

Subject: **GROUP Classifications for Nonhuman Primates** **Policy #7**

References: AWA Section 13
 9 CFR, Part 3, Section 3.80.

History: Replaces July 31, 1991 policy entitled “Clarification of Owl Monkey as a Group 2 Species,” and June 30, 1992, letter regarding classification of tree shrews.

Justification: Clarification is needed to specify group classifications for various species of nonhuman primates in order to determine proper space requirements.

Policy: In reference to space requirements under Section 3.80, the following will apply:

- Group 2 will include adult owl monkeys (*Aotus* spp.) and squirrel monkeys (*Saimiri* spp.) regardless of adult weight.
- Group 3 will include adult crab-eating macaques (*Macaca fascicularis*) regardless of adult weight. They are also known as cynomolgus macaques.
- Group 6 will include adult:
 - a. spider monkeys (*Ateles* spp.)
 - b. woolly spider monkeys (*Brachyteles* spp.)
 - c. woolly monkeys (*Lagothrix* spp.)
 - d. gibbons and siamangs (*Hylobates* spp.)

These species have been designated as brachiating since this term applies to any primate whose form of locomotion involves using its arms, legs, and/or tail while its body is suspended. The intent of the space regulations is to provide sufficient space for all species-typical postural and locomotive behaviors. Since each of these species engages in brachiating-type movement, they require the larger space provided for Group 6 primates.

Tree Shrews-The scientific community has removed tree shrews from the

Suborder Prosimii. Therefore, they are no longer classified as primates and are not required to meet space or environmental enrichment requirements for primates.