The Association of Primate Veterinarians' Position Statement on Primates as Pets

The Association of Primate Veterinarians (APV) promotes and supports the science, medicine, management and humane care of nonhuman primates (NHP). Due to the significant potential public health and safety risks associated with many NHP species, and their complex social, husbandry, and environmental needs, APV does not consider nonhuman primates to be suitable pets or companion animals. APV does stand as a valuable resource to provide support and advice regarding the health and welfare of any NHP.