

# Chimpanzee Being Examined Before Going into Space



## Description

Ham, the first chimpanzee ever to ride a rocket into space is being examined by doctors in preparation for his flight. Ham, a 37-pound chimp, will ride in the Mercury capsule atop the Mercury-Redstone booster. This is one of a series of launches from Cape Canaveral, Florida scheduled by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in its manned orbital flight program.

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