

Lab test monkey on the loose after truck crash in Pennsylvania

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Crates holding live monkeys are collected next to the trailer they were being transported in near Danville, Pa. on Jan. 21, 2022.

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A test monkey is on the lam after a truck carrying 100 apes to a laboratory crashed.

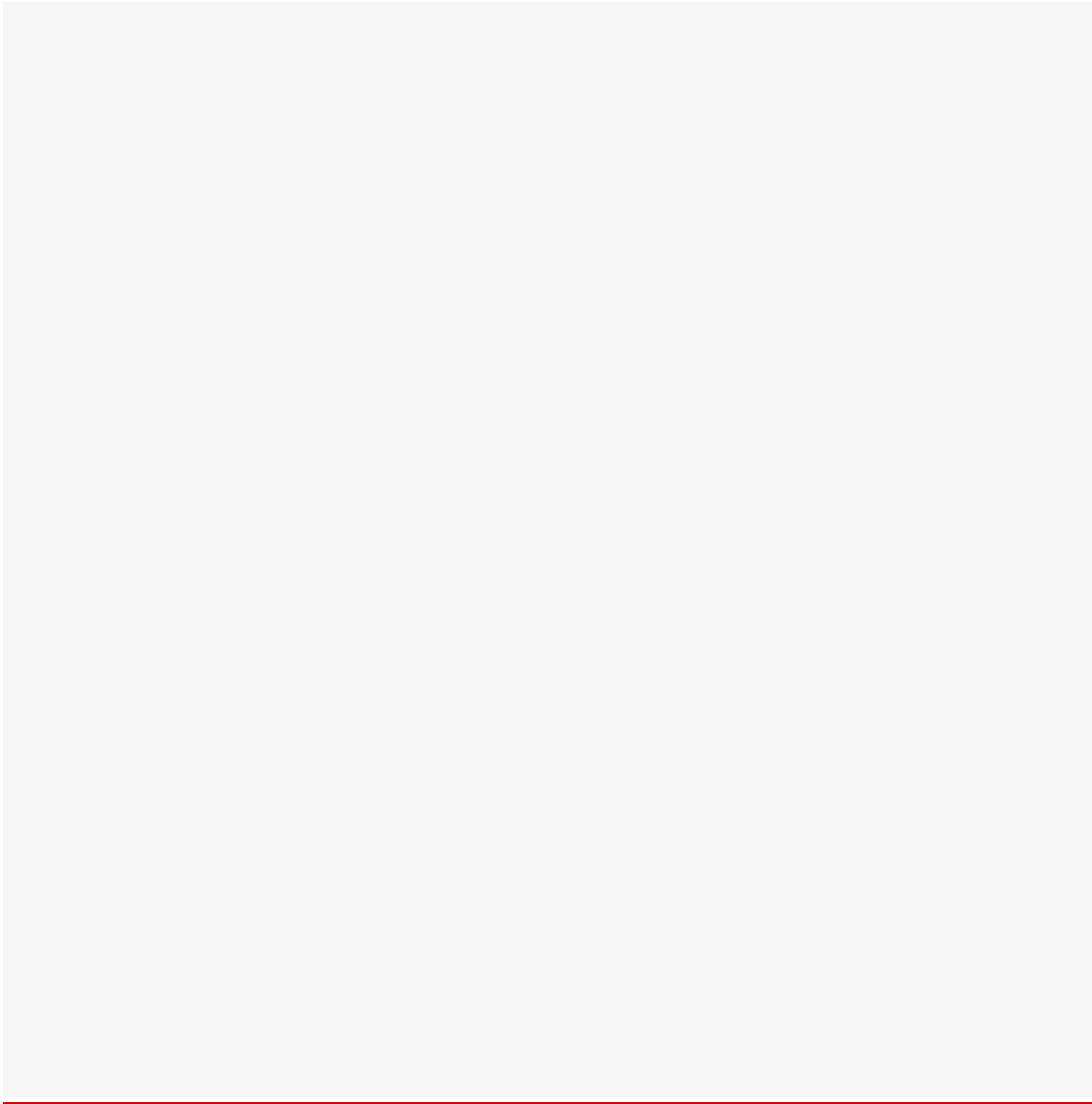
The truck driver, en route to Florida, crashed into a dump truck on Friday outside Danville, Pennsylvania.

Four crab-eating macaques seized the opportunity to escape — and as of Saturday, one was still at large.



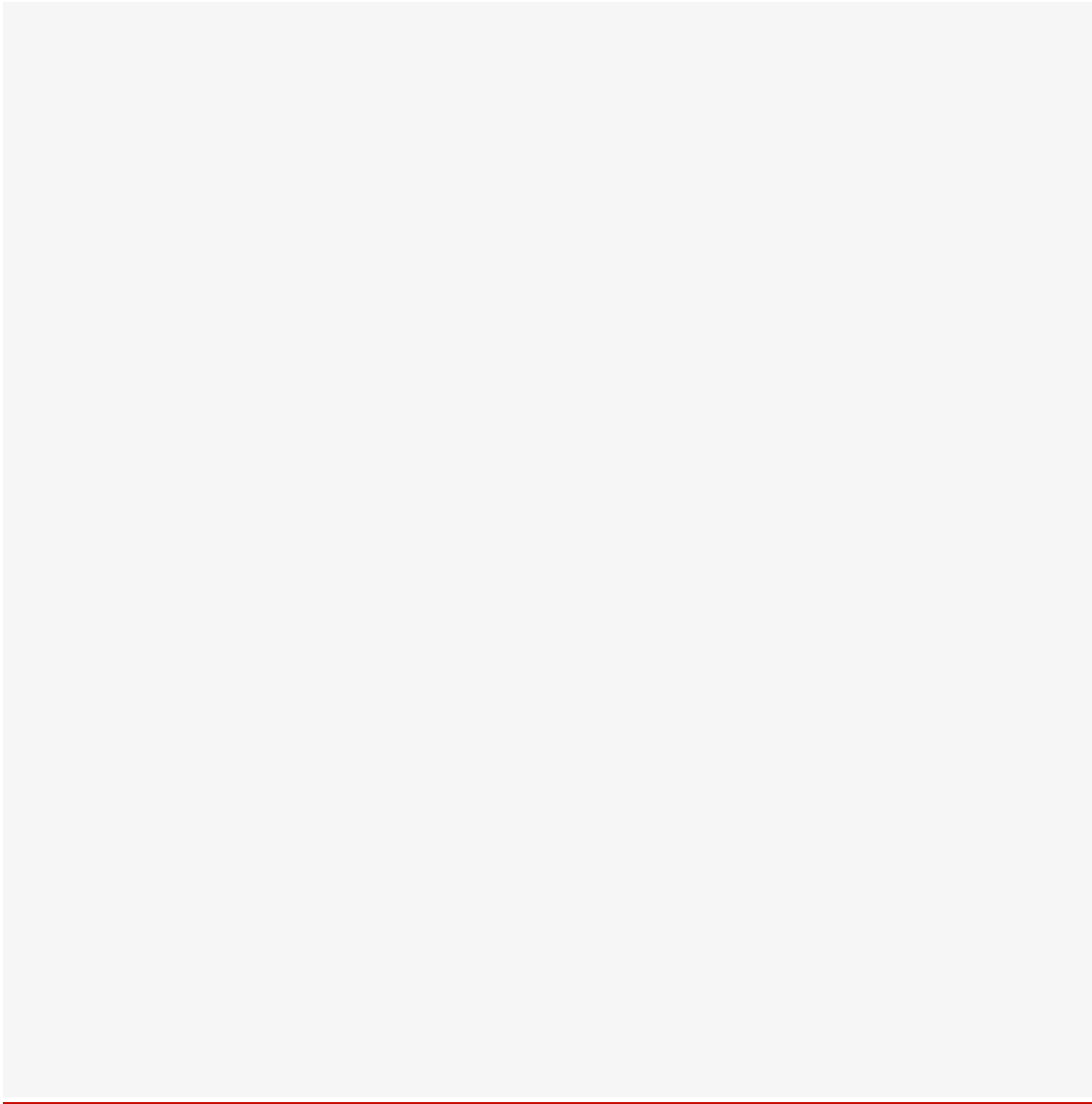
The monkeys were on their way to Florida when the truck carrying them crashed.

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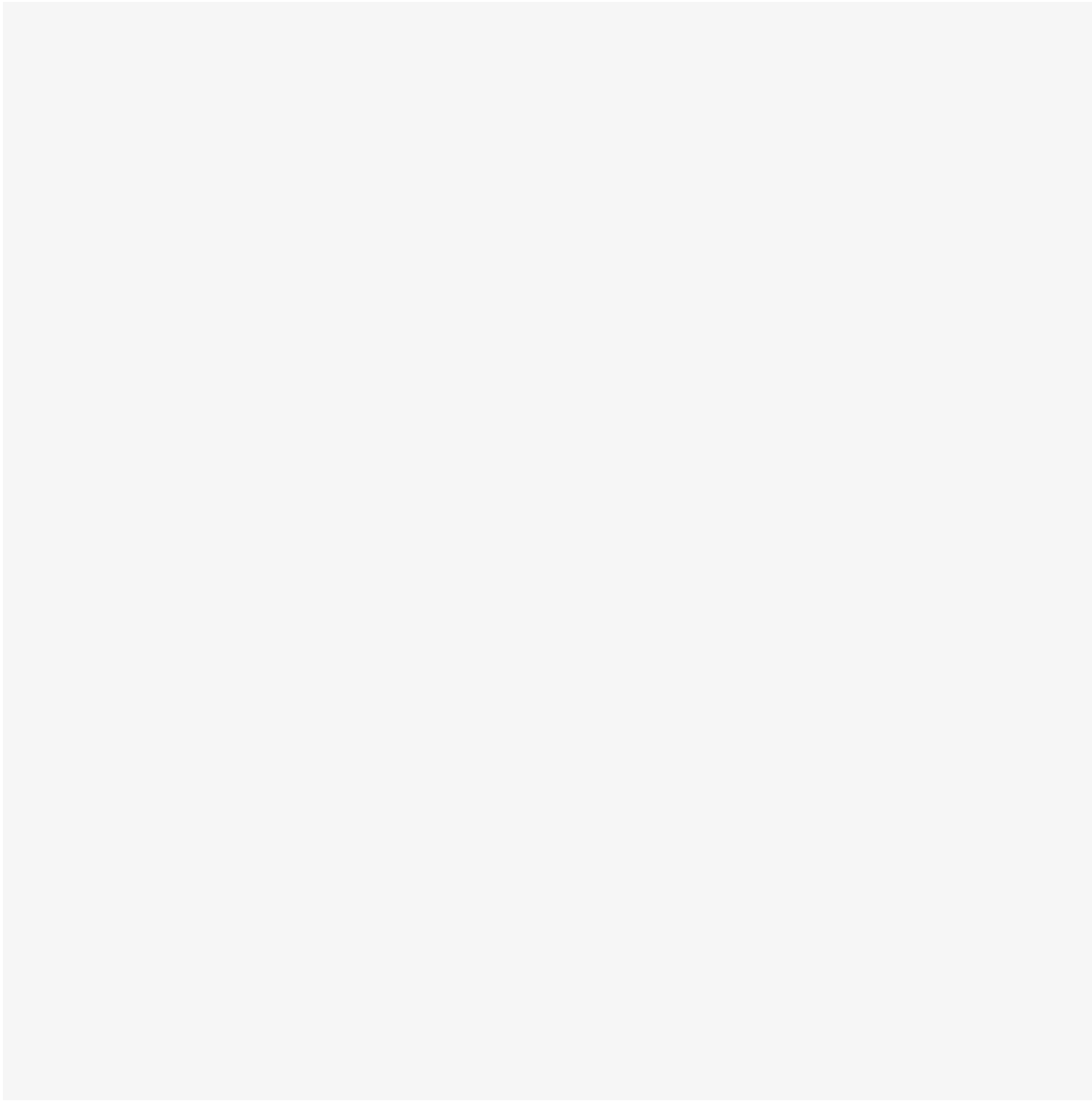
Game commission officers and Pennsylvania State Troopers prepare to look for several escaped monkeys near Danville, Pa., on Jan. 21, 2022.

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As of Jan. 22, 2022, one of the escaped monkeys was still on the run.

Pennsylvania State Police



One hundred monkeys were being transported when the truck carrying them crashed.

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“There is still one monkey unaccounted for, but we are asking that no one attempt to look for or capture the animal. Anyone who sees or locates the monkey is asked not to approach, attempt to catch, or come in contact with the monkey. Please call 911 immediately,” a state trooper PIO **wrote on Twitter** on Saturday.

Cynomolgus monkeys, as the species is also known, can cost more than \$10,000, and were used as test subjects for the development of the COVID-19 vaccine, **according to a report**.