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**A GROUP :**

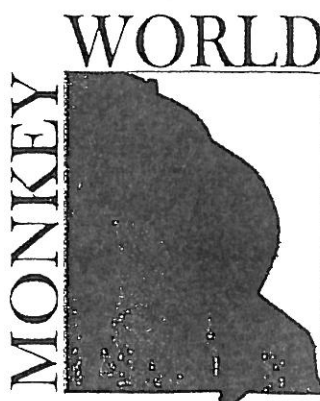
There are 8 chimps in this two acre enclosure. Paddy is the dominant male and the others in the group are, Sammy, Busta, Jimmy, Micky, Cindy, Beth, and Zoe. This was the first group of chimps to be established at Monkey World and they were all previously dressed up and used on beaches in Spain as photographers props. During the summer, we gave 'A' group specially made ice-lollies out of Complan, fruit and vegetables. We make 1 gallon ice lollies for A group and usually give the eight chimps 2 or 3 of these. We have found that this type of enrichment keeps the animals busy "working" on the ice, helps to cool them down during the hot weather, and unexpectedly, helps to support the dominance hierarchy of the group. When only a few of the ice blocks are thrown into the enclosure, the dominant individuals get possession of the lollies and the subordinate chimps have to follow the dominant around, befriending them in order to get any of the ice. This is how wild chimps collect and distribute their food and we are happy to see our animals here behaving in such a natural way.



**B GROUP :**

Butch and Charlie are the dominant males in this group of 14 and Butch is becoming more assertive every day. The dominant female, Suzie, is especially supportive of Butch and in some instances gets him up to stop "arguments" when the others are misbehaving. Suzie is also looking after the youngsters in the group and is often seen carrying Athena around on her back. There are 3 chimps who came from a French laboratory, Grizby, Cathy, and Clin. They bully the youngsters, but once again it is Suzie to the rescue. She often intervenes herself or organises Butch to do so. Suzie is the establishing influence on B group.

While this group of 14 is sorting out their social hierarchy, we have been giving them individual ice-lollies so we do not start fights. We try and give every animal an ice, but Charlie is especially fond of them and usually steals up to 5 of the ices. Why we try to give everyone a lolly, the younger chimps and lowest ranking chimps often do not get any. Young Cherri gets especially upset when she doesn't get an ice and she throws loud temper tantrums.



We have now built two new climbing frames for Butch's group. There are two platforms for the chimps to rest on, cargo nets to climb on, and lots of logs for the animals to swing and brachiate. We built the structure over a couple of weeks, in the evenings, so that when the chimps came out into the enclosure each day, there was something new and different for them. The young animals were keen to play on the new equipment, but the adults were a bit more worried about the new and potentially dangerous structure, especially the males.

### **C GROUP**

There are 7 individuals in this group and Chico is the dominant male. We also built a new climbing frame in this enclosure, and some of the poles are very tall. A couple of the chimps have been seen leaping from 8 metres high into a cargo net just above the ground.

Chico's group also like the ape-ices and as with all of the groups there is lots of excitement and shouting when we hand them out.

### **D GROUP**

This group came from Windsor Safari Park after it shut down. We had to build a whole new enclosure and house for the new group of six. Rodney is the dominant male and is in charge of Jesta, Buxom, Bixa, and Evie. We are all very sad for Jane, an old female and Bob's mother, passed away in September. The veterinarian, Dr John Lewis,

did a post mortem, and concluded Jane died of natural causes. She was 21 years old.

### **NURSERY**

Currently there are 5 chimps in the nursery. Sally, age 7, moved into the nursery with Arfur, Jess, and Bob and along with the new addition of Freddie, the Austrian ape (see Free Freddie), we hope that the older animals will be good role models for the youngsters. Sally has taken her new job in stride and is now feeding Bob his bottle herself. She enjoys playing with all 3 and slowing managing to coax them outside into their enclosure. Sometimes she carries Bob out, but Jess is more ambitious than the others and is regularly coming outside to play.

Sally really enjoys the water and during the summer, curator Jeremy Keeling, goes in with Sally and has a water fight. When she is on her own outside, Sally is often seen sitting in front of the water trough "washing" a hemp sack. Having watched Sally, Jess is starting to get interested in the water as well.

### **ORANGUTANS**

Amy and Banjhi have had a new bed built for them. Inside of their dens we have created an area which we fill with straw, peat, or sawdust. Amy really likes the sawdust and spends hours rolling around and throwing it in the air.

The oranges have also been enjoying the ape-ices. The only trouble is that Banjhi is a bit greedy and we have to



give him 4 or 5 before we are able to give Amy one.

Banjhi has had a very bad cold for many months now. Two vets and the curator have been in several times to treat his runny nose and wheezing, but with little success. And just last week, a human ear, nose and throat surgeon also came to treat Banjhi. Together with the vets, the surgeon cleaned out Banjhi's sinuses and he has been put on new antibiotics. We hope that Banjhi will be well soon.

### OTHER MONKEYS

We have six other species of monkey at the park. There are ruffed lemurs, pig tailed macaques, barbary macaques, vervets, capuchins, and squirrel monkeys. You may remember Story, the capuchin monkey, from the TV series Animal Hospital. We have given Story a new enclosure and a mate and he is now making a full recovery after being rescued. Two squirrel monkeys were rescued by the curator Jeremy Keeling, only a month ago. Their previous owner could no longer look after them and asked Monkey World for help.

**!!!PLEASE REMEMBER  
MONKEYS DO NOT  
MAKE NICE PETS!!!**

**!!THEY ARE WILD  
ANIMALS!!**

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### SPECIAL EVENTS AND FUTURE PROJECTS

We will be doing more work in all of the chimp enclosures to expand the climbing frames, and we hope to renovate the orangutan house, we think this might help Banjhi's medical problems. Whereas we gave the apes special made ice lollies during the summer, we are now giving everyone HOT jacket potatoes during the cold winter months.

We are always trying to think of new ways to keep the animals busy and this year Tesco in Dorchester and Poole helped us on Halloween. We collected about thirty pumpkins from the two shops and on October 31 we gave the apes whole pumpkins. The chimps really enjoyed the new treat and while some individuals played with the new round toy, others dug into the seeds and flesh. A wonderful time was had by all. Thanks Tesco!

**FREE FREDDIE** were the words everyone was shouting. On the 15th of November we got a phone call and were asked by the animal group Vier Pfoten to rescue a male chimp which was found in the mountains of Austria. Cold and hungry, Freddie was found by police in a public park walking all by himself. Freddie was happy to go with the police who took him to an animal kennel. Jim Cronin and Alison Ames, Director and Scientific Director, went over immediately to see Freddie.

They decided that Freddie, who was probably about 7 years old, would fit into the nursery group. Within the week they went back again, this time with veterinarian, John Lewis, and returned to Monkey World with Freddie.

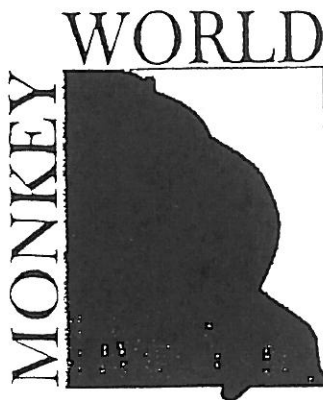
For the last week, Freddie has been developing his social skills. When he was first put in with the four others, he did not understand their facial expressions or intentions and the result was a few fights and nips. But now Freddie appears to be getting along fine and Arfur, the young male, adores Freddie. Finally a proper adult male to play with!

Freddie makes the 43rd chimp that we have rescued and we are pleased that Monkey World will be able to provide Freddie and all the others a natural, stable life, for the rest of their lives.

**OPERATION ORANGUTAN** was launched a month ago with an article in the Sunday People Magazine. We are hoping to rescue a large number of orangutans in Taiwan which are being badly treated. It is estimated that there are over 200 such animals in and around Taipei, which are shut into small cages and then sat in the front of restaurants or bars in order to attract customers. For more information, please contact Monkey World.

#### **YOU CAN HELP**

Monkey World runs an adoption programme for all of the apes. This helps us to build the new climbing frames and to conduct future



rescues. **ADOPT AN APE - SAVE AN APE!!!** For further information please contact Monkey World, Longthorns, East Stoke, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 6HH, Tel: (01929) 462537.

We have also set up a memorial garden for several people who have left the chimpanzees legacies. This money will help to ensure the future of the rescue and rehabilitation work that Monkey World does. Their names are on plaques in the garden outside of 'A' Group enclosure.

#### **A FINAL NOTE**

Thanks to all who have helped and supported our work. This is the first Ape Rescue Chronicle and the next issue should be out for Easter in a new and more professional format. We, the editors, would like to invite you to send in letters, comments, etc.