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The North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance ([NAPSA](#)), a coalition of eight primate sanctuaries in the U.S. and Canada that cares for over six hundred chimpanzees and monkeys, applauds news of the National Institutes of Health (NIH)'s decision to cease chimpanzee research entirely and guarantee sanctuary retirement for its last remaining fifty chimpanzees who were being saved for potential research.

NAPSA has [previously stated](#) the importance of ensuring sanctuary retirement for every chimpanzee used in biomedical research. Currently, hundreds of chimpanzees remain in laboratories throughout the United States, and although this recent shift ensures that no further research will be conducted on any federally owned chimpanzees, we look forward to the day when all laboratory chimpanzees may enjoy the freedoms of enriched sanctuary life.

As the primary caregivers of hundreds of chimpanzees, we see and deal with the effects of their misuse every day. Their involvement in various industries is to the detriment of the species. We sincerely hope this recent decision by the NIH will help put an end to the exploitation of all chimpanzees.

NAPSA member sanctuaries house more chimpanzees than all zoos combined in North America. NAPSA members are fully licensed and inspected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (or the equivalent in the sanctuary's country), accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries, and abide by all local and federal laws and regulations. We have the expertise to accept all privately- and government-owned chimpanzees currently in U.S. biomedical facilities, given funding that would cover their lifetime care, logistical arrangements and construction/renovation of housing.

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