



# Nyack Neighborhood Veterinary

## PRIMATE CONSERVATION FUND

### *Purpose*

Nyack Neighborhood Veterinary has established a yearly grant to fund primate conservation projects in coordination with the International Primatological Society.

The first conservation grant will be awarded in March 2026.

### *Story*

When Dr. Christopher Gaylord made the decision to start a veterinary practice in Nyack it was with the idea that, in addition to providing a place to care for pets and their owners in the local community, it could also act as an engine to help fund primate conservation work in the global community.

The “Nyack Neighborhood Veterinary Conservation Grant” is a first step in that direction.

### *Background*

Prior to veterinary school, Dr. Gaylord received a Masters in Anthropology from Hunter College with a focus on primatology and primate social behavior. As part of his studies he conducted field research and assisted with teaching courses in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Belize and Vietnam.

Even though he truly enjoyed his time in the field, Dr. Gaylord eventually decided that he didn’t want to reside in the jungle full-time and was accepted into the veterinary medicine program at Cornell University to obtain his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine.

Many nonhuman primate populations are declining in numbers and are under threat of extinction for a variety of reasons, including hunting, illegal wildlife trade, disease, climate change, and habitat loss.

As a keystone species, primate preservation is vital for maintaining healthy ecosystems, mitigating the effects of climate change, supporting human well-being, and understanding human evolution.

