Help US Help THEM!

You do not need to be a primatologist, veterinarian, or sanctuary professional to help nonhuman primates lead the lives they deserve. There are several actions you can take, regardless of age, expertise or location. You CAN make a difference.

1. Volunteer
All NAPSA member sanctuaries offer wide ranging volunteer opportunities. It helps if you happen to live near one, but many sanctuaries also offer remote volunteer opportunities and short-term internship programs. Check NAPSA’s Volunteer Listings to learn more.

2. Donate
Because providing proper care for nonhuman primates is expensive, NAPSA member sanctuaries rely on monetary gifts to sustain their mission. Importantly, donations need not be limited to cash; sanctuaries welcome donations such as food, enrichment items, and needed supplies. Support of this nature is considered a gift in-kind and is eligible for tax deductions under charitable giving as defined by the IRS. For details, check out individual NAPSA member sanctuary websites.

3. Report It
NAPSA often learns of damaging activities involving nonhuman primates when concerned individuals alert us. Is a monkey rodeo coming to your community? Did you see an advertisement or greeting card that depicts primates in an exploitive manner? Tell us! NAPSA often contacts celebrities, publications, and other organizations who depict primates in harmful ways.

4. Speak Up
Improving primate welfare begins with educating the public. This can be as simple as increasing awareness of exploitation and providing accurate information on a one-on-one basis. You can be an advocate simply by informing a friend, family member, classmate, or co-worker when they mis-state a fact, share a misleading meme, or visit an exploitive facility. Be polite to help them understand, and consider relying on one of NAPSA’s advocacy resources. You just might change an outdated attitude.

5. Visit
NAPSA member sanctuaries are not open to the public on a daily basis, but may host special events or donor visits by appointment. Plan ahead and take a trip – we promise it will be an enriching, unforgettable experience. Understand that when a sanctuary opens to the public, physical contact with a sanctuary monkey or ape is never permitted, for the health and safety of all!

6. Support The Supporters
You will undoubtedly come across companies, organizations and agencies who are already focused on improving nonhuman primate welfare. Thank them by choosing their products and services, and take an additional step by giving them a well-deserved shout out on social media for others to see. Your message will be noticed!

7. Stay Informed
NAPSA makes it easy for you to keep on top of the latest news and in nonhuman primate welfare. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram, and join our email list.