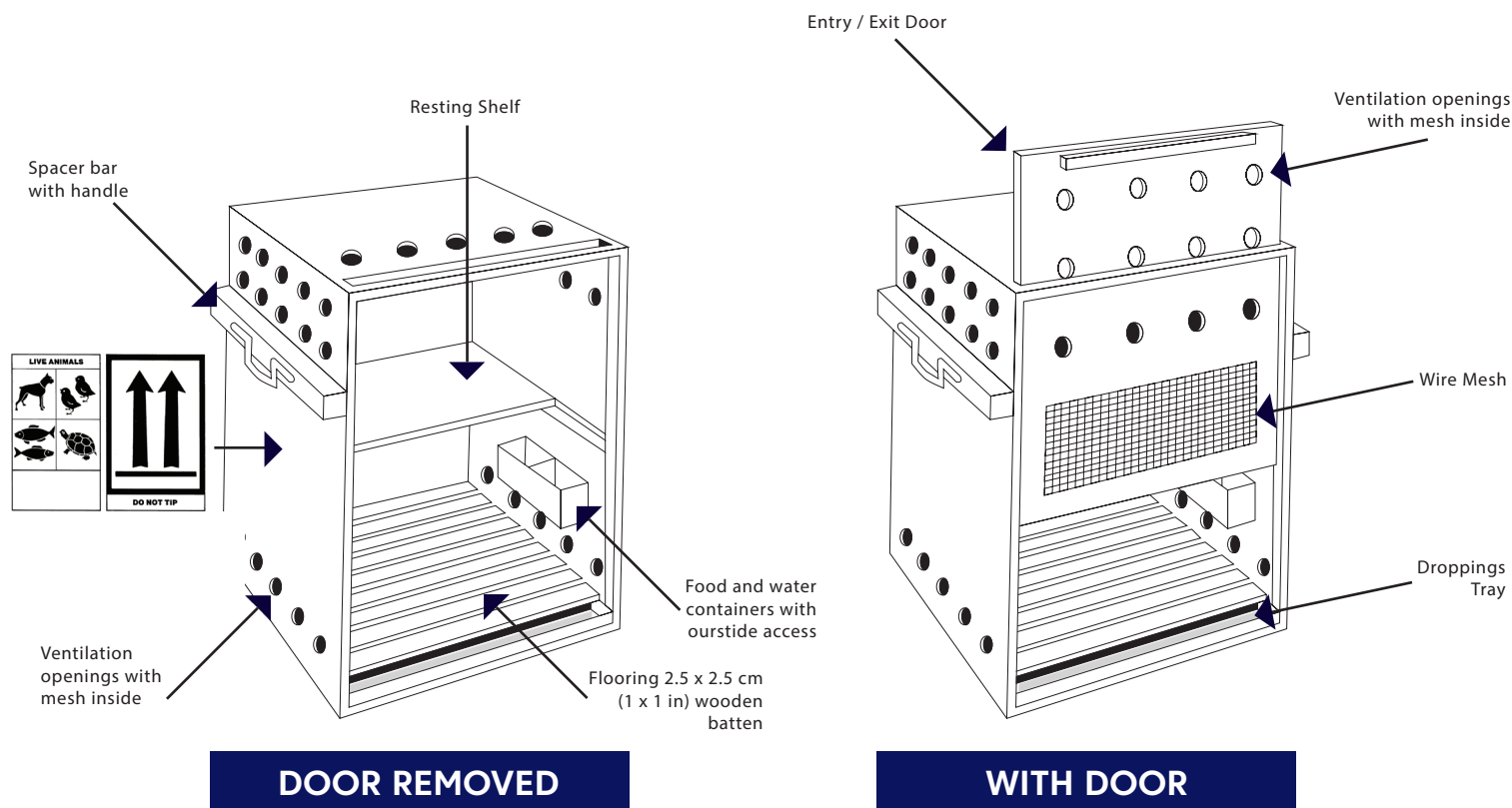


# CRATE REQUIREMENTS FOR MONKEYS



Kindly note: Only the above crates will be accepted. We may not accept any modified or incorrect crates.

## INTERIOR SURFACE

- For some species a resting shelf of 1/3 the length of the container must be provided in the rear of the container.
- Branch-like timber must be provided for bush baby and lemur species, it must be firmly attached within the container so that the animal can climb and rest safely.

## CONTAINER REQUIREMENTS:

### PLASTIC CONTAINERS:

These containers are suitable for transport of lumur, bush baby, opossum and small monkeys.

### The following modifications must be undertaken:

- A slatted floor must be firmly fixed to the base of the container which must be covered with absorbent material.
- A low resting shelf or a branch-like structure for lemurs and bush babies must be firmly fixed in the back of the container.
- The method of closing the container must be completely tamper-proof.

- Padlocks at the top and bottom of the door rather than clasps or clips is the method of choice.
- Fine wire mesh must be securely fixed over the door grill and all ventilation openings, these must also be covered with a muslin or similar material curtain.
- Separate food and water containers, with outside access, must be fixed to the upper part of the door grill in order that the animal cannot sit on them.

Water must only be offered when required and must NOT remain in the container after use but must be siphoned out.

- If the container has wheels, they must be removed or rendered inoperable.

The size of the container will vary with the species. The container must be constructed in such a way as to provide a mechanism for viewing the contents of the container without opening it or allowing the possibility of escape of the animal(s)

## FLOOR

The floor of the container must be solid and leak proof.

## VENTILATION

- Meshed ventilation openings, approximately 2.5cm in diameter must be provided along the base of the two long sides and in the upper 1/3 of the sides and front of the container.
- Whenever openings are covered by mesh, care must be taken that there are no sharp edges, it must be covered with a smooth material that is tamper-proof.
- A muslin, or similar material, curtain must cover all ventilation.

## HANDLING SPACER BARS/HANDLES

Attached along the middle of both side of the container to allow adequate air circulation across all of the ventilation openings.

## FOOD & WATER CONTAINERS

- Separate food and water containers must be provided, either revolving or fixed. If fixed inside the container they must be placed at a height that does not allow the animal to sit on it.
- There must be an outside access for filling and

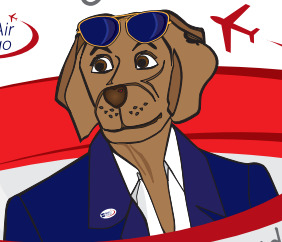
emptying which does not allow the animal any chance of escape.

- Water containers should only be filled on demand and must be emptied after use as monkeys will splash themselves and become wet and chilled.

## PREPARATIONS BEFORE DISPATCH

- These animals instinctively fear the strange environment encountered during transportation.
- Adult monkeys must be crated individually or separated by partitions, unless they are used to each other.
- Mature males will become upset by the presence of females in heat. Therefore accepting females in this condition for shipment must be avoided whenever possible.
- If it is necessary to accept male and female monkeys, each sex, must be in its own container and the containers separated from each other as far as possible.
- Pregnant females and females with suckling young must not be accepted for air transport.
- Animals of the same species and size may be shipped together in the same container ONLY if they have previously been contained together.
- It is natural for these animals to investigate their surroundings and try to escape. They become frustrated and will often make determined efforts to escape.

PetLounge



*They're in good hands*

## PERMITS NEEDED

- Obtain an export permit from Cape Nature for the monkey to legally cross the Western Cape Provincial Border
- Submit a completed application form (obtainable from Cape Nature) and send proof of payment for the admin fee to [permits.fax@capenature.co.za](mailto:permits.fax@capenature.co.za)
- In term of the Gauteng Nature Conservation Ordinance of 1983, it is not a requirement to have a permit to export an exotic species to another Province. But we can issue an export if the importing Province requires it before they can issue an import permit.

**Please note** that to import an exotic species into Gauteng an import permit is a requirement.