San Diego Zoo Vaccinates Apes Against COVID-19

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The San Diego Zoo announced it will be inoculating many of its great apes after several of the gorillas became sick with the virus that causes COVID-19 in January.

According to the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, nine apes are being vaccinated. The vaccines are specific for animal use only. “Zoetis provided our veterinarians with a limited supply of recombinant purified spike protein vaccine, intended for use in protecting animals against SARS-CoV-2,” San Diego Zoo said in a statement. “The vaccine doses originated from a supply strictly intended for nonhuman use.”

ABC News reports that the animals were getting two shots three weeks apart, and have had no adverse reactions.

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