be "very lethargic and underweight," and subsequently seized the animal. Cincinnati Animal Care testified that the monkey was lethargic, underweight, "screaming in pain," and tested positive for amphetamines. The man claimed the monkey was his emotional support animal. The man previously owned a different capuchin monkey who died shortly after he acquired it. The monkey, who underwent drug rehabilitation treatment, was placed in a sanctuary.	Monkey will not be returned to its owner who is accused of giving it drugs," <i>Cincinnati Enquirer</i> , May 25, 2022. Kevin Grasha, "Westwood man accused of drugging his 'emotional support' monkey seeks animal's return," <i>Cincinnati Enquirer</i> , April 29, 2022. Quinlan Bentley, "Monkey given amphetamines 'doing amazing' at sanctuary. Former owner gets probation," <i>Cincinnati Enquirer</i> , January 14, 2023.
Escape, primate injured	January 16, 2022/ St. Petersburg, Florida: A capuchin monkey with bleeding scrapes on their forehead, cheek, and nose was discovered by a police officer in a residential area. Police described the capuchin as "visibly" frightened and suspected that a dog may have caused the injuries. The monkey was taken into custody by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and received treatment at a wildlife facility.	10 Tampa Bay News, "St. Petersburg police rescue capuchin monkey following suspected dog attack," January 18, 2022.
Adult injured	December 10, 2021/Neville, Ohio: A woman was bitten by one of her three pet capuchin monkeys while feeding them from outside of the cage. The monkey grabbed the woman's hand, pulled it into the cage, and bit her. The woman's right index finger was completely severed and her left middle finger may have been broken in multiple places. Emergency crews responded to the scene and transported the woman to the hospital.	WKRC, "Clermont County woman's monkey attacks her, nearly amputates finger," December 13, 2021.
Child injured	November 22, 2021/ Satsuma, Florida: A 15-year-old girl was bitten by a capuchin monkey that she purchased online for \$9,500 and had traveled from Alabama to Florida to pick up. The seller kept the capuchin, along with a marmoset, tied to a bed with ten-pound weights in a trailer. The seller advised the buyers to drive directly to the state line to avoid being stopped since she did not have paperwork for the monkey. Hours later, the buyers returned the monkey after noticing aggressive behavior while changing the animal's diaper. The monkey later bit the teen on her index finger as she attempted to pet her. The teen was treated at a hospital. Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission seized the monkey and issued the seller a citation for unlicensed sale and possession of wildlife. The seller, whose captive wildlife license was revoked in 2016, was previously cited by FWC for possession of captive wildlife without a permit.	Hayley Fowler, "Teen bought Sally the monkey for \$9,500 and it bit her, report says. Owner is charged," <i>Miami Herald</i> , February 22, 2022.

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Child injured	October 31, 2021/ Austin, Texas: A pet capuchin monkey reportedly bit a child who was attending an event at the owner's home. The monkey's owner allegedly claimed the monkey was trained to give high fives and invited the child, along with two friends, to see the animal. When the child attempted to high five the monkey the animal aggressively bit down on the child's hand and refused to let go, forcing the child to pry open the monkey's jaw. The child initially sought medical treatment from a nearby physician. The monkey's owner refused to provide the animal's vaccination records, forcing the child to receive rabies treatments. The monkey's owner reportedly indicated that the animal had also previously bitten her and claimed that the monkey was a service animal. The child's parents subsequently filed a lawsuit seeking compensation for medical costs and punitive damages.	Katie Hall, "Texas Longhorns assistant football coach, girlfriend sued after monkey bites child," <i>USA Today</i> , December 10, 2021. Dani Mohr, "Texas' Jeff Banks, 'Pole Assassin' girlfriend sued over monkey biting Halloween trick- or-treater," Sporting News, December 4, 2021.
Escape	July 13, 2021/Memphis, Tennessee: A woman left her pet marmoset in her car while she went shopping. The marmoset escaped through a car window that was left slightly open. The marmoset entered a clothing store through a back door that had been left open and was captured the next day.	Melissa Moon, "Totally bananas: Missing monkey found inside Memphis clothing store," WREG, July 14, 2021.
Cruelty, primate death, primate injured	June 23, 2021/Sevierville, Tennessee: Two people from Indiana were charged with animal cruelty after police, responding to a call, discovered a dead 9-week-old marmoset and a distressed 5-week-old marmoset inside a hot car in a parking lot at a waterpark. The outside temperature was 87 degrees. The surviving marmoset was very dehydrated and taken to an animal hospital.	Hannah Moore, "Pair charged with animal cruelty after Sevierville Police find dead monkey in car," WATE, June 24, 2021.
Adult injured, primate killed	June 20, 2021/Pendleton, Oregon: An adult male chimpanzee kept as a pet was out of the cage and mauled the owner's 50-year-old daughter. The daughter, bleeding profusely, was trapped in the basement and needed immediate medical attention for bites to her torso, arms, and legs. A sheriff's deputy shot and killed the chimpanzee so medics could access the victim who was then rushed to the hospital. The chimpanzee, named Buck, had been acquired as a baby 17 years earlier.	Phil Wright, "Umatilla County sheriff's deputy kills chimpanzee to help save woman," <i>East Oregonian</i> , June 20, 2021. Phil Wright, "Owner of attacking chimp credits deputy with saving her daughter's life," <i>East</i> <i>Oregonian</i> , June 24, 2021.
Adult and children injured	May 25, 2021/Reno, Nevada: A pigtailed macaque named Gebbe who was kept as a pet escaped and injured four people, including a mother and daughter who were bitten and scratched and two other neighborhood children who were bitten. Animal services captured the monkey and placed him under quarantine. At least two of the victims underwent rabies prevention shots and subsequently filed a lawsuit against the macaque's owner and animal services. This was Gebbe's second escape (see 2015/Reno, Nevada).	Kristin Oh, "Reno pet monkey might not be returned to owner after escaping in May, documents show," <i>Reno Gazette Journal</i> , June 11, 2021. Kristen Oh, "Lawsuit: Exotic pet owner, animal services negligent," <i>Reno Gazette Journal</i> , July 11, 2021.
Escape	March 21, 2021/Owenton, Kentucky: An underweight, 1-year-old female capuchin wearing a harness showed up on a resident's back deck. A family member managed to put a blanket around the capuchin and put her in a kennel. Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources officers picked up the monkey and took her to the Primate Rescue Center.	"Capuchin monkey found outside Kentucky home," WAVE, March 26, 2021.

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Escape	January 22, 2021/Mineral Wells, Texas: The owner of a Japanese macaque called animal control to report one of his monkeys had escaped. The animal control officer warned a local daycare to keep the children indoors due to the loose monkey. When the officer found the macaque near a house, the macaque slapped the officer's hand and darted towards the woods. The macaque was next spotted in the street by motorists and a woman who had just dropped her child off at school. When the animal control officer arrived, the macaque charged at her, prompting her to call the police department for backup. The owner showed up a short time later and captured the macaque.	Jonny Goodday, "Monkey Loose in 'Home of Crazy' Mineral Wells, TX [VIDEO]," Goodday Mineral Wells, January 22, 2021.
Escape	September 17, 2020/Tampa, Florida: Police responded to a call about a loose capuchin monkey roaming a Seminole Heights neighborhood. Police captured the monkey and returned him to his owner.	Dale Greenstein, "Baby Monkey Leads Tampa Police on a Wild Chase," Bay News 9, September 17, 2020.
Cruelty	September 2020/Athens, Tennessee: Animal Rescue Corps rescued a 27- year-old Japanese macaque named Nikki, who had been kept as a pet, and transported her to the Oklahoma Primate Sanctuary. The owners dropped Nikki off with a caretaker and, six months later, had never returned. She lived in a rusting parrot cage in the corner of a living room. According to a June 2021 update from the sanctuary, "When she first experienced grass on her feet she was scared and refused to touch it again right away. She is now fully outside and being introduced to another elderly expet, Bongo."	Nick Beres, "Animal rescue group recovers monkey from Tennessee home," NewsChannel 5, September 29, 2020. Oklahoma Primate Sanctuary, Inc., Facebook post, June 2, 2021.
Escape	August 2020/Dripping Springs, Texas: A 4-year-old squirrel monkey kept as a pet by Sandra Bullock's ex-husband Jessie James escaped, barged into a neighbor's house, knocked over cups of coffee and ran around inside the house and up and down the stairs. The neighbor contacted James who recaptured the monkey.	"THAT'S MY MONKEY IN YOUR HOUSE And, Yes, He's VERY Happy to See You!!!," TMZ, August 17, 2020.
Escape	June 9, 2020/Alton, Missouri: A 9-year-old Patas monkey purchased as a pet at an Oregon County auction escaped and was found wandering in a neighbor's yard twice over a two-day period. The owner lured the monkey with bananas but stated she was uncomfortable picking up the monkey because she only had it for a week.	Michael Deere, "Escaped pet monkey caught on video near Alton, Mo.," KY3, June 11, 2020.
Escape	May 20, 2020/Tewksbury, Massachusetts: Police issued a Code Red after a resident spotted a primate—possibly a spider monkey—roaming near her backyard. Local law enforcement used ATVs and drones to search the area. An animal control officer set up a camera and put out a cage with a bowl of fruit hoping to trap the animal.	Anna Meiler, "'I Just Stopped In My Tracks': Tewksbury Family Says There's A Monkey On The Loose," CBS Boston, May 21, 2020. Steve Annear, "Is there a monkey on the loose in Tewksbury? Police are asking residents to be on the lookout," <i>Boston Globe</i> , May 20, 2020.
Escape	January 20, 2020/Galveston, Texas: A pet capuchin monkey escaped from a private home, likely during a burglary. Police were contacted. The owners stated the monkey was hit by a car, died, and buried in the owners' back yard. However, police believed, based on their investigation, that the monkey may have been hit by a car but was not killed, and remained missing. Exotic animals are prohibited as pets in Galveston and police planned to issue charges against the owners when the monkey was found.	Dan Solomon, "The Galveston monkey saga is the weirdest story of 2020 thus far," <i>Texas Monthly</i> , January 22, 2020. Brittany Taylor, "Police: Reports of missing Galveston monkey's death 'premature'; search continues," Click2Houston, January 21, 2020.

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Escape	September 9, 2019/ Santa Fe, Texas: At least three people reported seeing a primate loose in their community. The primate was not captured, and while police were unable to substantiate the reports, they believed the primate may have been kept as a pet.	Melissa Correa, Michelle Homer "Where's the Santa Fe monkey? Prime or primate suspect still out there. Or is it?" KHOU 11, September 11, 2019. Ella Torres, "Chimpanzee on the loose in Texas, harassing people and dogs, reports say," ABC News, September 10, 2019.
Cruelty	July 10, 2019/Church Hill, Tennessee: Police found a 19-year-old macaque inside an unventilated trailer where the temperature was in excess of 100 degrees. The caged monkey was dehydrated and had no access to food or water. Police also found a dead dog in a bathtub and stated that the interior of the trailer was "not fit to be lived in by persons or animals due to extreme trash, feces, and an unbearable odor." The owner of the monkey had not lived in the trailer for three months and said she hadn't been inside for approximately three weeks.	Jeff Bobo, "Dead dog, caged monkey found in sweltering trailer," <i>Times News</i> , July 13, 2019.
Escape	June 10, 2019/Braceville, Ohio: A pet capuchin monkey escaped shortly after midnight from a home near the Ohio Turnpike. The following morning the monkey was spotted in the parking lot of a nearby truck stop. An employee at the gas station called 911 and told the operator that the monkey's owner had warned them that the animal would attack and bite. Shortly thereafter, the owner's friend captured the monkey on the roof of a nearby home.	Ed Runyan, "Monkey escape thrills Braceville," <i>The Vindicator</i> , June 10, 2019.
Escape	May 25, 2019/Charleston, West Virginia: A marmoset monkey escaped from a woman who had just purchased him. The monkey ran across a mall parking lot and into a tree where he stayed for two hours before being recaptured by a man who remarked that, pound-for-pound, the marmoset was the strongest animal he had handled during the 21 years his wildlife removal company had been in business.	"Monkey pulled from tree in Kanawha City," WCHS/WVAH, May 25, 2019.
Escape	May 8, 2019/Zephyrhills, Florida: A pet capuchin monkey escaped from a home and was on the loose for four or five days before he was found at a construction site two miles away.	"Donnotto the capuchin monkey is missing in Pasco County," WTSP, May 8, 2019. "Missing pet monkey found and returned to owner in Pasco County," WFLA, May 13, 2019. Ben Hooper, "Escaped monkey found at Florida construction site two miles from home," UPI, May 13, 2019.
Escape	April 17, 2019/Chicago, Illinois: Chicago Animal Care and Control captured an escaped capuchin monkey who was found in an ambulance service garage.	"Chicago Animal Care and Control rescues monkey from ambulance service garage," WLS, April 17, 2019.
Escape	November 17, 2018/Jersey City, New Jersey: An escaped pet owl monkey jumped onto the hood of a car and then into the backseat of the car when the driver opened the door. The monkey was captured by humane society officials and subsequently returned to his owner, who was visiting from Florida, on the condition that he immediately be removed from New Jersey.	Eric Kiefer, "Monkey in diaper leaps into stunned New Jersey driver's car," NJ Patch, November 21, 2018.
Escape	November 8, 2018/Morrisville, North Carolina: A young pet cotton-top tamarin jumped from her owner's shoulder and bolted across a motel parking lot when she was spooked by a plane flying overhead. Police and animal control officials helped search for the tiny monkey, who weighed less than a pound, whose owners feared that she would not survive the forecasted freezing temperatures. Nine days later the monkey had still not been found and her owners returned to South Carolina.	"A rare tiny pet monkey is missing in Morrisville as temperatures drop," The News and Observer, November 10, 2018. "Reward up to \$5,000 for missing monkey last seen in Morrisville," CBS 17, November 17, 2018.

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Adult injured	September 28, 2018/Shallotte, North Carolina: A Japanese macaque escaped from a backyard cage and attacked a neighbor as she talked with a repairman in her front yard. The monkey jumped on the woman, knocked her to the ground, and inflicted multiple bites and scratches on an arm and both legs. The repairman grabbed a gun from his vehicle, fired two warning shots, and shot and killed the monkey when the monkey ran towards him. The monkey's owner told police that of the several monkeys he owned, the escaped animal was an "aggressive" one. The victim was treated at a hospital and later stated that she did not know her neighbor had monkeys and felt the animals were unsafe for children in the community. Her children witnessed the attack and were "afraid another monkey will get out."	Lindsay Kriz, "Escaped monkey killed after attacking woman in Shallotte," <i>The Brunswick Beacon</i> , October 2, 2018.
Child injured	July 16, 2018/Stuart, Florida: A pet capuchin monkey bit an 8-year-old boy who was petting her as the animal sat with her owners on a restaurant patio. The 9-month-old monkey grabbed and bit the boy's pinky finger. The boy's family took him to a hospital where the wound was cleaned. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission investigated the incident and determined that the monkey had not been immunized for rabies and placed her under quarantine at the owner's home.	"Capuchin monkey bites child petting her; owners cited by Florida wildlife officials," TCPalm, August 23, 2018.
Child injured, primate killed	July 2018/Indiana: A pet macaque escaped from an unlocked outdoor pen and attacked a 16-year-old boy who was jogging. The boy was treated for a bite on his finger at the hospital emergency room and was given a tetanus booster, antibiotics, and underwent antiviral prophylaxis as well as testing for Herpes B virus. In response to the Indiana State Department of Health's requirement that the macaque be euthanized to be tested for rabies and Herpes B virus, the owner shot and killed the animal. The macaque's body had to be shipped to a neighboring state for necropsy and pathogen testing because Indiana's state public health lab is not equipped to handle specimens from macaques (due to human health risks presented by Herpes B virus) and no veterinary diagnostic testing labs in Indiana accept specimens from non-human primates.	Taryn Stevens, MPH, and Jennifer A. Brown, DVM, MPH, Indiana State Department of Health, "Investigation of a bite inflicted by a privately owned macaque on a child – Indiana, 2018," Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists Annual Conference, June 2019.
Danger	June 8, 2018/Holiday, Florida: Deputies who arrested a 23-year-old man for driving a stolen car into a ditch had to take custody of the man's pet capuchin monkey who was clinging to him.	Ryan Callihan, "Florida man arrested for driving stolen car. His friend won't stop monkeying around," <i>Bradenton Herald</i> , June 8, 2018.
Escape	June 7, 2018/Spartanburg, South Carolina: A pet marmoset monkey was on the loose overnight after escaping from the cab of her owner's pickup truck while it was parked in front of a restaurant. Police and animal control officials warned the public not to approach or attempt to capture the monkey who they said was scared and may try to enter houses or vehicles. The marmoset was found in a tree and recovered by her owner.	"7News crew helps save pet monkey in Spartanburg," WSPA, June 8, 2018.
Adult injured	June 4, 2018/Okeechobee, Florida: The same pet spider monkey who attacked a Home Depot employee the previous week escaped from a truck in the store's parking lot and jumped on the back of another employee, biting her twice. When the woman grabbed the animal's leash and walked to the front of the store in an effort to find the monkey's owner, the monkey bit her again on the arm and hand and scratched her face. A month later, the monkey's owner was arrested and jailed in North Carolina where she had fled with the animal to avoid an approaching court date.	"Home Depot worker attacked by pet spider monkey," CBS12, June 7, 2018. Carli Teproff, "Her pet monkey bit a Home Depot worker. Now, she's behind bars," <i>Miami Herald</i> , July 16, 2018.

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Adult injured	May 27, 2018/Okeechobee, Florida: A pet spider monkey seated in a customer's shopping cart attacked an employee in the checkout lane of a Home Depot store. The monkey jumped out of the cart and grabbed the cashier's shirt, leaving marks on the employee's shoulder and back.	Julius Whigham, "Pet monkey's owner cited in earlier attack," <i>The Palm Beach Post</i> , June 22, 2018.
Child injured	April 30, 2018/Edinburg, Texas: A pet Japanese macaque bit a 2-year-old boy on the finger. The victim was flown to a hospital for treatment and the monkey's owner surrendered the animal to the local animal control agency.	J. Edward Moreno and Daniel A. Flores, "Animal shelter finds home for monkey, raises concerns about exotic pet ownership," The Monitor, May 3, 2018.
Escape, primate killed	April 15, 2018/Lake City, Florida: Four pet macaques escaped during a storm. Florida Fish and Wildlife officials found one of the monkeys in a greenhouse and two others were found near some woods a day after their escape. After days of searching, which included the use of cameras, traps and bait, they were unable to capture the fourth monkey and killed the animal "to prevent public safety risks and to keep the monkey from becoming wild in Florida's habitat."	"Officials search for monkey on the loose," WCJB, April 18, 2018. "Missing monkey captured then euthanized for safety concerns," WCJB, April 19, 2018.
Adult injured	April 12, 2018/Las Vegas, Nevada: While touring Wayne Newton's home, a Clark County resident alleges she was bitten by the entertainer's pet capuchin monkey, Boo, after she was invited to take a photo with the monkey. The woman later filed a lawsuit seeking \$15,000 in damages, the second lawsuit filed against Newton in six months for attacks by his monkey.	David Ferrara, "Wayne Newton faces 2nd lawsuit alleging attack by pet monkey," <i>Las Vegas Review- Journal</i> , April 10, 2020. District Court Clark County, Nevada, Krystal Warner, an individual, Plaintiff, vs. Wayne Newton, an individual; CSD LLC, a Nevada Corporation; Doe Handler I; Does II through XV; and ROE Corporations I through X, inclusive, Defendants. Case No: A-20-813465-C, April 9, 2020.
Escape	December 17, 2017/Comstock, Wisconsin: A man who kept three pet monkeys in cages inside a barn called the Barron County Sheriff's Department to request help when one of the monkeys, who weighed 30 pounds, escaped from his cage. Ten weeks later, the three monkeys watched as state drug agents arrested the man and removed more than 300 marijuana plants from the barn.	Eileen Nimm, "'Sophisticated' pot grow seized in barn where monkeys kept," <i>Rice Lake Chronotype</i> , March 2, 2018.
Child injured	October 17, 2017/Las Vegas, Nevada: A pet capuchin monkey named Boo belonging to Wayne Newton bit a 15-year-old girl on the wrist during a tour of the entertainer's former estate. The girl required hospital treatment, follow-up medical treatment, and counseling and the bite left a scar. The girl's family filed a civil negligence complaint which sought at least \$15,000 in damages.	Carri Geer Thevenot, "Wayne Newton's pet monkey accused of attacking girl," <i>Las Vegas Review- Journal</i> , August 7, 2019. Jon Blistein, "Wayne Newton sued after pet monkey bites visitor at famed mansion," <i>Rolling Stone</i> , August 9, 2019.
Escape	August 21, 2017/Knoxville, Tennessee: A pet capuchin monkey escaped from his owner who had taken the primate with him to visit friends. The monkey, named Pretty Boy Floyd, was on the loose for a week during which time he tried to enter a home through a screen door and was spotted in trees and on the deck of a house. Animal control officers used nets and set traps but were unsuccessful in recapturing the monkey. Ultimately, the owner's daughter used honey to lure the monkey close enough to grab him.	Bruce Golding, "Pet monkey caught after week on the loose," <i>New York Post</i> , August 27, 2017. "Pet monkey loose in Knoxville," WVLT, August 23, 2017. John North, "Update: Monkey still on loose in North Knoxville," WBIR, August 22, 2017. Crystal Bonvillian, "Pet monkey 'Pretty Boy Floyd' remains on lam after tangle with animal control," Cox Media, August 23, 2017.

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Child injured	July 21, 2017/Terrell, Texas: A monkey bit a 13-year-old girl on the neck when the girl tried to pet the animal at a convenience store. The monkey was being carried through the store by a man who departed following the incident. Police located the man to determine if the monkey had been properly vaccinated.	"Terrell police locate owner, monkey that bit girl at Buc-ee's," Fox 4 News, July 26, 2017.
Escape	May 11, 2017/Canyon, Texas: A woman looked out her window and discovered a ring-tailed lemur on the porch. The lemur was standing upright and appeared to be waiting for someone to open the door. Animal control officials contained the primate, determined that he was not in good shape due to poor care, and began treating him for some health issues. When the owner was located, he/she stated that they no longer wanted the animal because of the amount of veterinary care that the lemur needed.	"Lemur found in Canyon city limits, officials urge caution with exotic pets," KFDA, May 12, 2017. "Move it Move it! Canyon woman finds lemur on back porch," <i>My High Plains</i> , May 12, 2017.
Danger	March 24, 2017/North Coventry Township, Pennsylvania: Officials confiscated a marmoset monkey during a bust of a large marijuana growing operation that was run by individuals who were part of an organized criminal network.	Jim Melwert and Alexadria Hoff, "Marijuana plants, pet monkey seized after police bust Cubans' grow operation," CBS, March 28, 2017.
Escape, primate death	January 24, 2017/Wichita, Kansas: A pet marmoset escaped from a student at Wichita State University as the man was taking her to his car. The tiny primate was outdoors overnight and found early the next day by a university employee. She was unresponsive, taken inside to warm up, and then transported to a veterinarian where she died.	Andrew Linnabary, "Monkey owner: 'It was the first and last time she escaped'," <i>The Sunflower,</i> January 25, 2017.
Escape	2017/ Tampa, Florida: A tamarin monkey escaped from a cage while being fed by the owner's boyfriend and climbed a nearby tree. The boyfriend contracted with a privately-owned bucket truck to lift him into the tree to retrieve the animal.	Mike DeForest, "INTERACTIVE: 220 escaped animals reported to Florida wildlife officials since 2016, records show," Click Orlando, March 29, 2022.
Escape	September 27, 2016/Nogales, Arizona: Police and animal control officers searched for an elderly pet capuchin monkey who escaped from her owner's home. The monkey had hearing problems, as well as cataracts that affected her vision, and her owner warned people that the monkey would bite.	"Pet monkey goes missing in Nogales," <i>Nogales International</i> , September 29, 2016.
Escape	September 8, 2016/Rotterdam, New York: Five weeks after escaping from a suburban backyard cage, a pet capuchin monkey was still on the loose.	Paul Grondahl, "Rotterdam woman on hunt for monkey missing in suburbia," <i>Times Union</i> , October 15, 2016.
Escape	August 14, 2016/Lancaster, Ohio: A pet spider monkey escaped from an RV in a Walmart parking lot. An employee grabbed the monkey's leash and turned the monkey over to the owner who had been chasing after him, yelling "Let him go, let him go, let him go! If he bites you, they will put him down."	"Monkey gets loose in Walmart parking lot," WCMH-TV, August 15, 2016.
Child injured	August 3, 2016/Virginia Beach, Virginia: A man who brought his white- headed capuchin monkey to the Oceanfront and performed in public for tips fled the scene after his monkey bit a 9-year-old girl on the hand, breaking the skin. The girl, who was with her family visiting from Pennsylvania, was interacting with the man and his monkey when she was bitten. The girl was taken to the hospital emergency room and underwent treatment for rabies and herpes B virus since the monkey's medical history was unknown. According to the state health department, about a dozen people are bitten by monkeys each year in Virginia.	Jane Harper and Stacy Parker, "Monkey bites 9- year-old girl at Virginia Beach Oceanfront," <i>The</i> <i>Virginian-Pilot</i> , August 4, 2016.

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Child injured	July 20, 2016/Nederland, Colorado: A pet lemur kept illegally bit a 2-year- old girl in the downtown area. The owner initially left the scene, but later turned the lemur over to the state wildlife agency. The owner was cited by police for having an aggressive animal.	Mitchell Byars, "Nederland lemur that bit toddler is 'in custody,' its owner facing charges; Exotic primate likely headed to sanctuary in Florida," DailyCamera.com, July 21, 2016.
Adult injured	July 19, 2016/Miami, Florida: A woman leaving her home was chased and repeatedly bitten by a lemur who was thought to be an escaped pet. Photos of the injuries show deep bite wounds on her forearms and wrist. The woman was taken to the hospital where she required stitches and more than 40 rabies prevention shots. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue and the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission's captive wildlife division captured the lemur.	Peter D'Oench, "CBS4 Exclusive: Victim Of Lemur Attack Says 'I Was Terrified,'" CBSMiami, July 21, 2016. "South Florida Woman Taken to Area Hospital After Being Attacked By Lemur," NBCMiami, July 20, 2016.
Escape	May 25, 2016/Jacksonville, Arkansas: Animal control officials searched for a monkey after a woman reported that her husband and son saw an approximately 2-feet tall primate crossing a road.	Alexis Rogers, "Missing monkey? Local animal control searches for monkey after reported sightings," KATV, May 25, 2016.
Escape	May 4, 2016/Burien, Washington: A man driving 112 mph crashed his car into a rock in someone's yard and ran from the scene, but then returned to get his pet marmoset from the car. The man was arrested, but police officers could not handle the marmoset and had to call the man's mother to retrieve the primate.	"Man going 112 mph fled crash with pet monkey, police say," AP, May 5, 2016.
Escape	February 4, 2016/Minerva Park, Ohio: A police officer on patrol spotted a monkey. He pulled over and got a good look at the animal before it fled, and later determined that he had seen a howler monkey.	Andrew King, "Minerva Park officer reports seeing howler monkey," <i>Westerville News & Public</i> <i>Opinion</i> , February 4, 2016.
Escape	December 2, 2015/San Diego, California: A pet marmoset monkey escaped through a hole in a window screen and was on the loose for several hours during which time he ran into a grocery store and jumped on people's shoulders.	Delinda Lombardo, "So, this monkey walks into a grocery store," San Diego Reader, December 3, 2015.
Escape	December 2015/Turlock, California: Department of Fish and Wildlife officials captured a ring-tailed lemur who was discovered by a citizen in his back yard.	Bill Lindelof, "Lemur found in Central Valley finds temporary digs at Sacramento Zoo," <i>Sacramento Bee</i> , February 26, 2016.
Adults injured, primate killed	November 18, 2015/Harlingen, Texas: A pet vervet monkey who escaped from a backyard cage ran into a nearby home and ended up attacking and biting three people before he was captured by police. One of the victims was an 84-year-old woman who was taken by ambulance to a hospital. The monkey was killed so he could be tested for diseases.	"Several injured when monkey escapes in TX," KGBT, November 19, 2015. Kayleigh Sommer, "Monkey escapes, bites three: Illegally kept wild animal euthanized," <i>Valley</i> <i>Morning Star</i> , November 19, 2015.
Escape	September 29, 2015/DeBary, Florida: A man and his wife called 911 when the man spotted a monkey sitting under one of the vehicles in their RV lot. When the man yelled to his wife, the monkey ran into nearby trees. The sighting was approximately three miles from where a monkey had been seen four days previously.	"Another monkey sighting reported in DeBary," WFTV, September 30, 2015.
Escape	September 28, 2015/Sanford, Florida: A pet macaque named Zeke escaped from a cage and roamed the surrounding neighborhood. He took mail from a mailbox, hopped onto police patrol cars and pulled molding off of one of them, and climbed on a street sign before being recaptured by his owner. This was at least the third time that Zeke had escaped (see September 9, 2012/Sanford, Florida).	"Monkey on the loose in Sanford neighborhood jumps into owner's arms," WFTV, September 28, 2015. "Monkey on the loose found in Seminole County neighborhood," News 6, September 28, 2015.
Escape	September 25, 2015/DeBary, Florida: A woman driving in her car saw a monkey run across the road and snapped a photo of the animal through her windshield.	"DeBary neighborhood on the lookout after possible monkey sighting," WFTV, September 25, 2015.

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Escape	September 11, 2015/Valdosta, Georgia: A city employee and numerous citizens reported seeing a monkey, possibly a macaque, on the loose in Valdosta. The monkey was reportedly spotted by the side of a road and in a yard. Valdosta State University issued a campus alert urging students to be cautious and not to approach or touch the monkey.	"Police continue search for monkey on run in Valdosta," WCTV, September 11, 2015.
Escape	September 9, 2015/Bath County, Kentucky: A pet macaque monkey escaped while his cage was being cleaned and was on the loose for at least two days. Deputies, state police, animal control officials, and Fish and Wildlife agents all tried to recapture the animal, who was finally tranquilized. Neighbors reported seeing the monkey in various places, including a street intersection and inside someone's car.	Mike Barber, "Fish and Wildlife officials capture furry fugitive in Bath County," WKYT, September 9, 2015.
Adult injured, primate killed	September 2015/Lowndes County, Mississippi: A woman who had been hospitalized after being bitten and scratched on the head by her pet monkey was re-hospitalized several weeks later and then airlifted to another hospital when she began showing symptoms of a simian-related virus. Representatives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention disinfected the containment area of the first hospital, suggesting that the woman was likely infected with Herpes B virus. The monkey was confiscated and euthanized.	"Lowndes woman infected after alleged monkey bite," <i>The Packet</i> , October 20, 2015.
Adult and child injured	August 18, 2015/Prescott, Arizona: A four-day-old baby was attacked by his/her grandmother's pet marmoset monkey when the animal ran from its cage, across the house, and jumped up to the baby, who was being held by his/her father. The marmoset scratched and bit the infant's face, leaving scratches on the forehead and at least one bite that split open one of the baby's nostrils. The infant was taken to a hospital and then flown to Phoenix Children's Hospital. Animal control took the marmoset to a roadside zoo to be quarantined and tested for diseases. At the zoo, the marmoset bit an employee who attempted to put the animal in a carrier to take it to a veterinarian. The marmoset ran up the man's arm and bit him in the ear. The employee sought medical attention for the bite and the marmoset was subjected to an additional 14-day quarantine.	The State of Arizona, Game and Fish Department, "Response to records request for primate incidents; Results of the investigation/narrative," February 5, 2016.
Adult injured	August 8, 2015/Bryant, Arkansas: A Target employee was bitten by a pet marmoset whose owner brought the animal to the store's Back to School Blitz. Social media helped Animal Control to locate the owner and sheriff's deputies were sent to contact her. The marmoset was impounded and quarantined.	"Monkey quarantined after biting worker at Bryant Target," KTHV, August 12, 2015.
Adults injured	June 25, 2015/Elkhart, Texas: A woman visiting a consignment shop was bitten on the arm by the business owner's pet lemur when the primate apparently escaped from a back room in the shop. After he bit her, the lemur bounced around the store until the owner's daughter was able to recapture him. The victim had trouble stopping the bleeding from the wound, which was approximately three inches long and deep enough that the ER doctor could insert a finger into it. While driving to the hospital with the victim, the lemur's owner told her that the animal had recently bitten her son-in-law. The lemur had also previously attacked a mail carrier (see December 4, 2012/Houston County, Texas), causing the owner to move shortly thereafter.	Pennylynn Webb, "Ouch! Elkhart lemur goes on biting spree," <i>Palestine Herald-Press</i> , June 29, 2015. Erika Bazaldua, "Woman attacked by pet lemur at Elkhart antique shop," KLTV, July 22, 2015.

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Child injured	April 22, 2015/Dexter, Iowa: A 10-year-old girl was bitten by a friend's pet capuchin monkey who broke out of his cage in the garage and attacked her. The girl received eight stitches for bites on both ankles, as well as a tetanus shot.	Kim St. Onge, "Pet monkey suspected of biting 10- year-old girl," KCCI, April 24, 2015.
Escape	April 14, 2015/North Knox County, Tennessee: A pet capuchin monkey escaped from his owners while they were loading horses into a trailer on their property. The monkey was on the loose for five days and was ultimately rescued by a teenager from the top of a tree where his leash had become entangled.	Lance Coleman, "North Knox family thankful after pet monkey rescued," <i>News Sentinel</i> , April 19, 2015.
Adult injured	March 25, 2015/Charlotte, North Carolina: A hospital security guard was bitten by a pet macaque monkey who escaped from a car in the visitor's parking lot when he tried to grab the animal and put him in a bin. The monkey ran to a nearby wooded area and was captured 30 hours later when he returned to the hospital grounds. The guard underwent treatment for rabies, as well as a series of three blood tests to determine if he became infected with the Herpes B virus. The monkey was quarantined for 30 days to check for rabies and was also subjected to the same blood tests for Herpes B virus. Investigators stated that there had been previous run-ins with the monkey's owner.	"Hospital employee bitten by monkey in University City," WBTV, March 26, 2015. "Escaped monkey, hospital employee tested for herpes after monkey bite," WBTV, March 26, 2015.
Adult injured	January 2015/San Antonio, Texas: A female bank teller was hospitalized after being bit on the face by an unrestrained juvenile macaque. A man brought the macaque into the bank and fled with the monkey following the attack. Authorities located the owner and seized the monkey. The owner claimed the monkey was a service animal. The male macaque, less than a year old, was quarantined and will be tested for rabies and Herpes B.	R.J. Marquez, "Illegal pet monkey bites woman at bank, seized by ACS," KSAT, January 30, 2015. Vincent T. Davis, "Pet monkey allegedly bites bank employee," <i>San Antonio Express-News</i> , January 30, 2015. "Bank Employee Bit in Face by Illegal Monkey," WOAI, January 30, 2015.
Escape	2015/Reno, Nevada: A pigtailed macaque named Gebbe who was kept as a pet was running loose in the neighborhood and had been photographed sitting on the roof of a house, prompting a response from animal services.	Kristin Oh, "Reno pet monkey might not be returned to owner after escaping in May, documents show," <i>Reno Gazette Journal</i> , June 11, 2021.
Escape, primate killed	December 2014/Gatesville, Texas: Two bonnet macaques being kept as pets escaped from their owner's home. One was shot and killed and the other, a pregnant female, remained on the loose at least five days after escaping. It was believed that one of these macaques was the same one who escaped and attacked a man and his dogs in September.	Paul J. Gately, "Monkey found dead was local family's pet; second one missing," KWTX, December 11, 2014.
Escape	October 5, 2014/College Station, Texas: A pet capuchin monkey was on the loose for three days after she went missing from the front yard of her owner's home. She was eventually found in a nearby subdivision.	Kessler McLaughlin, "Missing monkey found in College Station," KBTX, October 8, 2014.
Adult injured	September 19, 2014/Roanoke County, Virginia: A woman out shopping was bitten several times on each arm by an escaped pet monkey in the parking lot of a busy shopping center. The monkey apparently escaped while the owner was trying to change the animal's diaper, bit the shopper, then ran across highway traffic. The owner caught the monkey and drove away before authorities arrived at the scene.	Jordan Fifer, "Monkey on the lam captured after brief stir at Roanoke County shopping center," <i>The</i> <i>Roanoke Times</i> , September 19, 2014.
Cruelty	September 4, 2014/Phoenix, Arizona: A capuchin monkey was confiscated from the home of a 78-year-old woman where he had lived for years in a filthy cage. The inside of the woman's house had garbage so deep that sheriff deputies could not find other animals said to be living in the home and neighbors complained about the odor coming from the residence.	"Detectives subdue monkey owned by Phoenix 'hoarder'," CBS5, September 4, 2014.

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Adult injured	September 2014/Coryell County, Texas: A bonnet macaque being kept as a pet escaped and reportedly attacked a man and his dogs. A sheriff's deputy captured the macaque in a net, but the animal escaped again when it was returned to the owners and was not recaptured until two days later.	Paul J. Gately, "Monkey found dead was local family's pet; second one missing," KWTX, December 11, 2014.
Adult injured	August 3, 2014/Beaumont, California: A capuchin monkey bit a woman when she stepped outside a restaurant to make a phone call and encountered a woman who had three primates with her. The victim had to get stitches and undergo rabies injections. The capuchin was turned over to animal control officers for a six-month quarantine, and the other two primates-another capuchin and a tamarin-were confiscated because the woman did not have permits to own them.	Brian Rokos, "Woman surrenders monkeys after one bites restaurant guest," The Press Enterprise, August 5, 2014.
Cruelty	July 9, 2014/Warren, Michigan: Two ring-tailed lemurs were among 30 animals seized from a home where the animals had been living in deplorable conditions in a garage.	"Exotic animals seized from Warren garage appear healthy," <i>Daily Tribune</i> , July 10, 2014.
Child injured	June 16, 2014/Oshtemo Township, Michigan: A 4-year-old boy was bitten on both arms by an 11-month-old pet capuchin monkey while visiting the residence where the monkey lived. The boy was treated at a hospital.	Rob Wetterholt Jr., "Pet monkey bites boy, 4, in both arms near Kalamazoo," mlive.com, June 19, 2014.
Child injured	May 15, 2014/Washington County, Utah: A pet capuchin monkey wearing a diaper was captured after running loose for at least a day. A teenager who encountered the monkey was attacked when the monkey grabbed his hand and bit his finger for 5-6 seconds. The bite victim was treated at a hospital. Police and animal control corralled the monkey and located the owners the next day.	"Monkey Business In Washington County," KUTV, May 16, 2014. "Police Find Monkey in Washington County," KUTV, May 16, 2014.
Child injured	February 7, 2014/Waterbury, Connecticut: A woman was arrested after her 10-year-old daughter revealed to school officials that the bite and scratch wounds on her forehead were caused by her mother's pet marmoset. The woman was charged with risk of injury to a child and illegal possession of a wild animal. The monkey was placed under quarantine at the Beardsley Zoo.	Kelly Glista, "Waterbury Woman Charged With Keeping Illegal Pet Monkey," <i>Hartford Courant</i> , February 7, 2014. Jonathan Shugarts, "Naughty monkey is also illegal; Mom charged after girl, 10, injured by pet," Republican-American, February 7, 2014.
Cruelty	January 31, 2014/Cumberland County, Pennsylvania: Police, codes enforcement, the humane society, and the Pennsylvania State Dog Warden removed more than 50 animals, including a Japanese snow macaque and vervet monkey, who were living in filthy conditions in an unheated garage that was in "a deplorable state" and had a very strong odor of feces and urine throughout. The macaque was housed in a dog kennel, on concrete with urine-soaked newspaper. The vervet was housed in a five-foot-by-five-foot cage.	Myles Snyder and Kendra Nichols, "Police: More than 50 animals found in filthy home," ABC 13, February 3, 2014. Kolten Parker, "Abused monkeys head to South Texas to live free," <i>San Antonio Express-News</i> , February 14, 2014. "Two Pennsylvania 'Pet' Monkeys Rescued from Inhumane Conditions Arrive at Born Free USA Primate Sanctuary in Texas," Press Release, February 13, 2014.
Adult injured, primate killed	January 14, 2014/Vermilion, Ohio: An employee at an auto dealership was bitten by a customer's pet spider monkey. The victim was treated at a hospital for a bleeding puncture wound on his thumb. The monkey was killed to be tested for rabies.	Anna Merriman, "Spider monkey death gains international attention," <i>Chronicle-Telegram</i> , January 20, 2014.
Adult injured	December 2013/Pinehurst, North Carolina: A pet capuchin monkey bit someone.	David Sinclair, "County tells couple pet monkey has to go," <i>The Pilot</i> , October 7, 2014.

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Adult injured, primate killed	October 31, 2013/Moyock, North Carolina: A man was attacked by his neighbor's four pet capuchin monkeys who escaped from their cages inside a shed. The victim was trying to coax the monkeys back to the shed when the animals jumped on him. His thumb was nearly bitten off and he said "I had to hit 'em and fight them off me" The monkeys' owner told authorities the pets would become vicious if cornered. A reverse 911 call was sent out to warn the public, and elementary and middle schools were notified about the monkeys. Two of the monkeys were captured by animal control, one was tranquilized, and one was tranquilized and then shot and killed by law enforcement.	Nick Dutton, "Egg salad sandwich, cat and dog caused monkey attack," WTVR, November 1, 2013. Catherine Rogers, "Pet monkeys escape, attack man," WAVY, October 31, 2013.
Danger	August 3, 2013/Palm Desert, California: Sheriff's deputies confiscated a 2- year-old marmoset monkey who was discovered when the officers executed a search warrant of a home.	"Marmoset monkey found at alleged Thousand Palms drug house," Palm Desert Patch, August 3, 2013.
Adult injured	June 18, 2013/Conway, Arkansas: A 30-pound pet macaque monkey escaped from a veterinary clinic where he was being boarded. He broke a lock to get out of his cage and then exited the building by opening the clinic's back door. Police officers responded to the scene and blocked the road to contain the monkey. As they waited for animal control and clinic employees to arrive, the monkey climbed onto the shoulders of one officer and ultimately followed him back into the clinic. While trying to get the monkey to go back into his cage, the officer was bitten on the knuckle of his right thumb. Police officers escorted animal control officials into the building so they could sedate the monkey in order to return him to his cage. It took two attempts to sedate the animal. The officer sought treatment at a medical center for the bite to his thumb and was subsequently sent to Little Rock for observation due to concerns that he had possibly been exposed to Herpes B virus. The monkey's owner acknowledged that the animal was "an escape artist."	Courtney Spradlin "Monkey named Joey goes ape on office, escapes clinic for brief time," <i>Log Cabin</i> <i>Democrat</i> , June 19, 2013. Conway Police Department, Arkansas Incident Report, Incident No. 13-06638, June 18, 2013. Conway Animal Welfare, Complaint Nos. 15837 and 15847, June 18, 2013.
Cruelty	June 4, 2013/Weaverville, North Carolina: Animal services deputies following up on a complaint at a residence discovered a marmoset monkey, two kinkajous, and dozens of domestic animals living in filthy conditions and with undrinkable water. The monkey appeared to be sick and was losing hair.	"Deputies investigate exotic pets at Buncombe residence," <i>Citizen-Times</i> , June 28, 2013.
Escape	June 4, 2013/Miami-Dade County, Florida: A motorist captured a loose monkey on his cell phone video shortly after the monkey ran across the hood of his car as he was driving. The monkey then darted across school property, climbed a tree, and sprinted through the road. On June 28, 2013, the monkey was spotted again running through a condo complex and across power lines.	" 7News viewer captures loose monkey on video," WSVN, June 5, 2013. " Monkey continues to roam around South Florida," WSVN, June 28, 2013.
Escape	June 4, 2013/Wise, Virginia: A patas monkey ran loose for approximately 30 minutes on the University of Virginia-Wise campus before being recaptured. A student who was taking care of the monkey for a friend left the animal in a car, where he escaped from his cage and then through the open sunroof.	"Loose monkey on UVa-Wise campus returned," TriCities.com, June 4, 2013.

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Adult and child injured	June 2, 2013/Godfrey, Illinois: A 6-year-old boy was bitten by a pet java macaque who was taken to a dog festival at a local park. According to the boy's friend, the monkey jumped on the victim, grabbed his shirt, "pulled him back and bit his arm." The boy was taken to the hospital by ambulance and had to undergo several treatments for a bone-deep wound, which became infected. He also underwent treatment for possible rabies exposure. The monkey's owner tried to leave the park and was detained by witnesses who blocked her from doing so. The monkey was quarantined. The owner admitted to an officer that the monkey had previously bitten her several times, including a few hours before the monkey bit the child. The boy's father filed a lawsuit against the monkey's owner seeking in excess of \$50,000 on one count of alleged negligence.	Jill Moon, "Bitten boy getting medical treatment," <i>The Telegraph</i> , June 12, 2013. Lauren Trager, "Mother wants owners held accountable after monkey attacks boy in Godfrey," KMOV-TV, June 7, 2013. Paul Hampel, "Monkey that bit boy at Godfrey festival is made a ward of the state," <i>St. Louis Post- Dispatch</i> , June 28, 2013. Steve Horrell, "Lawsuit filed by victim's family," <i>The</i> <i>Edwardsville Intelligencer</i> , June 17, 2013.
Adult injured	May 18, 2013/Tucson, Arizona: A pet capuchin monkey who was taken to a yard sale jumped off his owner's shoulder and began to bite the proprietor of the sale who was handing change to the owner. The victim grabbed the monkey and threw him to the ground and the owner and her son hit the monkey several times on the head and hands. The victim went to an urgent care facility and received treatment for the bite which, despite the fact that the monkey's canine teeth had been removed, broke the skin on the right wrist, as well as tetanus and pertussis vaccines and a prescription for antibiotics. Officials ensured that the primate was quarantined and tested for disease.	The State of Arizona, Game and Fish Department, Response to records request for primate incidents, Results of the investigation/narrative, page 11-13.
Escape, primate killed	May 18, 2013/Neville, Ohio: A small monkey running loose through a neighborhood was deemed a public health and safety risk and shot and killed by a state wildlife officer.	"Monkey Loose in Clermont County Put Down," WKRC-TV, May 18, 2013. Sherry Coolidge, "Clermont runaway monkey shot," Cincinnati.com, May 18, 2013.
Escape	May 13, 2013/Key Haven, Florida: Three animal control officers spent nearly an hour chasing an escaped pet capuchin monkey who crisscrossed a busy highway three times and then ran into mangroves before she was captured. The monkey, who had escaped from her owner who was fishing on a nearby island, had a strap around her waist and was wearing a shock collar.	Gwen Filosa, "Monkey runs wild on U.S. 1; owner cited," keysnews.com, May 15, 2013.
Escape	March 2013/Pawnee County, Oklahoma: A pet vervet monkey escaped from a cage and was on the loose for a week. The monkey's owner told sheriff deputies to shoot the animal if they found him because he was afraid the monkey would hurt someone. A woman in her car spotted the monkey running down a rural road and was startled when he jumped onto her car. The vervet then ended up at a nearby glass company where employees noticed that he had an injured tail and the business owner caught him in a net.	Tess Maune, "Escaped pet monkey captured after week on the loose in Pawnee County," News On 6, March 27, 2013.
Adult and child injured	January 21, 2013/North Miami Beach, Florida: Two pet lemurs escaped and ran wild through the neighborhood, charging at neighbors and police. Both lemurs jumped out of a tree onto a 2-year-old girl who was being carried by her mother and began attacking the girl. The girl was treated at the scene for a scratch to her face, just under the eye, and her mother was treated for a scratch to the arm. Police and the primates' owner finally recaptured the lemurs.	"Lemurs run amok in North Miami Beach, scratch toddler," <i>Miami Herald</i> , January 21, 2013. North Miami Beach Police Department, Incident/Investigation Report, Case #2013-0121- 04, January 21, 2013. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Law Enforcement, Incident Summary Report, FWSB-13-0FF-0639, January 21, 2013.

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Adult injured	December 4, 2012/Houston County, Texas: A mail carrier sought medical treatment after she was attacked by a resident's pet lemur when the primate jumped into her vehicle, bit her on the hand and arm, and then jumped out. She sent a text to her supervisor that read, "got bit by the monkey, blood's everywhere, come get me." The lemur, who had jumped on her car weeks earlier and pulled her hair, was placed under quarantine.	Michelle Reed, "Lemur attacks Houston Co. mail carrier," KTRE, December 6, 2012.
Adult injured	September 29, 2012/Merritt Island, Florida: A pet capuchin monkey named Mookie, whose owner regularly took him out to public places, bit a man on the shin when he and his girlfriend stopped to pet the animal outside a convenience store. Officials ordered the monkey to be quarantined for 30 days at the owner's home.	Stacey Barchenger, "Pet monkey put on house arrest after biting man on Merritt Island," <i>Florida Today</i> , October 1, 2012.
Adults injured	September 9, 2012/Sanford, Florida: A 4-year-old pet pigtail macaque named Zeke escaped from a backyard cage and ran amok for two hours, biting and scratching two people, jumping on cars and chewing on a satellite dish. Animal control officers closed the streets around the area and Zeke was finally captured by his owner. This was the second time the primate had escaped in the last two months.	"Monkey Terrorizes Sandford, Florida, Neighborhood," Huffington Post, September 10, 2012. Anthony Castellano, "Escaped Pet Monkey Terrifies Fla. Neighborhood," ABC News, September 10, 2012.
Adult injured	August 29, 2012/Paso Robles, California: A woman was treated at a hospital after she suffered several severe bites to her arm and fingers from her pet Java macaque. The 22-year-old primate was obese because of an improper diet that included Frosted Flakes and other junk food and was kept inside their trailer in a pet travel crate intended for a small dog. The monkey was confiscated by authorities, taken to a veterinarian to have several tumors on her neck, rump and shoulder inspected and to be tested for tuberculosis, and then quarantined for 60 days. It was not the first time the monkey had bitten the woman.	Richard Winton, "Illegal monkey living on Frosted Flakes bites woman," <i>Los Angeles Times</i> , September 8, 2012. AnnMarie Cornejo, "Illegal pet monkey attacks woman in Paso Robles," The Tribune & SanLuisObispo.com, September 7, 2012. Christine Roberts, "Illegal pet monkey quarantined after biting Calif. Woman," <i>New York Daily News</i> , September 10, 2012.
Adult injured, primate killed	August 15, 2012/Martin County, Florida: A 3-feet-tall, 26-pound pet macaque monkey escaped from a home and attacked his owner who was trying to re-capture him with a net. The monkey bit the man's buttocks and thigh and injured seven tendons and one nerve in his hand, resulting in two, three-hour surgeries on his hand and the need for rehabilitation. The monkey was shot and killed by the man's friend in order to stop the attack.	Alexandra Seltzer, "Martin County man forced to have his pet monkey killed after it attacks," <i>Palm Beach Post</i> , August 23, 2012.
Adult injured	August 8, 2012/Fort Lauderdale, Florida: A paramedic was bitten by a pet marmoset monkey belonging to a man who crashed a motorcycle while riding with the monkey in a travel bag. The monkey bit the paramedic on the knuckle, causing a small puncture wound and requiring the man to get a tetanus shot.	Alexandra Seltzer, "Martin County man forced to have his pet monkey killed after it attacks," <i>Palm Beach Post</i> , August 23, 2012.
Escape	June 9, 2012/Chamberlain, South Dakota: Responding to a report from a motorist that a monkey was on the loose, a police officer spotted the primate on the corner of an exit ramp off Interstate 90. The officer chased the primate, described as grayish in color and about 2 feet tall, into a fast food restaurant parking lot, but the monkey escaped into some tall grass and disappeared.	Tom Lawrence, "'Sure enough there was a monkey' on the loose in Chamberlain," <i>Daily Republic</i> , June 16, 2012.
Escape	May 14, 2012/Mission, Texas: Animal control officers trapped a patas monkey who had been observed running loose in the area for three weeks and brought the animal to the Gladys Porter Zoo. No one reported a missing monkey and zoo officials suspected the primate got loose just before being smuggled into Mexico.	Neal Morton, "Monkey captured in Mission orchards," <i>The Monitor</i> , May 16, 2012. "Mission monkey was likely headed to Mexico," KGBT4TV, May 15, 2012.

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Child injured	May 11, 2012/Dexter, lowa: The lowa Department of Human Services investigated a private residence that offered daycare services after the owner's 1-year-old capuchin monkey scratched a girl on her hand when it jumped off her lap. The child was taken to the hospital and advised to undergo rabies shots.	"DHS investigates monkey scratch at day care, " KCCI, May 11, 2012.
Adults and child injured, primate killed	May 6, 2012/Asheville, North Carolina: Three people were bitten by a pet marmoset monkey who escaped from a home and into the surrounding neighborhood. According to a witness, the monkey "freaked out" and started jumping on and biting people. One woman was bitten on both ears, her daughter was bitten on the finger, and another person was also bitten on the ears. Two of the victims were treated with antibiotics to avoid infection. By the time animal control and police officers arrived at the scene, the monkey had been recaptured by her owner, but a search of the house uncovered marijuana, psilocybin mushrooms, hashish and ecstasy and led to a man who lived at the home being charged with several drug violations. The monkey was euthanized to be tested for rabies.	"Monkey that bit 3 will be euthanized," WLOS, May 7, 2012. Sabian Warren, "Roving Asheville monkey leads to drug charges against owner," <i>Citizen-Times</i> , May 8, 2012. Casey Vaughn, Aaron Barker, Adrian Acosta, "Monkey euthanized after biting 3 people," WECT, May 7, 2012.
Escape	May 4, 2012/Chattanooga, Tennessee: Police and animal control were called to capture an escaped pet marmoset after receiving calls from neighbors that a monkey was on the loose.	Matt Barbour, "McKamey Officer: 'We have the monkey in a trap'," WRCB, May 4, 2012.
Escape	May 1, 2012/Casselberry, Florida: Two people contacted the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission with reports of seeing a loose monkey.	Gary Taylor, "Monkeys on the loose in Seminole County," <i>Orlando Sentinel</i> , May 2, 2012.
Escape	April 29, 2012/Oviedo, Florida: Two people reported seeing a monkey in and near the downtown area.	Gary Taylor, "Monkeys on the loose in Seminole County," <i>Orlando Sentinel</i> , May 2, 2012.
Adults and child injured, primate killed	April 24, 2012/Pender County, North Carolina: The sheriff's office removed a macaque monkey from a private residence after the animal had escaped twice in two months and bit a neighbor once, her son twice, as well as a third unidentified victim. The state veterinarian ordered the monkey euthanized to be tested for diseases.	John Peaspanen, "Pet monkey in Pender euthanized after biting neighbor," <i>Star News</i> , May 11, 2012.
Escape	April 24, 2012/Sanford, Florida: The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission received a report of a monkey running loose.	Gary Taylor, "Monkeys on the loose in Seminole County," <i>Orlando Sentinel</i> , May 2, 2012.
Escape	April 17, 2012/Gainesville, Florida: The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission set a trap hoping to capture a Patas monkey who appeared in a Duval neighborhood and was eating from fruit trees.	Cindy Swirko, "Patas monkey moves into Duval neighborhood," <i>The Gainesville Sun</i> , April 19, 2012.
Escape	April 5, 2012/Shady Hills, Florida: Pasco County law enforcement searched for more than four hours for a pet monkey who escaped from a vehicle and ran into a nearby wooded area when the owner stopped at a gas station.	Marissa Lang, "Pasco County deputies search for escaped monkey," <i>Tampa Bay Times</i> , April 5, 2012.
Escape	March 19, 2012/Manatee County, Florida: A business park's security video captured a primate, believed to be a capuchin monkey, rummaging through dumpsters. The monkey was suspected of scavenging at the park for the last six months.	Toni Whitt, "Mystery Monkey Caught on Video in Business Park," Bradenton Patch, March 20, 2012.
Escape	March 19, 2012/Ashley, Pennsylvania: A young man took the family's pet java macaque on a joyride in a stolen vehicle and the monkey escaped when police stopped the vehicle. Police warned residents to be on the lookout for a potentially dangerous primate. The monkey, on the loose for hours, was pursued by game commission officials and law enforcement from four jurisdictions. The monkey's owner eventually captured the monkey, who was seized by the game commission.	Denise Allabaugh and Bob Kalinowski, "Monkeying around lands Ashley man in jail," <i>Citizens' Voice,</i> March 20, 2012.

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Adult injured	March 2, 2012/Niles, Ohio: A pet store clerk underwent medical treatment for potential diseases after she was bitten by a spider monkey who a customer brought into the store. The health department ordered the monkey quarantined.	"Pet Monkey Bites Niles Pet Store Clerk," WKBN, March 5, 2012. Raymond L. Smith, "Warren official may testify at animal hearing," <i>Tribune Chronicle</i> , March 9, 2012.
Escape	February 7, 2012/Sanford, Florida: Seminole County Animal Services captured an escaped pet rhesus macaque after police had received calls over the last three weeks from residents reporting a primate on the loose.	Arelis R. Hernández and Jeff Weiner, "Monkey captured in Seminole County neighborhood," <i>Orlando Sentinel</i> , February 7, 2012.
Escape	January 2, 2012/Southern Pines, North Carolina: A 2-year-old pet rhesus macaque escaped after being in a new home for only two weeks. The monkey, whose canine teeth had been removed, was on the loose for five days before being recaptured. The monkey endured temperatures that dipped into the 20s during two of the nights he was outdoors, lost approximately one pound of body weight, suffered a broken finger, scratches, and chafing from the diaper he was wearing when he escaped and, according to a veterinarian, was traumatized by the ordeal.	Pet Monkey Loose, Missing In Southern Pines, NC," WFMY, January 4, 2012. Tom Embrey, "'Happy ending': Escaped monkey back home," <i>The Pilot</i> , January 11, 2012.
Children injured	2012/Delaware County, Oklahoma: In separate incidents, two teenage girls were bitten by a spider monkey, one of three spider monkeys, 11 lemurs, marmosets and other animals living with the two girls and numerous other children in a grossly abusive foster home. The foster parents who kept the children and exotic animal menagerie in a filthy mobile home were arrested and charged with 10 counts of child abuse, seven counts of child neglect and enabling child abuse. Neither girl was taken for medical care despite one wound being so severe "you could see the meat." Instead, the foster mother gave one girl "at least six shots of veterinary grade nerve block" and then stitched up the wound herself.	Sheila Stogsdill, "Spider monkey attacks among child abuse charges filed on Delaware County woman," <i>Tulsa World</i> , April 5, 2014. Sheila Stogsdill, "Delaware County woman waives preliminary hearing in monkey-bite child abuse case," <i>The Oklahoman</i> , September 10, 2014. Sheila Stogsdill, "DHS named in federal suit: 20 DelCo caseworkers, Matthews listed in complaint filed by children," <i>Grand Lake News</i> , November 26, 2015. David Lee, "Bitten by Monkeys in a Foster Home," <i>Courthouse News Service</i> , December 3, 2015.
Escape	November 22, 2011/Palm Coast, Florida: State and county authorities, responding to complaints from several residents, discovered a macaque in a neighborhood tree. The primate remained on the loose after an animal control officer tried unsuccessfully to tranquilize the animal.	"Monkey on the Loose in Flagler County: Two more Sightings," <i>First Coast News</i> , November 22, 2011.
Escape, primates killed	October 18, 2011/Zanesville, Ohio: Fifty animals escaped from Terry Thompson's farm when Thompson opened all the enclosures and fences and then killed himself. The sheriff's office warned residents to stay in their homes and recommended that local schools close, and a sign on the Interstate cautioned motorists to stay in their vehicles. Forty-eight animals were subsequently shot and killed by sheriff's deputies—two wolves, six black bears, two grizzly bears, 18 tigers, three cougars, and 17 African lions. A baboon was killed by the big cats and a macaque monkey who was released and never found was believed to have been killed and eaten by the big cats. Three leopards, a grizzly bear and two monkeys were taken to the Columbus Zoo. Thompson had just been released from prison after serving a one-year term for weapons offences.	"Outbreak fears as monkey remains on the loose in Ohio after animal park owner dies," <i>Herald Sun</i> , October 20, 2011. "Officials try to contain exotic animals after property owner found dead," <i>Zanesville Times</i> <i>Recorder</i> , October 19, 2011.
Escape	October 14, 2011/Lake Hills, Texas: One of five capuchin monkeys kept as pets escaped from a home and was on the loose for five days before being recaptured. The monkey reportedly attacked a dog and charged at a man, prompting three people to shoot at the animal.	Zeke MacCormack, "Rules questioned after monkey's escape," <i>Express-News</i> , October 22, 2011. Katrina Webber, "Missing monkey becomes talk of Medina Lake Town," KSAT, October 17, 2011.

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Adult injured	October 6, 2011/Holly Hill, Florida: A pet cotton-top tamarin escaped from a residence, went to a neighbor's back porch, then climbed a nearby tree. A police officer was bitten on the finger while capturing the monkey. The monkey was brought to an animal hospital where it escaped from a cage and "went beserk." The monkey was later returned to her owner.	Lyda Longa, "Escaped pet monkey captured, but managed to nip Holly Hill cop," <i>Daytona News-</i> <i>Journal</i> , October 8, 2011.
Adult injured, primate killed	September 2011/Waller County, Texas: A couple released ten capuchin monkeys from cages as wildfires approached and forced an evacuation of the area. A game warden with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department was bitten as she tried to capture one of the escaped monkeys and was treated at a hospital for a bite wound to her thumb. The loose monkey was shot and killed four days later.	Cindy Horswell, "Monkey on the loose killed after biting game warden," <i>Houston Chronicle,</i> September 14, 2011.
Child injured	August 12, 2011/Springfield, Missouri: An 8-year-old girl was attacked by a pet macaque monkey who reached out and grabbed her from a car in a store parking lot. The monkey bit and scratched the girl's forehead and fingers. Antiviral drugs and antibiotics were administered to the girl as a precaution.	"Monkey injures girl in store parking lot in Springfield," KY3 News, August 16, 2011. Kim Carollo, "Couple's Pet Monkey Bites Missouri Girl," ABC News, August 19, 2011.
Adults injured, primate killed	August 4, 2011/Shelbyville, Tennessee: A woman was washing a car in her driveway when she was attacked and severely injured by a pet macaque monkey who had escaped from a neighbor's home. The woman got the monkey off of her by putting her finger in his mouth, pulling his teeth out of her leg and pushing him away. She had to undergo surgery for a deep cut in her calf muscle and doctors told her she was lucky she wasn't killed. A sheriff's deputy was also attacked by the monkey who jumped on the officer's arm and left two deep cuts. The officer shot and killed the monkey. According to police, the animal had also bitten a sheriff's officer the previous year. Four other monkeys who were discovered living in dog crates and bird cages that were too small for the animals and without access to food or water were removed from the neighbor's home.	Lori Mitchell, "Woman viciously attacked by monkey speaks out," WKRN-TV, August 8, 2011. Heather Graf, "Escaped monkey shot, killed after injuring woman, deputy," News Channel 5, August 4, 2012.
Cruelty	August 3, 2011/Madison, Wisconsin: Dane County Humane Society seized a 3-year-old baboon who was being kept in a basement laundry room. The baboon's canine teeth had been extracted. The baboon's owner had previously lied to authorities on two separate occasions about having the baboon, but finally admitted to it when confronted with an inspection warrant issued by a judge. The same man had previously been investigated for keeping alligators and large snakes.	Gena Kittner, "Humane Society seizes baboon kept in Madison man's basement," madison.com, August 5, 2011.
Cruelty	June 24, 2011/Lansing, Illinois: A 46-year-old woman was charged with keeping two capuchin monkeys and five dogs in filthy, unsanitary, and neglectful conditions. One malnourished monkey was living in a small wire dog cage and the other was in a large metal bird cage. The cages were covered in excrement and cigarette butts and none of the animals had food or water.	"Woman kept malnourished monkeys, dogs in elderly mother's home," <i>Chicago Sun-Times</i> , June 29, 2011.
Children injured	June 9, 2011/Fremont, Ohio: A 7-year-old pet grivet monkey escaped from a woman's home and attacked and scratched three children. Police fired two rounds during a nearly 3-hour chase throughout the neighborhood. The monkey was re-captured by the owner, who was later fined \$150 for allowing an animal to run at-large.	"Fremont woman fined for pet monkey's escape," <i>The News-Messenger,</i> June 23, 2011. Michael Henrich, "Monkey attack prompts calls for wild animal pet ban," ToledoOnTheMove.com, June 10, 2011.
Adult injured	April 26, 2011/Surry County, Virginia: A 7-year-old male java macaque attacked a man while he was sleeping in his bed, biting his nose and arm. The man checked himself into a hospital and two weeks later gave up the male macaque and his female companion.	Lori Crouch, "Pet monkey attacks owner in bed," WAVY, May 9, 2011. "Update on monkey who attacked his owner," WTKR, May 11, 2011.

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Escape	March 24, 2011/McDowell County, North Carolina: A 14-month-old vervet monkey broke free as he was being walked on a leash. The monkey was spotted 45 minutes later 1½ miles away and was still missing a week later.	Jeff Rivenbark, "Search underway after pet monkey escapes from owner," WBTV, March 30, 2011.
Escape	March 21, 2011/Amelia, Ohio: A 7-year-old capuchin monkey escaped from a cage while being taken to the vet. The monkey was loose for three days and spotted near a high school.	Richard Todd, "Monkey no longer wandering Clermont County," FOX 19, March 24, 2011.
Escape	March 15, 2011/West Knoxville, Tennessee: Three police officers, an animal control officer, and a crime-scene technician were dispatched to a local residence after a report that a pet capuchin monkey had been found in a backyard tree. The 4-pound, 46-year-old monkey was captured when her caretaker eventually arrived on the scene.	Hayes Hickman, "4-pound monkey coaxed from tree in West Knoxville," knoxnews.com, March 16, 2011.
Escape, primate killed	March 8, 2011/Belleview, Florida: A 21-year-old capuchin monkey with a history of escaping from his backyard cage got loose and was killed by a neighbor's Rottweiler.	Austin L. Miller, "Tragic end for family's pet 'escape artist'," Ocala.com, March 9, 2011.
Child injured	March 2, 2011/Fort Madison, lowa: Authorities discovered that a 10-year-old child who had been taken to the Fort Madison Hospital for a cat bite had actually been bitten by a pet macaque.	Jim Whitfield, "Macaque monkey bites 10-year- old," KHQA, March 14, 2011.
Cruelty	February 26, 2011/New Orleans, Louisiana: A couple was convicted of cruelty to a patas monkey and three marmosets who were confiscated and found in poor overall health with a diaper rash, dehydration and piercings. The monkeys were dressed as pirates and brought to Bourbon Street just before Mardi Gras where the public was allowed to handle them and pay to have a photo taken with the monkeys.	"2 convicted of cruelty to monkeys on Bourbon St," Associated Press, July 11, 2011.
Adults injured, primate killed	January 30, 2011/Reidsville, North Carolina: A woman who was caring for a friend's capuchin monkey was attacked as the monkey tried to escape from his cage. The monkey "went crazy" and jumped on her head and bit her hand. The woman received medical treatment for bites that "ripped all the way to the bone in several places." Authorities ordered the monkey euthanized for rabies testing after determining the monkey had bitten three people.	"Monkey Attacks Woman While Owner Out of Town," MyFox8, January 31, 2011. Sarah Bloom, "Monkey Euthanized After Attacking Pet-Sitter," WSET-TV, February 1, 2011.
Escape	December 26, 2010/Williston, Florida: A resident shot at, and missed, a patas monkey who was foraging on corn in a backyard feeder. The man was one of several residents who had reported seeing a loose monkey in the area over the past few weeks.	Carolyn Ten Broeck, "Hey, hey it's a monkey," <i>Williston Pioneer Sun News</i> , December 31, 2010.
Adult injured	December 22, 2010/Miami, Florida: A pet capuchin monkey escaped and bit a neighbor on the ear, who was taken to the hospital. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission took possession of the monkey to determine if the animal had rabies.	"Monkey captured after biting man's ear: Banana wasn't enough to get him off rooftop," WAVY-TV, December 22, 2010.
Danger	December 17, 2010/Rogersville, Tennessee: Hawkins County Sheriff's deputies investigating a residence for methamphetamine production discovered three 20-pound monkeys and one 50-pound monkey in the home. The monkeys were aggressive toward officers and one ripped the jacket of a Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency officer. The man's wife was given custody of the primates.	Jeff Bobo, " 'Monkey Man' nabbed, charged over meth lab," <i>Knoxville News Sentinel</i> , December 21, 2010.
Escape	November 20, 2010/Mauston, Wisconsin: A 20-pound pet monkey escaped from a basement while the owner was trying to get the animal back inside a cage. The monkey went to a nearby car parts store, charged at an employee and a customer, then jumped onto the back of the employee.	"Mauston woman cited for having a monkey in the city," WRJC, November 30, 2010.

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Adult injured, primate killed	November 7, 2010/Oneida Castle, New York: An 8-year-old pet capuchin monkey escaped from a home by opening a screen door. The animal wandered into a neighbor's yard and attacked a woman who was outside playing with her son. The monkey jumped onto the woman's arm and then bit her finger when she reached out to keep the monkey away from the child. The woman was taken to the hospital for puncture wounds. The fire department, state police, and sheriff were called to the scene. The monkey was captured and killed in order to be tested for rabies.	"Pet monkey escapes, bites Oneida Castle woman," WSYR-TV, November 11, 2010.
Adult injured, primate killed	November 2010/Phoenix, Arizona: A pet rhesus macaque bit a person on the hand and was subsequently killed.	Rynski, "Wildlife belongs in the wild: Arizona monkey bites owner, reinforces primates make bad pets," <i>Tucson Citizen</i> , November 22, 2010.
Escape	October 19, 2010/Kansas City, Missouri: Mark Archigo's adult pet chimpanzee, Sueko, escaped from a cage inside a truck and rampaged through a Kansas City neighborhood for 40 minutes. Sueko charged at two young girls who were out for a morning walk, opened the passenger door of a sport utility vehicle that drove into the neighborhood, broke a gate and fence, and pounded on parked vehicles, passing cars, and the front door of a house. As authorities attempted to tranquilize her, Sueko charged a police car, pushed a trash can against its front bumper, climbed onto the car's hood, pounded on the roof, and kicked the windshield, breaking it. Sueko was finally recaptured when she walked into Archigo's van. Archigo has been in and out of legal trouble over Sueko since 1995 (see 2000/Jackson County, Missouri and 1995/Kansas City, Missouri).	Christine Vendel, "Escaped chimpanzee causes a ruckus," <i>Kansas City Star</i> , October 20, 2010.
Child injured	July 21, 2010/Hamilton County, Indiana: A 40-pound, 3-foot-tall pet patas monkey injured a teenage boy and bit a family dog on the ear after escaping from a cage and running through the family's house for 20 minutes. Someone in the house called 911 and told the dispatcher that the monkey was a dangerous wild animal. A witness to the attack on the boy remarked that he had "never seen any animal jump on top of somebody and just start attacking him." Family members locked themselves in different rooms to avoid the monkey until police, paramedics, and animal control responded to the 911 call.	"Pet monkey's attack was fluke, owner says; Animal experts raise concerns about keeping primates as pets," <i>Hamilton County Star</i> , July 23, 2010. "Angry pet monkey terrorizes family," WOAI-TV, July 23, 2010.
Adult injured	July 18, 2010/Catskill, New York: A woman was mauled by a pet capuchin monkey who was being kept at the Kaaterskill Lodge. The victim was taking photographs of the monkey when the animal jumped out of the enclosure and attacked her. The woman was left with a scar down her cheek and had to receive rabies shots because Allen Hirsch, the owner of the lodge, disappeared with the monkey after the attack.	Thomas Zambito, "Queens woman mauled by hotel owner's pet monkey lodges suit," <i>New York Daily</i> <i>News</i> , August 31, 2010.
Escape	July 12, 2010/Westfield Township, Ohio: A pet monkey, who was sitting in the cab of a truck, escaped and climbed a utility pole after the driver lost control of the truck and crashed. State troopers coaxed the monkey down and tethered it to a tree on a long leash.	Pat Galbincea, "Animal carcasses spill out after truck driver loses control," <i>Cleveland Plain Dealer</i> , July 13, 2010. "Truck driver cited in mishap," <i>Cleveland Plain Dealer</i> , July 15, 2010.
Escape	April 25, 2010/Clearwater, Florida: A 5-year-old girl and her mother encountered two escaped pet lemurs and began feeding them until rescue workers arrived. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission returned the lemurs to the owner, who stated the lemurs escaped by sliding out the trays in the bottom of the cage.	Christopher Collette, "Man cited for escaped lemurs in Clearwater," WTSP, April 29, 2010.

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Adult injured	April 24, 2010/Phoenix, Arizona: An employee at Dynamite Auto Sale was showing a friend the baby capuchin monkey she had just purchased. As the friend was holding the baby, the employee's older capuchin monkey jumped out of a carrier and bit the friend between her thumb and index finger. The victim went to the emergency room and spent two days in the hospital. The owner of the monkey told the victim that the older monkey "does that all of the time" and showed her scars where she herself had been bitten in the past. Arizona Game and Fish officials ensured that both of the woman's monkeys were tested for disease.	The State of Arizona, Game and Fish Department, Response to records request for primate incidents, Results of the investigation/narrative, page 10-11.
Escape	March 4, 2010/St. Petersburg, Florida: A rhesus macaque was shot twice with tranquilizer darts but managed to elude wildlife officials who were attempting to capture the animal. The monkey had been on the loose for more than a year.	"Elusive Fla. Monkey Dodges Captors, Defies Darts," Associated Press, March 4, 2010.
Child injured	February 9, 2010/Carencro, Louisiana: A 3-year-old girl was bitten on the hand by a pet Japanese snow macaque while visiting a friend. The girl was treated at a clinic and the primate was euthanized to be tested for rabies and Herpes B.	"Three-year-old girl bitten by snow monkey in Carencro, " Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Press Release, February 11, 2010.
Escape	November 27, 2009/Shelbyville, Tennessee: A capuchin monkey was found on a road in a busy shopping district and captured by three friends who were Christmas shopping on Black Friday. He had escaped from an SUV of a family vacationing in the area while they were eating at a restaurant.	Mary Reeves, "Curious monkey visits Shelbyville square," <i>Times-Gazette</i> , November 29, 2009.
Escape	November 25, 2009/Hollywood, Florida: A pet marmoset monkey who disappeared as his owner prepared to move from Hollywood to Fort Lauderdale was recovered by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officers two days later. The monkey's owner claimed that a man who had seen the marmoset when he took him to visit residents at a local retirement home had trapped and sold the animal.	Juan Ortega and Joel Marino, "Monkey that disappeared found in Pembroke Pines," <i>Sun-</i> <i>Sentinel</i> , November 28, 2009.
Child injured	November 22, 2009/LaPorte, Indiana: A 10-month-old girl was attacked by a pet Java macaque while visiting a relative's home. The attack occurred when the girl was held too close to the cage. The monkey grabbed the hood of the infant's coat, as well as her hair, causing the baby's head to strike the metal cage repeatedly. The baby sustained a "rope burn" to her neck that was caused by the drawstring on her coat and had red marks on the back of her head as a result of her head hitting the cage.	Stan Maddux, "Pet monkey attacks baby at LaPorte home, Zoo official says they're cute, but too wild to tame," <i>South Bend Tribune</i> , November 24, 2009.
Escape	November 12, 2009/Tampa, Florida: A macaque was spotted running loose in a residential neighborhood. It was not known where the monkey escaped from or how the animal got loose.	Keith Morelli, "It WAS a monkey and it's still missing after Tampa sighting," <i>Tampa Tribune</i> , November 12, 2009.
Escape	November 7, 2009/Foley, Alabama: Residents and employees from a local zoo attempted to catch a monkey who was running loose in a neighborhood. The animal was ultimately identified as a capuchin by a man who said he was looking for his pet.	Ryan Dezember, "Whereabouts of primate spotted on Fort Morgan peninsula unknown," <i>Press-</i> <i>Register</i> , November 10, 2009.
Cruelty	October 1, 2009/Independence, Kentucky: Acting on a tip, Kenton County authorities found a 24-year-old baboon—kept in a cage located in a dark corner of the family's garage—suffering with serious health issues including diabetes, sores, and bad teeth. The owners said they bought the animal from an Ohio dealer when she was 5½ months old. The baboon became aggressive and spent most of her life in a cage located either in the basement or the garage. The baboon was placed in a sanctuary.	Mike Moore, "Primate Center rescues Kenton County baboon," Central Kentucky News, October 7, 2009. "Ohio: 26 yr old Baboon Removed From Home," NKY.com, October 6, 2009. Denny Trease, "Baboon rescued from Kentucky garage," WKYT, October 9, 2009.

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Escape	July 2009/Marion County, Florida: State wildlife officials were looking for a pet Patas monkey who had escaped from a Marion County home in July and was still on the loose two months later. Authorities believe this is the same monkey seen running loose by residents in the Williston area in January 2011.	Christopher Curry, "State wildlife officials seek runaway monkey," <i>Gainesville Sun</i> , September 3, 2009. Karen Voyles, "Report but don't approach Williston's speedy Patas monkey," <i>Gainesville</i> <i>Sun</i> , January 13, 2011.
Escape	June 20, 2009/Foley, Alabama: A caller reported seeing a primate running loose near Pleasant View Baptist Church. A deputy sent to investigate the incident was unable to locate the primate.	"Monkey sighting reported in Foley," <i>Press-</i> <i>Register</i> , June 21, 2009.
Escape	June 2, 2009/Annapolis, Maryland: A resident looking out his kitchen window spotted a primate sitting next to his car. The primate ran away when he rushed outside for a closer look. County animal control officers searched the streets as well as treetops, but were unable to find the animal.	Margeaux Corby, "Monkey business reported in city," CapitalGazette.com, June 3, 2009.
Escape	May 8, 2009/Pleasant Hope, Missouri: Two Japanese snow macaques escaped from a private menagerie after a fallen tree damaged their cage. One monkey was quickly recaptured. The second monkey remained at large for nearly a month and was discovered dead after apparently being hit by a car.	"Storms assist monkeys' escape," <i>News-Leader</i> , May 13, 2009. "Missouri monkey escapee confirmed dead," Associated Press, June 5, 2009.
Escape	May 2009/Calabasas, California: Two 10-year-old boys spotted a lemur while eating lunch in one of the boy's backyard. The lemur jumped from a tree and ran off. County animal control had not received any reports of a lost lemur.	Joann Groff, "Two boys spot monkey in Calabasas backyard," <i>The Acorn</i> , May 28, 2009.
Adult injured	April 21, 2009/ Corpus Christi, Texas: A squirrel monkey bit a man who was transporting the animal to Michigan. Animal control officers planned to quarantine the monkey for three months to test for diseases.	"Man bitten by squirrel monkey," KRIS-TV, April 21, 2009.
Escape	April 14, 2009/Springfield, Missouri: A rhesus macaque escaped from an exotic-animal menagerie owned by Debby Rose. The macaque went to a nearby home, and when the homeowner knocked on a window to scare the animal off, the macaque lunged at the window.	Amos Bridges, "Sanctuary for monkeys under review; Neighbor's complaint leads to investigation of farm," <i>News-Leader</i> , April 24, 2009.
Adults injured, primate killed	March 30, 2009/Winston, Missouri: A 9-year-old chimpanzee named Timmy escaped from his 10-foot by 6-foot cage at a private residence and ran loose on a nearby state highway. Sheriff deputies were dispatched to help recapture the chimp who at one point opened a deputy's patrol car door, grabbed the deputy's leg, and tried to strike him. When the chimp attempted to attack the man again, he was shot and killed. The deputy suffered minor injuries and the owners of the chimpanzee suffered cuts and scratches.	"Authorities: Northwest Missouri puppy mill had primates, too," <i>News-Leader</i> (AP), April 2, 2009. "Aggressive chimpanzee killed by deputy; \$3,000 reward for information leading to recovery of 200 dogs," <i>Gallatin North Missourian</i> , April 1, 2009.
Adult injured	March 2, 2009/Mineola, Texas: A woman was bitten on the hand by a capuchin monkey she had for eight years as she was placing a toy in the monkey's cage. She received 12 stitches and decided to place her monkey at a facility in Oklahoma.	"Mineola woman bitten by pet monkey, receives 12 stitches," <i>Longview News-Journal</i> , March 5, 2009.
Child injured	March 1, 2009/Mesa, Arizona: A boy was scratched on the forehead by a pet monkey while visiting a friend's home with his mother. The scratch was approximately two inches long and drew blood. The boy's mother told Arizona Game and Fish officials that there were 3 or 4 monkeys at the residence they had been visiting, but could not give officials the exact address of the home. In addition, she was unwilling to identify the owners of the monkeys, so officials were unable to ensure that the primate who bit her son was quarantined and tested for disease.	The State of Arizona, Game and Fish Department, Response to records request for primate incidents, Results of the investigation/narrative, page 8-10.

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Escape	February 25, 2009/East Ridge, Tennessee: A 4-year-old boy discovered an obese spider monkey wandering through the yard when he looked out his window. The escaped pet was captured by animal control officials and returned to the owners.	"Monkey found outside Tennessee home," NECN, February 25, 2009.
Adults injured, primate killed	February 16, 2009/Stamford, Connecticut: Sandra Herold's 200-pound, adult pet chimpanzee named Travis escaped from the house and attacked her friend Charla Nash as Nash got out of her car, inflicting massive injuries. The chimp tore off both of Nash's hands, her nose, lips, and ears, and she was left blind in both eyes. Herold and two police officers were also injured during the fracas. In an effort to stop the attack, Herold stabbed the chimpanzee repeatedly with a butcher knife. Travis also went after several police officers at the scene, one of whom shot him numerous times when the chimpanzee opened the door to his police cruiser and started to get inside. Travis finally made his way back into the house, where he died. More than two years after the incident, Nash underwent face transplant surgery, but the surgery to replace her hands was not successful. Neighbors reported that they often saw Travis roaming the streets in the neighborhood, sometimes unleashed, and that he frequently rode around in trucks with his owners. Travis had been involved in at least two previous incidents [see September 2008, October 19, 2003, and 1996/Stamford, Connecticut].	Stephanie Reitz, "Pet chimpanzee shot, killed by police officer after it attacks woman in Connecticut home," Associated Press, February 16, 2009. Linda Carroll, "Chimp attack victim's face 'looks fantastic' after historic transplant," TODAY.com, June 10, 2011. Jeff Capellini, Lee Kushnir, "Bizarre animal attack rattles Stamford," WCBS-TV, February 16, 2009.
Escape	February 2, 2009/Flour Bluff, Texas: An escaped or abandoned ring-tailed lemur was discovered when children were seen playing with the animal outdoors. The animal, who had an injured arm and was reportedly biting at the children, was seized by authorities and the owners were ticketed for illegally possessing an exotic animal.	Dave Fraser, "Animal Care Officers Respond To Exotic Animal Call," KRIS-TV, February 2, 2009.
Escape	January 13, 2009/Clearwater, Florida: A rhesus macaque, believed to be an escaped pet, was seen running loose at a strip mall.	Jonathan Abel, "Monkey on the loose continues its evasion," <i>St. Petersburg Times</i> , January 15, 2009.
Cruelty	November 19, 2008/Crosby, Texas: The Houston SPCA seized a sick and emaciated 23-year-old male pet chimpanzee named Henry who was living in a garage in a 15-square-foot cage littered with cigarette butts, soda cans, and other trash. He had been living in those conditions for 15 years and was suffering from malnutrition and ailments related to a lack of exposure to sunlight.	"Houston SPCA rescues emaciated chimp in Crosby," <i>Houston Chronicle</i> , December 11, 2008. "Sick, malnourished chimp seized from Crosby home," KHOU, December 11, 2008.
Adult injured	November 10, 2008/Carbon County, Montana: A woman was taken to a hospital for treatment after a chimpanzee named Conner latched on to her arm with his teeth. The woman lost 6 to 8 inches of skin. Conner was one of two chimpanzees who escaped from the home of Jeanne Rizzotto and ran to a neighbor's yard, where they were seen chasing cats up trees, swinging from the roof of the house, and getting into cars and trucks. One of the chimpanzees was also seen crossing a highway. The bite victim had been trying to prevent Conner from entering a home. The animals were recaptured, and Conner was quarantined at Rizzotto's home.	Alastair Baker, "Chimps monkey around in Boyd," <i>Carbon County News</i> , November 14, 2008.
Adult injured	November 3, 2008/Rockville, Maryland: A WTOP reporter was treated at a hospital emergency room after being bitten by pet capuchin monkey. The reporter, who was at the residence doing a story on the monkey, was attacked while getting recording equipment from a table. The monkey had previously been confiscated by animal control and was returned to the owner following a court case.	"Armani bites reporter before making presidential choice," WTOP, November 3, 2008.

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Escape	September 2008/Stamford, Connecticut: Sandra Herold's pet chimpanzee named Travis escaped from his cage, prompting Herold to ask the owner of a nearby private menagerie that he be shot with a tranquilizer gun.	"Lawyers: warnings foresaw berserk chimpanzee," The Associated Press, August 5, 2012.
Escape	August 14, 2008/Michigan City, Indiana: A pet monkey escaped from a home by opening a window and briefly roamed the neighborhood before being recaptured.	"Pet monkey finds escape route, runs free in Indiana neighborhood," Associated Press, August 15, 2008.
Escape	July 18, 2008/Las Vegas, Nevada: A pet spider monkey ran loose inside a bank for 10 minutes. The monkey scaled an employee, ran across desks, dangled from room dividers, and clung to a chair. The owner warned bank employees not to capture the monkey because he will bite.	Abigail Goldman, "Check this account: Invitation puts monkey in the middle at bank," <i>Las Vegas</i> <i>Sun</i> , July 19, 2008.
Adult injured	July 4, 2008/Columbia, Missouri: The Boone County Health Department reported that a woman was being tested for a deadly virus after being bitten on the hand by her friend's pet Japanese snow macaque.	Matt Grant, "Woman bitten by monkey in Columbia," ConnectMidMissouri.com, July 10, 2008.
Child injured	July 4, 2008/Richmond, Virginia: A teenage girl was bitten by a pet monkey brought by an unidentified person to July 4 festivities at a park. The health department was seeking help from the public in locating the owner and identifying the type of monkey in order to recommend treatment.	"Health officials looking for pet monkey that bit girl," <i>Richmond Times-Dispatch</i> , July 10, 2008.
Escape	July 3, 2008/Orange Park, Florida: A monkey, believed to be a Japanese snow macaque, was spotted running loose in the Eagle Landing subdivision. Wildlife officials attempted to capture the animal with a trap and warned the public that macaques have sharp teeth and are prone to biting.	"Wildlife officials search for monkey," Associated Press, July 3, 2008
Escape	July 2, 2008/Clay County, Florida: State wildlife officials were seeking a monkey, believed to be a snow macaque, seen running loose in the Eagle Landing subdivision. The Wildlife Conservation Commission warned the public that, "The monkey has large canine teeth and can inflict a painful bite."	"Help needed in finding monkey in OakLeaf," <i>Florida Times-Union</i> , July 2, 2008.
Child injured, primate killed	June 5, 2008/Queens, New York: A 22-month-old girl had her finger bitten off by a neighbor's pet capuchin monkey when she stuck her fingers through her backyard fence and into the pen of the monkey who was caged next to the fence. Doctors worked for 12 hours attempting to reattach the girl's finger but were unsuccessful. The monkey was euthanized in order to be tested for rabies.	Lisa L. Colangelo and Alison Gendar, "Monkey nip nearly takes off tot's finger," <i>New York Daily News</i> , June 7, 2008.
Adults injured	June 2008/Spartanburg, South Carolina: A rhesus macaque was discovered running loose in the yard at the home of a person being investigated for dumping toxic waste on local roads. The monkey was captured and taken to the Spartanburg Animal Shelter where she was placed under quarantine after biting two employees.	"Monkey causing quite a stir at animal shelter," WSPA, June 13, 2008
Child injured	April 11, 2008/Trenton, Michigan: A 6-year-old girl was bitten on the finger by a pet Java macaque who was being walked on a leash near the church where the girl was playing. The girl had to undergo several tests as a result of the bite, and the monkey was expected to be euthanized.	"6-Year-Old Girl Bitten By Exotic Monkey," ClickOnDetroit.com, April 11, 2008.
Escape	April 4, 2008/Orlando, Florida: A pet capuchin monkey wearing a diaper escaped from his cage, fled through an open window, and was running loose outside a condominium complex. The monkey charged at residents who fled into oncoming traffic and jumped on a woman's back before he was finally captured.	Walter Pacheco, "Monkey gets out of home, chases people into street," <i>Orlando Sentinel</i> , April 5, 2008. "Escaped Monkey In Diaper Chases, Jumps On People In Neighborhood," WKMG, April 4, 2008.

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Child injured	March 2008/New Albany, Indiana: A child visiting a home was bitten by the owner's pet capuchin monkey. The monkey was quarantined while county officials worked to obtain information about the animal's health.	Shayla Reaves, "Pet monkey quarantined after biting child," WAVE, March 13, 2008.
Child injured	February 29, 2008/Gilbert, Arizona: A 3-year-old boy was bitten on the lower part of his arm by one of his family's pet lemurs. When the boy entered the lemurs' enclosure where his mother was showing the animals to a friend, one of the lemurs jumped from the mother's shoulder, ran to the boy, and bit him. According to a local official, the emergency crew that responded to the incident reported that the bite was down to the bone. The boy was taken to the hospital emergency room where he needed major surgery because the bite had severed arteries, tendons, and ligaments. The lemurs were quarantined and tested for disease. The family had had the primates for less than two weeks.	Nick R. Martin, "Pet lemur bites Gilbert boy to the bone," <i>East Valley Tribune</i> , February 29, 2008. The State of Arizona, Game and Fish Department, Response to records request for primate incidents, Results of the investigation/narrative, page 8-9.
Adults and child injured, primate killed	February 28, 2008/Spokane, Washington: A pet macaque monkey who escaped from his owners' home chased some boys who were walking a dog and bit one of the boys on the thumb; charged at a woman, grabbed her leg, and bit it; and bit an 18-year-old girl on the leg. The monkey was quarantined to be monitored for disease and ultimately euthanized to be tested for rabies.	"Health District euthanizes Chico," KXLY, March 10, 2008.
Escape	2008/Orlando, Florida: County workers attempted to capture a macaque monkey who had escaped from the window of an apartment near the intersection of Conroy Rd. and Kirkman Rd.	Mike DeForest, "News 6 investigates exotic pet escapes from Florida homes," News 6, February 7, 2016.
Escape	2008/Orlando, Florida: A guest at the La Quinta Inn near the airport went out to dinner, leaving a spider monkey alone and leashed to the bed. The monkey removed the leash, opened the room door, and roamed the hotel hallway until the person returned.	Mike DeForest, "News 6 investigates exotic pet escapes from Florida homes," News 6, February 7, 2016.
Adult injured	2008/The Keys, Florida: A pet spider monkey jumped onto someone and bit the person's earlobe off.	Gwen Filosa, "Monkey runs wild on U.S. 1; owner cited," keysnews.com, May 15, 2013.
Adult injured	December 2, 2007/Rutherford College, North Carolina: A grocery store clerk was bitten by a customer's 18-inch-tall pet monkey when she reached out to pet the animal. The monkey bit and scratched her right cheek just below the eye. The victim was treated at a local hospital for the bite and put on strong antibiotics.	"Woman spots monkey attacker from primate lineup," WSOC-TV, December 4, 2007. Sharon McBrayer, "Monkey business bad for clerk," <i>The News Herald</i> , December 3, 2007.
Child injured	November 18, 2007/Jefferson County, Alabama: A 14-year-old was bitten on the forearm by a lemur.	Jefferson County Department of Health, Animal Bite Report, November 18, 2007.
Children injured	September 22, 2007/Columbia, Missouri: A woman known for carrying her pet rhesus macaque into stores and to public events took the animal to a local park where the macaque bit a 7-year-old boy and an 11-year-old girl. The woman quickly left the park and was sought by local health officials for questioning.	"Springfield eyed as home of monkey that bit two kids in Columbia," <i>Jefferson City News Tribune</i> (AP), November 3, 2007.
Adult injured	August 8, 2007/Madison, Wisconsin: A 1-year-old pet capuchin monkey bit a 21-year-old woman on the thumb at a beer garden and then eluded police for an hour before being recaptured. The monkey was declared dangerous by the Madison Environmental Health Services Department and was quarantined to be monitored for disease, and the owner was ordered to remove the animal from the city upon release from quarantine. The monkey had previously bitten at least one other person (see July 11, 2007).	Steven Elbow, "Biting monkey ordered out of city," <i>Capital Times</i> , August 14, 2007.

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Escape	July 31, 2007/Tupelo, Mississippi: A capuchin monkey named Oliver escaped from his cage at Tupelo Buffalo Park and Zoo and eluded capture for nearly a week before being recaptured. Zoo staff warned the public that Oliver would bite. This was Oliver's second escape [see 2001].	"Monkey business: Oliver the monkey makes 3rd escape from Mississippi Zoo," Associated Press, August 15, 2007.
Adult injured	July 11, 2007/Madison, Wisconsin: A pet capuchin monkey was placed under home quarantine after biting someone.	Steven Elbow, "Biting monkey ordered out of city," <i>Capital Times</i> , August 14, 2007.
Escape	June 19, 2007/St. Louis County, Missouri: Animal control officers, neighbors, and the owners spent five days searching for a 40-year-old escaped pet capuchin monkey who had been left unsecured in her family's backyard. The monkey was spotted a mile from home and was eventually captured near the St. Charles Family Arena. The animal had also wandered off several years previously and was on the loose for several months before being recaptured.	Valerie Schremp Hahn, "Monkey is on the loose in St. Charles County," <i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i> , June 23, 2007. Bill Bryan, "Monkey back in her cage after 5 days on the lam," <i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i> , June 25, 2007.
Adult injured	June 2007/Pinehurst, North Carolina: A pet capuchin monkey bit someone.	David Sinclair, "County tells couple pet monkey has to go," <i>The Pilot</i> , October 7, 2014.
Adult injured	May 21, 2007/Glendale, Arizona: A woman was bitten by her friend's pet capuchin monkey when she reached to pick up a puppy who the monkey was playing with. The monkey bit her on the inside of one arm near the elbow. The bite drew a lot of blood and two weeks later the woman reported that she had felt ill ever since the bite occurred. She told Arizona Game and Fish officials that this was not the first time the monkey had bitten someone, that the animal's owner told her that she could not get sick from a primate bite, and that the owner did not want to take the monkey in to be tested for disease. Officials ensured that the primate was quarantined and tested for disease.	The State of Arizona, Game and Fish Department, Response to records request for primate incidents, Results of the investigation/narrative, page 6-7.
Escape	May 16, 2007/Leetown, West Virginia: Animal control officers searched for, but failed to locate, a loose monkey described as black with a white face and 3-feet tall. A resident had spotted the monkey drinking from a pond, then escaping into nearby woods.	Dave McMillion, "Monkey on the loose in W.Va.," Herald-Mail, May 16, 2007.
Adult injured	April 24, 2007/Rankin County, Mississippi: A pet macaque monkey attacked an IRS agent. Although the monkey's canine teeth had been removed, the agent sustained bites and scratches on her face and arms.	"Pet monkey bites IRS agent, " WLBT, April 26, 2007.
Escape	April 8, 2007/Otis, Oregon: A 12-year-old pet capuchin monkey escaped from a cage, ran through the neighborhood, attempted to attack residents, and cornered one man in his garage before being recaptured.	"Escaped Monkey Alarms Neighbors," kptv.com, April 9, 2007.
Children injured	April 2007/Kincheloe, Michigan: An 11-year-old girl was bitten twice on the hand and twice on the arm by her grandparents' pet rhesus macaque. The monkey became agitated and attacked while she was sitting on a bed with her grandmother. One of the bite wounds became severely infected. Appropriate treatment was delayed because her grandparents instructed her to lie to health officials and say her injuries were caused by a bike accident. The girl was eventually treated with three different antibiotics and had to undergo periodic blood testing. Another child, a boy, had previously been bitten by the monkey. The monkey was confiscated.	Scott Brand, "Bite victim tells her story: Kojo's day in court scheduled for May 21," <i>The Evening News</i> , April 27, 2007.

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Cruelty	March 8, 2007/Muskegon Heights, Michigan: A 34-year-old woman was charged with killing and torturing animals and animal cruelty/abandonment after authorities, responding to a call from the property manager, found eight dead or starving animals inside a feces-filled house the woman had rented. A caged monkey, along with several dogs, was "alive but in wretched condition." The woman pleaded guilty and was sentenced to prison for more than a year.	John S. Hausman, "Woman gets prison for 'torturing' pets," <i>Grand Rapids Press</i> , July 11, 2007. "Accused animal abuser charged with felony," <i>Grand Rapids Press</i> , April 5, 2007.
Child injured	December 25, 2006/French Settlement, Louisiana: An 8-year-old boy was bitten twice on the arm and shoulder and suffered cuts and bruises when a pet ringtail lemur leapt from a roof and attacked him. The lemur was kept on a large estate, where the animal roamed freely and could not be located after the attack. The boy underwent four rounds of injections to prevent rabies and more than two weeks after the incident still had a fever and periodic headaches.	David J. Mitchell, "Lemur attack puts focus on exotic pets," <i>The Advocate</i> , January 13, 2007.
Cruelty	December 14, 2006/New Caney, Texas: Following a home burglary, police found human blood samples in the cage of two pet monkeys, which indicated that one or both of the animals may have resisted an attempt to take them. One of the monkeys, a macaque, was apparently tortured during the burglary, escaped from the home, and was found at a nearby house the following week. The 9-year-old monkey had been strangled, had scab marks and puncture wounds, and had lost about 20 pounds.	"Pet monkey tortured during burglary," WMUR, December 28, 2006.
Escape	December 1, 2006/Nahunta, North Carolina: A pet Japanese macaque escaped from a home and was on the loose for almost two months before being recaptured more than 11 miles away.	"Escaped Japanese snow monkey lured into cage on Air Force base," <i>Goldsboro News-Argu</i> s, January 29, 2007.
Adult injured	October 30, 2006/Liberty Township, Ohio: A man was seriously injured when he was bitten on the hand while feeding a 6-year-old rhesus macaque he had just purchased from an Idaho woman who advertised the animal for sale on the Internet.	"Monkey bite victim no longer wants pet," <i>Middletown Journal</i> , November 2, 2006. "Monkey bite puts Butler Co. owners over a barrel," <i>Cincinnati Enquirer</i> , November 2, 2006.
Escape	September 22, 2006/Horn Lake, Mississippi: A 14-year-old pet bonnet macaque knocked out the window frame of his cage and escaped into the neighborhood. He ran for one and a half blocks and attacked an animal control officer before being recaptured.	William C. Bayne, "Head-slapping monkey leaves officer red-faced; Escaped critter in Horn Lake takes offense when treats are all gone," <i>Commercial Appeal</i> , September 23, 2006.
Child injured	August 28, 2006/Chicago, Illinois: A 15-year-old girl was hospitalized in serious condition after being attacked by a pet rhesus macaque monkey. The girl's arm was reportedly "bitten to the bone." The agitated monkey attempted to escape from the house as animal control officers worked to recapture him.	"Teenager Attacked By Monkey, 15-Year-Old In Serious To Critical Condition," NBC5.com, August 29, 2006.
Escape	July 18, 2006/Pewaukee, Wisconsin: A woman called police after seeing a monkey on the edge of her lawn at her condominium complex. The monkey, believed to be an escaped pet, disappeared into a nearby marsh when a responding officer attempted to capture the primate.	Jaqueline Seibel, "A little monkey business," <i>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel</i> , July 18, 2006.
Escape	June 27, 2006/East Palo Alto, California: A citizen called the Peninsula Humane Society when she spotted a tufted-eared marmoset monkey running along her back fence. The primate was captured by the agency's officers and, at the request of the Department of Fish and Game, was held at the shelter for nearly three months before he was transferred to a Florida primate sanctuary.	"Formerly stray marmoset enjoying new home in Florida sanctuary," Peninsula Humane Society news release, October 26, 2006.

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Adult and child injured	June 7, 2006/Sikeston, Missouri: Residents presented a petition with more than 50 signatures asking the Sikeston City Council to look into monkey attacks after a neighbor's pet vervet monkey had attacked several people. One neighbor reported that the monkey attacked her grandson and another neighbor stated she had been attacked after the monkey got loose.	"Sikeston city council hears monkey tale," <i>Sikeston Standard-Democrat</i> , June 7, 2006. Ryan Tate, "Monkey business stirs up neighborhood," KFVS12, June 7, 2006. Scott Welton, "Monkey tales: Owner defends Alex's antics," <i>Sikeston Standard Democrat</i> , Sunday, June 11, 2006.
Adult injured, primate killed	March 8, 2006/Bell County, Texas: A person bitten by a pet rhesus macaque was taken to the hospital for treatment. The monkey was killed to be tested for rabies.	"A pet monkey was euthanized after a reported monkey attack, " KCEN-TV, March 9, 2006.
Child injured	March 2006/Walker, Louisiana: A pet bonnet macaque escaped from a cage, charged across the street, and severely bit a 2-year-old boy who had to undergo rabies prevention shots.	David J. Mitchell, "Lemur attack puts focus on exotic pets," <i>The Advocate</i> , January 13, 2007.
Escape	December 1, 2005/Covington, Kentucky: A pet monkey, believed to be a capuchin, escaped and led police, animal control, and city workers on a two-day chase through the neighborhood before being recaptured. A primate expert was concerned that the animal might suffer from frostbite while on the loose, and an animal control officer noted that the animal appeared to suffer from a cough. A monkey had been loose on the same block one year earlier.	"Curious little monkey takes Covington tour," covingtonky.gov, December 3, 2005. "Yes, that really is a monkey," <i>Cincinnati Enquirer</i> , December 2, 2005.
Adult injured	November 17, 2005/Gulfport, Florida: A woman having her car serviced at an automobile repair shop suffered a severe scratch wound to her arm requiring 12 stitches after she was injured by a leashed lemur displayed at the business. The woman subsequently filed a \$15,000 lawsuit.	Lane Gregory, "Fonzie's cool, but the lawsuit isn't," <i>St. Petersburg Times</i> , April 16, 2006.
Children injured	November 12, 2005/Phoenix, Arizona: Several children were attacked and two were bitten when a pet monkey escaped from a cage and tore through a neighbor's birthday party. Police officers captured the monkey and returned him to the owner. Officials ensured that the primate was quarantined and tested for disease.	"Pet monkey reportedly bites two kids at birthday party," KTVK-TV, November 14, 2005. The State of Arizona, Game and Fish Department, Response to records request for primate incidents, Results of the investigation/narrative, November 12, 2005 (page 5-6).
Adult injured	August 16, 2005/St. Petersburg, Florida: A 35-year-old woman required surgery to her mouth after she was bitten by a caged ring-tailed lemur.	"Even Less-Dangerous Can Cause Injuries," <i>St. Petersburg Times</i> , November 11, 2007.
Adult injured	August 2005/Jefferson County, Missouri: A woman underwent anti-viral treatment after being bitten by her pet macaque. A county health official stated, "she got really ripped up" during the attack.	Chris Campbell, "Monkey bites are no monkey business," <i>Jefferson County Journal</i> , August 17, 2005.
Escape	July 19, 2005/Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania: The state game commission warned residents that a loose monkey could be very aggressive and carry diseases. The monkey was spotted by several residents, including a 6-year- old, swinging from trees, making a nest, and running down streets.	Jill King Greenwood, "Fugitive monkey still on the loose," <i>Pittsburgh Tribune-Review</i> , July 23, 2005.
Adult injured	July 11, 2005/Caldwell, Ohio: Two pet monkeys escaped from their cage. One was recaptured after running loose for several hours. The second, a rhesus macaque, attacked a 20-year-old man who stopped his truck in order to avoid hitting the monkey on the road. The monkey jumped in the truck and bit him on the leg. The man was treated at a hospital and received a tetanus shot. Ten days after escaping, the monkey remained on the loose.	"Monkey Escapes From Cage, Bites Ohio Man," Associated Press, July 12, 2005. "Escaped monkey still on the loose in southern Ohio," Associated Press, July 14, 2005. "Pet monkey, 'Buddy,' still missing, despite sighting," <i>Marietta Times</i> , July 21, 2005.

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Adult injured	June 2005/Morehead, Kentucky: A long-tailed macaque reached through a car window and grabbed and bit a clerk's hand at the drive-thru window of a Viking BP Mart while his owner, Jamie Dehart, was picking up an order.	"Monkey bites clerk, quarantined," WKYT, June 24, 2005. "Long-Tailed Macaques; Our residents; Boo," Primate Rescue Center, http://www.primaterescue.org/index.php/our- residents/the-monkeys/long-tailed-macaques/.
Child injured	May 7, 2005/Huntington, West Virginia: A leashed pet monkey who had been taken to a shopping center bit a 13-year-old girl in the parking lot. A woman holding the monkey's leash had indicated that the animal was friendly, but when the girl and her father approached to pet the monkey, the monkey jumped on the girl's leg and bit her kneecap and finger. She was treated at a hospital.	Eric Fossell, "Huntington man reports monkey bit his daughter," <i>Herald-Dispatch</i> , May 10, 2005.
Escape	November 6, 2004/Girard, Ohio: A woman was picking something up from a restaurant when her pet capuchin monkey escaped from the car and bolted through woods, across rooftops, and up utility poles. The monkey's journey took her through a township and a city. Firefighters and police officers were called to help capture the animal who at one point was shocked by an electrical wire and fell 75 feet from a power line. The monkey had recently been purchased at an auction.	Amy McCullough, "Rescuers give chase to monkey," <i>Tribune Chronicle</i> , November 9, 2004.
Adult injured	September 20, 2004/Shueyville, Iowa: A capuchin monkey belonging to Susan Rae Kriz was seized and quarantined after the monkey bit a utility worker on the arm. Kriz was arrested for interference with official acts when she refused to turn over the monkey to authorities. The monkey was returned to Kriz two weeks later. In 1995, 50 malnourished and dehydrated monkeys living in filthy conditions were seized from Kriz.	Mike McWilliams, "Monkey bite ends in arrest," <i>Iowa City Press-Citizen</i> , September 24, 2004. "Healthy monkey can be kept by owner," <i>Obesity,</i> <i>Fitness & Wellness Week</i> , November 6, 2004.
Adult injured	January 2004/Glendale, Arizona: While visiting a friend, a man was bitten on the arm by a monkey who belonged to another visitor at the home. Because the monkey had previously bitten another person, the woman who owned the monkey asked the victim not to report the incident to authorities and she hid the monkey at a friend's home. Arizona Game and Fish officials subsequently located the animal and ensured that the monkey was quarantined.	The State of Arizona, Game and Fish Department, Response to records request for primate incidents, Results of the investigation/narrative, page 5.
Adult injured	December 27, 2003/St. Leonard, Maryland: A man was taken to the hospital for treatment after being bitten on the thumb by a pigtailed macaque who was being kept as a house pet.	Joshua Partlow, "Pet monkey bites the hand that feeds her," <i>Washington Post</i> , January 1, 2004.
Escape	October 19, 2003/Stamford, Connecticut: A 170-pound pet chimpanzee named Travis bolted from his owner's sport utility vehicle in a busy downtown street. The chimp chased a passerby, a dozen police cruisers were called to the scene, and police ordered residents with children back into their homes. As police tried to get Travis under control, he charged officers and bystanders, and chased police around a parked car. It took two hours to get him back into his owners' car. Two police officers were bruised during the ordeal and one of Travis' owners was scratched.	Louis Porter and Gabrielle Birkner, "Chimp ties up Stamford roads," <i>Stamford Advocate</i> , October 20, 2003.
Adult injured	August 8, 2003/Chicago, Illinois: A pet monkey who escaped from her home was chased for much of the day by police and animal control officers before being cornered in a stairwell and captured in a net. An animal control officer was bitten by the monkey during the capture.	"Monkey Business: Police catch loose pet," WBBM news radio, August 9, 2003.

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Escape	July 29, 2003/Pawhuska, Oklahoma: A motorist called the sheriff after seeing a large, white-faced monkey and two smaller monkeys running loose along a state highway in Osage County. When the woman stopped her car, the monkeys disappeared into nearby woods.	Ralph W. Marler, "Monkey see? Then do call the authorities," <i>Tulsa World</i> , July 30, 2003.
Escape	July 5, 2003/Buckhannon, West Virginia: A pet lemur who had escaped while the owner was out of town was found asleep in a tree and recaptured by police and an animal control officer. The lemur was taken to the animal shelter where it escaped from two separate cages before being moved to a plastic kennel.	"Furry primate caught in Buckhannon," Associated Press, July 8, 2003.
Escape	May 3, 2003/Fountain Hills, Arizona: A pet capuchin monkey broke out of his cage, turned the key on the front door, and took off on a three-day rampage. He was spotted by neighbors in the trees, in garages, and inside several cars.	Kate Nolan, "3 days of monkeyshines enough, Coolio returns," <i>The Arizona Republic</i> , May 3, 2003.
Escape	April 19, 2003/Green Bay, Wisconsin: A pet capuchin monkey purchased on the Internet escaped when the owner brought him, perched on her shoulder, into a tavern.	"Monkey missing after trip to bar," Associated Press, April 21, 2003.
Child injured	February 16, 2003/Glendale, Arizona: A pet monkey who was kept outside a residence on the grounds of an equestrian center bit a 14-year-old girl. When the girl approached the animal's cage, the monkey reached through the bars, grabbed her, dragged her towards the cage, and began to bite her hand. The girl's friend pulled her away, but the monkey grabbed her again and bit her hands and fingers. The girl was taken to a hospital emergency room and treated for a puncture wound to one finger and abrasions on both hands. The monkey's owner was ordered to quarantine the animal.	The State of Arizona, Game and Fish Department, Response to records request for primate incidents, Results of the investigation/narrative, February 16, 2003 (page 3).
Adults injured	September 10, 2002/Northwest Montana: A pet macaque taken to malls bit at least three people. One incident occurred at a restaurant, a second at a fruit stand, and a third at the owner's residence. The monkey was quarantined and two victims went for medical treatment.	Cheryl Sabol, "Monkey bites investigated," <i>Daily Inter Lake</i> , September 10, 2002.
Adults and child injured	June 23, 2002/Magnolia, Texas: A pet Java macaque attacked and bit a 9- year-old boy and a woman and severely scratched a firefighter, sending all three to the hospital for treatment.	"Charges mulled in monkey attack," Associated Press, June 26, 2002.
Adult injured, primate killed	January 10, 2002/Knox County, Tennessee: A pet Japanese snow macaque escaped from a backyard cage and attacked a neighbor, biting his back and hand. The monkey was later euthanized to test for diseases.	Bryan Mitchell, "Monkey escapes pen, attacks; 'Vicious' Mickey may be euthanized after biting man," <i>Knoxville News-Sentinel</i> , January 10, 2002. Cyndee Speers, "MONKEY PUT TO SLEEP - Mickey the runaway monkey has been put to sleep," WBIR, January 14, 2002.
Adult injured	November 23, 2001/Cleveland, Ohio: A pet capuchin monkey who had been taken to a restaurant attacked, bit, and scratched a patron, inflicting 16 puncture wounds. A subsequent lawsuit seeking more than \$25,000 in damages for injuries and anxiety described the monkey as mischievous, ferocious, and/or vicious.	John F. Hagan, "Monkey business leads to lawsuit; Diner says primate bit her," <i>Plain Dealer</i> , June 8, 2002.
Escape	September 10, 2001/Danville, New Hampshire: A search party was organized for a monkey after at least ten sightings were reported, including by the fire chief. The monkey, believed to be an escaped or abandoned pet, was seen running across streets and into bushes and was described as being 8 feet long from his tail to his hands. Experts feared that the monkey would perish if not captured before winter.	Jason Schreiber, "Danville monkey eluding manhunt," <i>Union Leader</i> , September 10, 2001.

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Children injured	July 27, 2001/Martinsburg, West Virginia: A pet monkey kept in a trailer park, believed to be a rhesus macaque, escaped and bit two children and a teenager. The bite victims underwent testing for herpes, tuberculosis, HIV, and other conditions.	Andrew Schotz, "W.Va. women says pet monkey bit kids," <i>Herald-Mail</i> , August 9, 2001. Andrew Schotz, "Police still don't know who owns monkey," <i>Herald-Mail</i> , August 13, 2001.
Adult injured	May 12, 2001/Lakeland, Florida: Health officials searched in vain for a woman who brought a pet monkey on a leash to a festival after the monkey bit and scratched a man on the arm. The man was treated for herpes B for fear that he might have contracted the deadly virus.	Eric Pera, "Michael Butler will undergo treatment for rabies unless the monkey is found; Man bitten by monkey at Mayfaire," <i>The Ledger</i> , May 16, 2001.
Child injured	December 2, 2000/Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: A 5-year-old pet capuchin, who was taken on a shopping trip to Home Depot, attacked and bit a teenage shopper on the leg.	"Animal workers encounter problems in taking monkey from business," Associated Press, December 7, 2000.
Child injured	September 29, 2000/Tulsa, Oklahoma: A 4-year-old girl required hospital treatment after she was bitten or scratched on the cheek by a monkey who had been brought to a motel.	"Monkey is 'jailed' at shelter after run-in with child," <i>Tulsa World</i> , September 29, 2000.
Child injured	September 25, 2000/Maryville, Tennessee: A girl was treated at a hospital for a bite wound to her arm inflicted by her stepfather's pet Japanese snow macaque.	"Girl bitten by Japanese monkey," <i>Maryville Times</i> , September 25, 2000.
Escape	September 23, 2000/Jarratt, Virginia: Three escaped monkeys threw fruit at vehicles traveling the interstate. After police arrived at the scene, the monkeys dashed across the interstate and disappeared into the woods.	Gerald Mizejewski, "Southside going ape over simian sightings," <i>Washington Times</i> , September 23, 2000.
Adult and child injured	August 15, 2000/Sprague, West Virginia: A pet chimpanzee escaped from his cage for three hours, biting a teenager on the hand and biting a neighbor who had tried to restrain the 150-pound animal. The same chimpanzee had escaped in July 1998 and attacked a postal truck, forcing the driver to flee and causing the truck to crash.	"Herbie strikes again; Chimpanzee on the loose in West Virginia, " Associated Press, August 15, 2000.
Adult injured	August 12, 2000/Jessamine County, Kentucky: A woman who was eight months pregnant was hospitalized after one of her two pet rhesus macaques suddenly turned violent while her cage was being cleaned and bit the woman's nose. The woman was given an anti-viral medication, which was a hazard to her pregnancy, in case the monkey tested positive for herpes B. She had been inspired to purchase pet monkeys when, as a child, she saw monkeys riding bicycles in a circus.	David Wheeler, "Primate Center quarantines monkey that bit owner," <i>Jessamine Journal</i> , August 24, 2000.
Children injured	August 3, 2000/Southwest Ranches, Florida: A pet spider monkey escaped from his cage and attacked two teenage girls. The girls were treated at the hospital for scratch and bite wounds to their faces, heads, and arms. The monkey was captured the next day. The same monkey had attacked a woman six months earlier.	"Monkey captured following attack," <i>Sun-Sentinel</i> , August 5, 2000.
Adults injured, primate killed	August 1, 2000/Dover, Wisconsin: A pet Japanese macaque got loose and attacked two people. The monkey grabbed a neighbor around the waist and inflicted four bite wounds to the leg. Moments later, the monkey bit a postal carrier on the hand and then jumped in the postal truck and tried to attack the carrier again. The monkey was captured and killed. The owner also had a wolf hybrid penned in her backyard.	Dave Cole, "Pet monkey attacks man, letter carrier," <i>Journal Sentinel</i> , August 3, 2000.

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Child injured	July 18, 2000/Jefferson City, Missouri: A 7-year-old boy, riding his bicycle, was attacked by a neighbor's pet rhesus macaque, who jumped from a tree and bit the boy's arm. The child was subjected to a two-month ordeal involving doctors, needles, tests, and the fear of contracting the deadly herpes virus. The boy later received a \$148,000 settlement from a lawsuit filed by his family.	Bill Graham, "Settlement ends monkey bite case," <i>Kansas City Star</i> , February 12, 2003.
Adult injured	June 1, 2000/Columbia, Maryland: An escaped 2½-foot-tall spider monkey chased a woman who had just stepped outside her home and bit her on the thigh, then ran away.	"Monkey on the run in the Columbia," Associated Press, June 1, 2000.
Child injured	May 2000/Tulsa, Oklahoma: A monkey bit a boy in a pet store.	"Recent nonfatal incidents involving exotics," <i>Tulsa World</i> , November 6, 2000.
Adult injured	April 2000/Hueytown, Alabama: A man required medical attention after he was bitten on both hands by a rhesus macaque.	"F.Y.I. FOR YOUR INFORMATION - ANIMAL BITES," <i>Birmingham News</i> , May 3, 2000.
Adult injured, primate killed	February 13, 2000/Lansing, Illinois: A pet Java macaque attacked his owner, inflicting 6-inch-deep bites and cuts on her head, arms, and legs and causing her to lose 1½ pints of blood. She underwent three hours of surgery and 12 weeks of physical therapy. The monkey was killed for rabies tests.	Anne Bowhay, "Monkey put down following attack; Lansing pet had to be tested for diseases," <i>Daily</i> <i>Southtown</i> , February 23, 2000.
Escape	January 14, 2000/Palm Harbor, Florida: A pet spider monkey escaped from a backyard cage and attacked a dog who was being walked by a neighbor. The dog went into shock and suffered serious artery and tendon damage.	Rob Shaw, "Runaway pet monkey mauls neighbor's dog," <i>Tampa Tribune</i> , January 15, 2000.
Child injured	2000/Jackson County, Missouri: Mark Archigo's adult pet chimpanzee, Sueko, injured a teenage girl by lifting her by the ankles and tossing her to the ground.	Christine Vendel, "Escaped chimpanzee causes a ruckus," <i>Kansas City Star</i> , October 20, 2010.
Adult injured	December 28, 1999/Des Moines, Iowa: A rhesus macaque found wandering the streets on November 23, 1999, bit an animal control officer.	Tom Alex, "Monkey adoption delayed; 'Nicky' nipped a handler, leading to a quarantine, but now his chances look good," <i>Des Moines Register</i> , December 28, 1999.
Adult injured	December 15, 1999/Rancho Bernardo, California: An escaped 3-foot-tall spider monkey led police on a two-hour chase, frightened residents, and bit a police officer.	Joe Hughes, "Monkey leads police on chase, bites officer," <i>San Diego Union-Tribune</i> , December 15, 1999.
Adult injured	November 1999/Euless, Texas: A pet capuchin monkey attacked and bit an elderly woman.	"Capuchin caper: Couple wants Euless to amend law so they can keep their pet monkey," <i>Dallas</i> <i>Morning News</i> , November 27, 1999.
Adult injured	September 1, 1999/West Covina, California: A pet chimpanzee bit off the fingertip of a woman visiting the owner's home. This is the same chimpanzee who attacked four people on August 19, 1998.	"Chimp taken from owners and placed in wildlife center," Associated Press, September 4, 1999.
Adult injured	August 3, 1999/Bellevue, Nebraska: A police officer was sent to the hospital after a macaque with a history of biting people bit him on the leg.	Jeremy Olson, "Officer bitten by monkey," <i>Omaha World-Herald</i> , August 5, 1999.
Adults and child injured	July 31, 1999/Kissimmee, Florida: A pet capuchin escaped and attacked a boy, scratching his leg. The monkey bit one police officer on the leg and pulled the hair of another before he was recaptured.	Lenny Savino, "Call him 'Furious George;' Monkey's escape is a barrel of trouble," <i>Orlando</i> <i>Sentinel</i> , July 31, 1999.
Adult injured	May 11, 1999/Idaho Falls, Idaho: A woman went to the hospital after a caged pet monkey bit her.	"Police Log," <i>Idaho Falls Post Register</i> , May 11, 1999.

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Escape, primate killed	April 15, 1999/Punta Gorda Isles, Florida: A police officer used a 12-gauge shotgun to shoot and kill a 2-foot-tall rhesus macaque. The monkey had been running loose and acting aggressively toward residents of a mobile home park for a month.	James Roland, "Policeman shoots monkey that scared Park residents," <i>Sarasota Herald Tribune,</i> April 16, 1999.
Adults injured	April 1, 1999/Glen Burnie, Maryland: A 2-year-old Bonnet macaque bit a woman on the lip at a tavern, touching off a brawl in which two other people were bitten. Animal control had instances on file in which seven other people had been bitten or scratched by the 9-pound pet monkey. The owners ignored animal control orders not to take the monkey out in public. One of the injured parties filed a \$25,000 lawsuit.	TaNoah Morgan, "Appeals board holds hearing on custody of aggressive monkey; Couple want it back; witnesses call it dangerous, not a good pet," <i>Baltimore Sun</i> , November 11, 1999. TaNoah Morgan, "Case of monkey is sent back to Animal Control; District judge says he has no jurisdiction as couple tries to get macaque back," <i>Baltimore Sun</i> , May 12, 1999.
Adult injured	January 13, 1999/Hillsborough, Florida: A pet capuchin attacked her owner, biting her 50 times on the hands and legs.	Amy Herdy, "Moody pet monkey bites owner 50 times," <i>St. Petersburg Times</i> , January 14, 1999.
Child injured	November 1998/Euless, Texas: A spider monkey bit a student at an elementary school.	"Capuchin caper: Couple wants Euless to amend law so they can keep their pet monkey," <i>Dallas</i> <i>Morning News</i> , November 27, 1999.
Adults injured, primate killed	October 4, 1998/Slidell, Louisiana: An escaped pet vervet ran wild in a house, knocking over a lamp and attacking two women, biting one on the arm and slashing the legs of another with teeth and claws. A police officer who responded to the frantic 911 call was also attacked. The monkey threw a picture frame at him, then jumped on him and bit him. Both women needed stitches. The monkey was killed.	Gilda Perkins, "Model's love of monkeys turns into painful lesson," <i>Sentry-News</i> , October 4, 1998.
Adults injured	August 19, 1998/West Covina, California: A pet chimpanzee escaped from his cage and went berserk, biting four people and denting a police car with his fists during a three-hour rampage. One officer required three surgeries on his hand at a cost of \$250,000.	"Big Moe goes ape; Escaped chimpanzee goes berserk," <i>The Mirror</i> , August 19, 1998.
Escape	July 6, 1998/Sprague, West Virginia: A pet chimpanzee escaped from his enclosure and attacked a postal truck, forcing the driver to flee and causing the truck to crash. The chimp followed the postal worker out of the truck and the two grappled until the chimp's owner intervened.	Greg Stone, "Escaped chimp goes postal 'Herbie' chases mail carrier from his appointed rounds," <i>Charleston Gazette</i> , July 8, 1998.
Adult injured	August 6, 1997/Hartford, Connecticut: A pet Java macaque escaped while being taken for a walk and attacked a neighbor. The monkey jumped on her head, grabbed her hair and bit her arm, taking out a small bit of flesh.	Ken Byron, "Pet monkey bites neighbor; will be quarantined, observed for 14 days," <i>Hartford Courant</i> , August 8, 1997.
Child injured	July 12, 1997/Glen Burnie, Maryland: A 6-year-old girl who had been bitten in the face by a pet bonnet macaque while at a carnival was treated at a nearby hospital for her wound and received six shots to her face, arms, and legs.	Paul Stephens, "Bite from monkey forces girl to receive rabies shots," <i>The Capital</i> , July 21, 1997.
Adult injured	July 7, 1997/Bridgton, Maine: State game wardens seized a pet squirrel monkey after the animal bit and scratched a woman standing in a supermarket checkout line.	"Monkey is seized after allged bite at market," <i>Boston Globe</i> (AP), July 14, 1997.
Adult injured	March 1997/Houston, Texas: An 8-year-old capuchin turned on his owner and nearly killed her, severing her thumb and part of her index finger and slicing her legs.	Maryann Struman, "Selling primates as pets sparks animal-welfare concerns Summit to address issue next month," <i>Denver Post</i> , May 16, 1997.

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Adult injured, primate killed	October 13, 1996/Argyle, New York: A man was attacked by his family's pet macaque while cleaning the animal's cage. The victim's wife used a shovel to get the primate off of the man and the couple then fled outside. The man was taken to a hospital where he received stitches for deep cuts to his arm and leg. Officers from the Sheriff's Department and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) contacted a local zoo to humanely capture the macaque, who remained on the loose inside the house. A DEC official commented, "There was blood everywhere [in the house]" and a zoo employee said, "[The monkey] did a hell of a job on the house." The macaque, whom the couple had had for nine years, was killed to be tested for disease.	Michael DeMasi, "Monkey standoff in Argyle," <i>Post-Star</i> , October 15, 1996.
Escape	October 1996/Gulfport, Mississippi : Two macaques and a baboon escaped from a couple who planned to open a private zoo. The primates were captured and two of them were quarantined by state veterinary officials.	Bruce Reid, "3 primates caught on coast," <i>Clarion-Ledger</i> , November 15, 1996.
Child injured	September 22, 1996/Palm Beach, Florida: A pigtailed macaque who tested positive for herpes B bit a 4-year-old girl on the shoulder while he was being taken for a walk. The pet monkey had been kissed and held by hundreds of people. Authorities confiscated the animal.	Christine Stapleton, "Monkey bite lands owner in court," <i>Palm Beach Post</i> , October 17, 1997.
Escape	May 18, 1996/Staten Island, New York: Four heavily armed emergency service police officers chased a capuchin monkey through a residential neighborhood for 45 minutes. The monkey escaped, fleeing into woods near the Staten Island mall.	John Marzulli, "S.I. Primate Makes Monkey Out of Cops," <i>New York Daily News</i> , May 18, 1996.
Adult and child injured	February 28, 1996/Metairie, Louisiana: A pet vervet was impounded after biting an animal control officer during a home inspection. The monkey had earlier scratched the owner's 2-year-old son.	Bob Ross, "Metairie monkey finds new home at Alabama Zoo, " <i>Times-Picayune</i> , February 28, 1996.
Adult injured	1996/Stamford, Connecticut: Sandra Herold's pet chimpanzee named Travis bit a woman and tried to pull her into a car. The woman had to get rabies shots.	"Chimp in vicious attack had unusual bond with owner," Associated Press, February 19, 2009.
Cruelty	December 16, 1995/Shueyville, lowa: Authorities seized 50 malnourished and dehydrated monkeys, including squirrel monkeys, owl monkeys, and capuchins, from Sue Kriz. The severely neglected monkeys were living in filthy conditions. The monkeys were cared for at the University of Iowa Animal Care Unit and some required treatment for salmonella and shigella. Three died shortly after they were seized. The university had spent \$27,479 caring for the monkeys until they could relocated to sanctuaries and zoos. The U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a license to Kriz fifteen months after her monkeys were seized.	Tom Bower, "Monkeys to get homes in S. Texas - To be sent from Iowa months after seizure," <i>San</i> <i>Antonio Express-News</i> , May 7, 1996. Lynn M. Tefft, "Shueyville, Iowa, woman who lost monkeys given animal-care license," <i>The Gazette</i> , April 2, 1997.
Adult injured	September 8, 1995/Royal Oak, Michigan: The owner of a 3-year-old spider monkey received 17 stitches in his lower lip after the monkey attacked him.	"Detroit Zoo warns against keeping monkeys as pets," PR Newswire, September 8, 1995.
Adult injured	July 1995/Hauppauge, New York: Two pet rhesus macaques escaped from a home and one of the monkeys bit an animal control officer on the arm.	Letta Tayler, "Trade in Exotic Animals Thrives Weak laws, enforcement cited," <i>Newsday</i> , July 22, 1995.
Adult injured	June 21, 1995/Birmingham, Alabama: A female jogger was attacked by a neighbor's pet monkey who had escaped. The monkey jumped on her back, scratched her neck, then "chewed up her legs pretty bad" as she attempted to run away. The woman received 23 stitches to her legs and hand.	Vickii Howell, "Pet monkey escapes, bites passing jogger," <i>Birmingham News</i> , June 22, 1995.
Adult injured	June 3, 1995/Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania: An escaped pet capuchin monkey grabbed a kitchen knife and cigarette lighter, holding police at bay for nearly two hours. The monkey ran through the house and bit two women. Animal control caught the monkey with a snare. The monkey later died in a cage.	Tom Gibb, "Knife-waving monkey dies after rampage thorugh home," <i>Pittsburgh Post- Gazaette</i> , June 2, 1995.

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Child injured	January 1995/Kansas City, Missouri: A pet chimpanzee bit a 7-year-old girl, causing her to have to undergo rabies treatment. Authorities had received numerous complaints that the chimpanzee ran loose and had attacked several people.	Matt Campbell, "Dangerous chimp released to owner," <i>Kansas City Star</i> , September 12, 1995.
Adult injured	November 30, 1994/Boca Raton, Florida: A 5-inch pet marmoset, smuggled into a restaurant in a bag, escaped and bit a diner on the ear.	Jose Luis Sanchez Jr., "Woman with pet makes a monkey out of Boca diner," <i>Sun-Sentinel</i> , November 30, 1994.
Child injured	August 9, 1994/Surprise, Arizona: A 4-year-old boy developed an eye infection after being bitten and scratched by two macaques. The boy's mother had obtained the monkeys as pets three weeks earlier.	Carol Sowers, "Boy likely free of deadly virus; tests negative on monkeys that bit, scratched child," <i>The</i> <i>Arizona Republic</i> , August 9, 1994.
Escape	July 29, 1994/Knoxville, Tennessee: A pet spider monkey escaped in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Park visitors were warned that the animal might bite.	"Pet spider monkey loose in national park," <i>Knoxville News-Sentinel</i> , August 2, 1994.
Escape	June 30, 1994/Phoenix, Arizona: A pet Java macaque escaped from his backyard cage and ran throughout a residential neighborhood for 17 hours before he was recaptured.	Brady Prauser, "Capture ends monkeyshines; runaway pet tastes freedom, eats bananas," <i>Phoenix Gazette</i> , June 30, 1994.
Adult injured	February 1994/Kansas City, Missouri: A pet chimpanzee jumped on a man and bit him, causing injuries that needed medical treatment.	Matt Campbell, "Dangerous chimp released to owner," <i>Kansas City Star</i> , September 12, 1995.
Escape	December 15, 1993: Alton, Illinois: Two pet macaques broke out of a backyard cage only a few days after the owner had purchased them. Numerous people reported seeing the monkeys, one who weighed 50 pounds and the other 30 pounds, as the animals walked and ran through the city. After being on the run for nearly two months, the younger monkey was captured when he tore two vents off the roof of a home and made his way through the attic and into a closet in the family room where he was tranquilized by animal control officials. Alton's mayor estimated that the city spent more than \$500 capturing the monkey.	Orlando De Bruce, "Hunger may kill escaped monkeys," <i>Belleville News-Democrat</i> , December 21, 1993. Orlando De Bruce, "Monkey captured; city weighs fate," <i>Belleville News-Democrat</i> , February 10, 1994.
Child injured	July 11, 1993/Rolling Meadows, Illinois: A leashed guenon grabbed an 11- year-old girl's leg and inflicted three bite wounds that required stitches. The girl was attacked while walking back to her condominium from the pool area in the complex. Animal control had tried unsuccessfully to confiscate the monkey years earlier after police alleged that the animal had bitten several people.	Mark Shuman, "Girl knows what guenon is, has stitches to prove it," <i>Chicago Tribune</i> , July 17, 1993.
Adult injured	July 9, 1993/Niagara, New York: A man was taken by ambulance to a nearby hospital, where he received stitches to close bite wounds from his pet patas monkey.	"Niagara man bitten on hands by pet monkey," <i>Buffalo News</i> , July 9, 1993.
Adult injured	July 15, 1992/New York, New York: A leashed monkey slapped and scratched a subway clerk on the head when a man attempted to bring him into the subway station.	"New York subway clerk slapped by pesky pet," Associated Press, July 15, 1992.
Adult and child injured, primate killed	July 6, 1992/Miami, Florida: Police warned area residents of rogue rhesus and Java macaques who had bitten a toddler, attacked a police officer, and terrorized a suburban parking lot. One monkey was shot and killed.	"Marauding monkeys plague Miami," United Press International, July 5, 1992.

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Escape	July 1992/Brentwood, Tennessee: Three pet monkeys escaped from a home and roamed the neighborhood while the family that owned them was at work. This was the same family whose monkeys had previously attacked a neighbor [see May 17, 1992].	John Dempsey, "Attack by monkeys has neighbor in tiff," <i>Nashville Banner</i> , July 23, 1992.
Adult injured	May 17, 1992/Brentwood, Tennessee: A woman in her backyard with her disabled granddaughter was attacked by three pet monkeys who escaped from a neighbor's home. The woman was clawed and scratched by one monkey who hung around her neck and another who grabbed onto her leg and her husband stated, "When I found her, her shoe was filled with blood." She sustained cuts, bites, scratches, teeth marks, and bruises.	John Dempsey, "Attack by monkeys has neighbor in tiff," <i>Nashville Banner</i> , July 23, 1992. Mindy Tate, "City cites exotic animal owners into court," <i>Brentwood Journal</i> , July 22, 1992.
Child injured	May 8, 1992/Norcross, Georgia: A 2-year-old squirrel monkey kept in a cage at a pet shop bit a teenager.	Rob Johnson, "Michael a free monkey finger-biting case comes to a close," <i>Atlanta Journal-Constitution</i> , May 8, 1992.
Adult injured	February 1, 1992/Fashion Island, California: A man's pet monkey bit a woman. The man was accused of trying to sell tiger and lion cubs from the back of a convertible.	Kim Christensen, "OC man is accused of neglecting tiger cubs," <i>Orange County Register</i> , August 12, 1992.
Child injured	April 23, 1991/Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: A pet monkey was killed for rabies testing after biting a 5-year-old child.	"News," <i>USA Today</i> , April 25, 1991.
Adult injured	October 23, 1990/St. Petersburg, Florida: An escaped pet capuchin ran into a neighbor's home, grabbed food in the kitchen, darted outside, and bit a woman as she grabbed him.	Mark Journey, "Capturing monkey is serious business," <i>St. Petersburg Times</i> , October 23, 1990.