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Dear Class II and Class III Primate Licensees:

Beginning on December 1, 2013, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Captive Wildlife Office will require that all new applicants requesting authorization for wildlife that are within the biological families of Cebidae, Atelidae or Pitheciidae provide documentation of experience based on the level of biological family requested. Capuchin monkey (Class III) is in the Cebidae family, Howler monkey (Class II), Woolly monkey (Class III) and Spider monkey (Class III) are in the Atelidae family and Uakari and Sakis (Class II) are in the Pitheciidae family. Documentation of experience requirements are provided in Rule 68A-6.0022, Florida Administrative Code, which states in part:

*Applicants shall demonstrate no less than one (1) year of substantial practical experience (to consist of no less than 1000 hours) in the care, feeding, handling and husbandry of the species for which the permit is sought, or other species, within the same biological family (except crocodylians which shall be in the same biological order; ratites which shall be in the same biological sub-order; and cougars, panthers or cheetahs which shall remain at the genus level), which are substantially similar in size, characteristics, behavior, habits, care and nutritional requirements to the species for which the permit is sought.*

*Documented educational experience in zoology or other relevant biological sciences, obtained at the college or technical school level or above, may substitute for up to six months or 500 hours of the required experience.*

*If the applicant is unable to document such experience, as an alternative, the applicant may take a written examination. The successful completion of a written examination for the particular species or family, administered by the Division of Law Enforcement, together with the documentation of not less than 500 hours of substantial practical experience in the care, feeding, handling and husbandry of the species or family for which the permit is sought may be substituted for the one-year/1,000-hour requirement.*

All of these authorizations were formally listed under the Cebidae family. All current licensees will be grandfathered and will not be required to provide additional documentation of experience based on the family level. Facilities that train potential new licensees may want to advise their trainees on this requirement.

If you have any questions, please call Captain Kara Hooker at (850) 488-6253, or write to her at Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of

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Sincerely,

Signature on File

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