

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It has been yet another busy year releasing gibbons back into the wild at our sister sanctuary **Dao Tien** in Vietnam, educational events with the **Jim Cronin Memorial Fund**, births (both planned and unplanned!) at the park, repairing and renewing monkey and ape houses and enclosures, rescuing more primates, and making arrangements for future rescues. All done under the watchful eye of the Monkey Life TV crew. We are really happy that **Monkey Life Series 12** is due to start in December and with all your help and support, it sounds like Sky Pick are interested in making more programmes! I should be able to confirm in the next edition of the ARC.

This year we have rescued several more monkeys from the UK pet trade which continues to be a serious problem for primates kept in inappropriate environments. Our waiting list now numbers 107 monkeys needing a good home, which is tragic, but there is some hope. Monkey World has been approached by both the Conservative and Labour parties to discuss changes in legislation. I have met with the Minister of State for the Environment, **Zac Goldsmith**, who is reviewing the legal trade in primates as pets and has launched a “**Call for Evidence**” which is the first step. I would ask ALL of you to please help by sending in your thoughts and opinions to **AnimalWelfare.Consultations@**

defra.gov.uk by 17 January 2020. Primates should not be bought and sold privately over social media, from peoples' homes, or from pet shops where all species of marmoset, tamarin, squirrel and titi monkeys can be bought and sold like goldfish without any registration or checks on their conditions or welfare. It must stop and we need your help – please tell your family and friends.

It is always sad when someone close to you passes away...sadly we received the news that **Lingga** unexpectedly passed in Spain. We are all shocked and saddened as she had been with us for years before moving with Kai and Joly, and we had only just received wonderful photos and reports about them from some of you that went to visit. Several of our supporters have also lost loved ones. Our thoughts and condolences go out to the family and friends of **Mollie Aspin, Angela Patricia Ford, Joyce Hawthorn, Joyce Lassiter, Betty Roberts, Roma Georgina Smart, Margaret Vesty, and Jill Wright**. They will be greatly missed.

Our similarities with our primate cousins cross many boundaries in terms of behaviour, emotions, family life, nutrition, and medical care. This was highlighted at the park a few weeks ago when I was asked by a nurse at Yeovil Hospital to help

with a young lad who is receiving treatment for his leukaemia. Every week Leo needs to have a blood test and it is very upsetting for him. The team at Yeovil Hospital had heard about Bart, his Type 1 diabetes, and that our PCS had trained him for blood glucose tests and insulin injections. I suggested that Leo could come to the park see that Bart was brave and happy to have finger pricks AND an injection for a small piece of orange! Bart was a superstar, his group well behaved around him, and **Leo and his nurse Alex** were able to watch Bart get tested and then injected without any fuss. Leo was excited that Bart had similar medical gear as he did and watched intently as Bart got his midday insulin. A big thank you to our Primate Care Staff that have worked so hard to save Bart's life and now are able to help others.

Thanks to all of you who have helped us over the past few months with generous donations, supplies, and items from our **Amazon Wish List**. Everything is put to use, and our prosimians, monkeys, and apes have more interesting and healthy lives because of it. We could not rescue as many as we do or provide them the facilities and high standard of care that we do without your support. **Thank you for all your help.**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Oliver Cronin



Leo and his nurse, Alex came to see Bart having his blood glucose measured.

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Pomegranate, Figs
Grapes, Oranges, Lemons,
Papaya, Cherries
Blueberries, Blackberries
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Pepper, Fennel, Sweetcorn
Avocado, Cucumber, Peas,
Celery, Spinach /Kale,
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Seeds: Pumpkin & Sunflower

Nuts: (Shelled & Unshelled)
Almond, Hazel, Pistachio,
Walnuts, Pecans

Pulses: Chickpeas,
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Carbohydrates:

Wheatgerm, Plain Oats
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Supplements/other:

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& Chondroitin
(400mg/100mg)
Turmeric & Curcumin
Capsules (500mg)
Milk Thistle
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Toys:

Rubber Dog Pulls
Kongs (all sizes)
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& Cubes

There are many ways in which you can help us to rescue and rehabilitate more primates. All donations go into a 100% fund - **NO ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ARE REMOVED**. Monkey World is not a registered charity, but we have established the **Jim Cronin Memorial Fund for Primate Conservation and Welfare** (UK Registered Charity, No.1126939) and the

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Endangered Asian Species Trust (UK Registered Charity No.1115350) which supports endangered primate rescue and rehabilitation in Asia.

Without your help, our rescue and rehabilitation work would not be possible. If you are on holiday and see a monkey or ape being used, abused, or neglected, please let us know. Take down all the details and try to get a photo – we follow up on as many reports as possible.

In addition to the list, there are many other items we need to care for our rescued primates. Please see our **NEW UPDATED Amazon Wish List** that has all kinds of different goods that the monkeys and apes need. And remember our **Winter Bedding Appeal** for any unused bedding, blankets, or towels. The **On-line Shop** has loads of new items for presents and stocking fillers (<https://shop.myonlinebooking.co.uk/monkeyworld/shop/category.aspx>) & **Gift Catalogue** is full of monkey memorabilia and ape accessories for anyone who loves primates as much as we do?!



Pumpkin donation.

As a supporter, part of the Monkey World family, and **adoptive parent**, please tell colleagues, friends, and family about the **Primate Adoption Scheme**. All adoption monies go into a 100% fund for the rescue of more monkeys and apes and their on-going care – every penny. Let them know that as an adoptive parent, they will receive a year's pass to the park, a photo of the monkey or ape, a certificate, and the **Ape Rescue Chronicle** three times per year. **Establish a legacy** for the long-term welfare of the primates and be remembered in the park. Help us to rescue more monkeys and apes in need.



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FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

BART'S COMMUNITY UPDATE

By Hannah Barlow & Lisa McDougall

A lot has been going on in Bart's group this year! Toprish became a fully integrated member of the group in June, after spending her first night with the whole group. Her introductions to Bart and Eddi were done slowly as she was the first new chimp that they had met, and they found her terrifying! They now get along very well and Toprish is often seen shadowing Bart. The group have had their pavilion refurbished and the maintenance team did a great job of replacing the supports and painting. Primate Care Staff (PCS) installed lots of new hose hammocks, swings, and loops so that the chimps can make good use of their pavilion!



Toprish with Bart.

Bart's type-1 diabetes is controlled through diet and daily insulin injections. Now that his health is stable, Bart is filling out and looking the part of dominant male. He has also started to step up into his role as leader, getting more involved in settling disputes within the group. Despite a rocky start, he eventually took very well to Toprish when introduced to her and they are now often seen grooming together.

Athena is a happy-go-lucky chimp, staying out of the way, first in line for her food, and giving excited food grunts for PCS. Athena had some indigestion issues earlier in the year but under the watchful eye of PCS and some antacids she is back to her cheery self. She remains low-ranking and with newcomer Toprish finding her place within the group hierarchy Athena found a new playmate.

Beth was integral in keeping the peace and sorting out disputes during the integration of Toprish. Whereas some of the other troop members step back when Toprish has a tantrum, Beth is not afraid to step up and discipline her, providing an important lesson in chimp etiquette.

Bixa remains a high-ranking female in the group. New girl Toprish often winds her up and Bixa reacts with a pretty loud senior meltdown! PCS are always there to give her some reassurance though.

Busta is as playful as ever. He enjoyed the hot weather over summer, often seen sunbathing outside, as well as enjoying the hose sprinkler when he needed to cool off.

Cathy is easily recognisable by her broad brow bone which may give the illusion she is grumpy but actually Cathy is quite a content chimpanzee. She impressed PCS during the maintenance works and a new set up in Bart's bedrooms, moving well with the rest of the group for cleaning times.

Cindy 'held the fort' as dominant female whilst Bart found his feet as the alpha, but she's now happily stepped down and has been seen to be submissive towards the new leader. She still steps in to settle disputes when she's needed.

Chatta showed her friendly and welcoming personality when she met newcomer Toprish. She initiated play and remained patient whilst Toprish learnt the nuances of chimpanzee etiquette. She has also proven to be a good teacher, as Toprish has been seen copying Chatta's "all brawn and no brains" technique with difficult enrichment items.

Clin remains one of our most eccentric chimps. Clin is a massive lover of food, particularly her oat cup, which she gets as an extra so that she maintains her bodyweight. She is known for having a temper around mealtimes but has shown a softer side with new chimp Toprish, sharing her food.



Bart.

Eddi was unsure at first but is great with Toprish now. She is still close to her brother Bart and spends much of her time with him. Eddi is a keen trainee and loves to learn new things. She is now good at co-operative feeding and especially patient while Bart gets his insulin.

Gamba is often thought of as a troublemaker but he has definitely begun to mature. His cheeky character still shines through during play sessions with the other chimps, however his need to stir up drama with the females seems to be waning.

Grisby is very close with Clin and Cathy. She is a strong character and is very social within the group. She was one of the first chimps to stamp her authority when Toprish started to push her luck in the group!

Lola, despite her low rank, has started to become a bit too pushy during feeding times. She has been seen screaming at high-ranking individuals such as Bixa and Cindy, for just looking at the food she was planning to eat! She briefly attempted to assert her dominance over new arrival Toprish, but quickly gave up and decided playing with the newbie was a much better idea. The two continue to be good friends.

Micky was the first chimp to meet new troop member Toprish. He wasn't too keen on her during the 'first date', however on their second meeting, they got along like a house on fire. Micky is ever the gentleman and often stepped in to defend the new girl if she got into trouble, even if she started it. They do say "love is blind".



Micky.



Cathy.

Chatta.

Peppa.

Gamba.

Lola.



Athena.

Peppa became very close to Toprish while the introductions were still taking place. They were often together and Peppa was very protective and played an important role to help Toprish integrate into the group.

Toprish is finally good friends with Bart. She has grown in confidence during her first year at Monkey World, and is a determined chimp who knows exactly what she wants and isn't afraid to let that be known. Thankfully her new family are very patient with her.

Zoe, despite her sweet and calm appearance, will gladly put the younger chimps in their place with a powerful display if need be. She loves her scatter feeds and will often be seen using a stick to fish for any piece which may have fallen on the wrong side of the mesh.



Zoe.

ORANG-UTAN CRÉCHE UPDATE

By Rachel Henson

Oshine has been very active this year and great with the babies. She still walks around upright due to her time as a pet. She isn't silly, and often brings a wood-wool cushion to sit on if it's muddy outside during the orang-utan talk.

Jin is getting big and strong but he still remembers to play more gently with Mimi when she wants to wrestle! He has become a very clever and confident male and has no hesitation now to do anything he wants to do. Soon he will be heading off to start his own group.

Silvestre is a cheeky, friendly, and gentle teenager that is kind to the kids. For years, Silvestre and Jin had rough and tumble play every day. Now the time has come for them to prove who is dominant and strongest so they cannot stay together anymore.

Bulu Mata has grown out of his dairy allergy and can enjoy fruit yoghurt! He is still close to Rieke, but Jin and Silvestre are his role models and he copies lots of cheeky behaviour. Bulu has learnt that one of the most fun times to practice his acrobatics is during the serious parts of our keeper talk.

Rieke is very curious and often first on the scene when something interesting is happening. She frequently gets caught up in the mischievous play of the three boys. She is getting better at fighting her corner and is growing up to be a strong, independent female!

Mimi is very relaxed and confident. She is happy to play with the big boys and nobody dares to give Mimi any trouble as she will always have the back up from foster mum Oshine.



Bulu Mata.



Silvestre.



Jin.



Rieke.



Oshine & Mimi.



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MARMOSETS & TAMARINS

by Karen McGilchrist,
Louise Rangheard,
Cerys Jeremy
& Natasha Pullen



Mickey.

Fred & Freya: Sadly, Fred and Freya lost their companion Sammy this year. This has particularly affected Fred who had lived with Sammy for a very long time and he was attached to her. Fred and Freya get on well, but Fred is having to adjust to having a young, active partner rather than an old calm female. We are keeping a close eye on Fred and give him extra attention when he needs it.

Reggie & Jerry: This brother and sister pair have had a quiet year and are still very happy together. Reggie is a quiet fellow whereas Jerry is quite vocal and likes to tell PCS off even while giving her food, which she will take while telling them off!

Mojo & Albert: Mojo's mobility is closely monitored – it's poor as a result of not getting the correct nutrients in her diet while she was kept as a pet. With daily medication she is still active and happy. Albert is a complex character, he goes between 'protecting' Mojo if he thinks PCS are looking at her for too long to stealing her food!!

Sydney & Chuck are still a very strong pair. Chuck is always near Sydney and still really gentle with her. He also acts as a bodyguard and he will stare at all PCS while we are giving Sydney her mobility medication or threaten us if we look at her for too long. They spent most of their summer outside sunbathing together.

Ruby, Oscar & Family: There have been big changes for Ruby and Oscar as they are now parents. The family of six are always active, particularly the kids. They love running around

their outside enclosure and up and down the tunnel that leads from the enclosure to the house. If the weather is not great, a brilliant indoor game is jumping in and out of hammocks that the PCS have made out of towels.

Maximillion & Tya: Tya is still the boss in this relationship but Max really doesn't mind. They have really enjoyed spending lots of time outside this summer, getting some sun whenever they can and keeping an eye on the neighbours. They are such a stable pair that we decided to re-home them at a small wildlife park where they are doing very well.

Milo, Clydie & Amy: This trio are still happy and content together. Milo has some psychological issues as a result of his time in the pet trade, but Clydie and Amy have accepted his unusual behaviour. He doesn't like lots of people near his enclosure, so they live in a quieter area. All three love their food with particular favourites being grapes and waxworms.

Mickey & Moon: Moon previously lived with Hazel and Solomon but got kicked out for getting too interested in Hazel. Moon came to us from the pet trade, and was not related to Hazel, so as he matured, he saw her as a potential mate. It was not going to be easy to find him a companion but then Mickey was left alone when his partner, Tom, passed away. The two got on great from the start and now live happily together in the squirrel monkey house.

Loki: Another year goes by and Loki is still having difficulty making friends with his own kind, even after some new introductions this year. Due to troubles in his past he can't cope with the presence of too many marmosets. His favourite activities include sun-bathing, playing with his many toys, and interacting with his favourite PCS members.

Comet: Unfortunately, we lost our best insect hunter, old boy Lionel this year. Comet is temporarily on his own and we are hoping to find him a new companion. Very curious of his surroundings and looking forward to meeting a new friend, Comet spends most of his time in the tunnel system looking at the visitors or his neighbours, Chuck and Sydney.



Brass.



Solomon & Hazel.

Brass & Evi are still at the top of the park and are doing well. They both have lost some hair since last year but the shading in their outside enclosure prevents them from getting sunburnt. Evi is quite often seen observing the capuchins next door from inside, through the cat flap leading to their tunnel. They tend to stay inside and since we have put a platform where the sun shines through their window, they enjoy grooming each other while sunbathing on it.

Hazel & Solomon: As Moon was growing up and starting to be pushed away by Hazel and Solomon, he has now left the top marmoset house and moved in with Mickey. Hazel and Solomon enjoy their big outside enclosure and although Hazel can be a bit grumpy and tell Solomon off over food, they are doing great together. Solomon is very curious and when there is a PCS in the house, he always puts his hand through the mesh to move the curtain blocking his view and observe what we are doing.

Frank & Douglas: Always together, Frank and Doug form one of our strongest pairs. They always seem happy and active, especially during feeding time where they usually eat from the same bowl of food. When the neighbourhood gets too noisy, they always support each other to tell the neighbours off.



Frank.



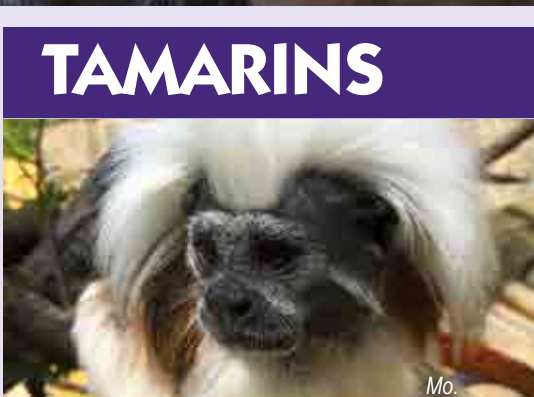
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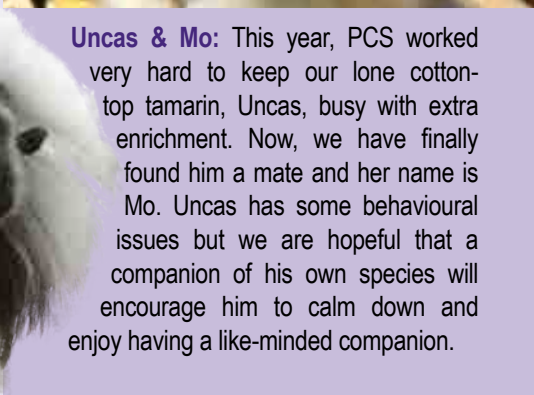
Maximillion.



Ronnie.



Sydney.



Chuck.

Luna & Caesar are still together and enjoy each other's company. While Luna has a calm personality and is confident in her leadership, Caesar is a really fast moving and vocal individual, who expresses his joy every day when he receives his treat during the morning routine.

Max, James & Jock: The dynamic in this trio has remained the same since last year. All of them are ageing peacefully and remain active. Max loves the attention, but not as much as being outside. He is always the first one out and the last to come in. On rainy days, we usually find all of them curled up together in the same blanket keeping each other warm.

Ronnie & Pikachu: They are the most shy and quiet pair of marmosets in the park. Both love sunbathing and try to be outside as much as they can, watching the visitors from above in the security of their tunnel system or through the windows. Ronnie tends to get a little jealous

when we give treats to the marmosets living next door, so we always make sure he gets something as well.

Bud & Cesar: Latest arrivals were Bud and Cesar who were rescued together. While Cesar was in good physical condition Bud was a bit scrawny and timid. Both are curious, but Geoffroy's Cesar is confident and active. Common marmoset Bud is cautious and a lot calmer. They were such a strong pair that we decided to re-home them at a small wildlife park and they are doing really well.



Uncas.

TAMARINS



Mo.

Uncas & Mo: This year, PCS worked very hard to keep our lone cotton-top tamarin, Uncas, busy with extra enrichment. Now, we have finally found him a mate and her name is Mo. Uncas has some behavioural issues but we are hopeful that a companion of his own species will encourage him to calm down and enjoy having a like-minded companion.

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MONKEY LIFE
By Susan Tunstall

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Monkey Life series 12 air date!

Monkey Life series 12 will be shown on freeview channel Pick from Sunday 1st December. We have had an amazing year filming and finishing the series and we hope you enjoy watching it as much as we have enjoyed making it. It's been great to film

Naree's arrival to the park and how well she has settled in. Unfortunately we have also filmed Alison rescue more primates from the UK pet trade and we are glad that there is a call for evidence from the government on the welfare of primates.

More Monkey Life?

We are still discussing the next series with Pick and hope to be able to update you by the next ARC. Things are progressing well and we're hopeful we can continue to show you the amazing work done by Alison and the Monkey World team.

We enjoy hearing from fans of the show so feel free to get in touch, you can do this by emailing us at info@primateplanet.tv or via our Facebook page. For more information on the series please visit our website www.primateplanet.tv



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We have reduced the price of all DVDs to £10 +P&P in our winter sale, grab a bargain while you can! This includes Monkey Life series 1 – 11, Jim's Dream and 10 years of Monkey Business, available to purchase via the Monkey World gift shop or from Amazon. There's limited sale stock available and would be a great Christmas present for a Monkey Life fan.



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GORDON'S GROUP

By Jarno Swandi & James Edwards



Gordon.

Gordon is very clever and enjoys his time outside testing his balancing skills on the hoses. He helps PCS by keeping Amy's mischievous side under control! He is now in his prime and very attractive to the ladies.

Hsiao-lan is more confident around Gordon this year. PCS have been working with Lan to improve her injection training and this year she accepted her flu injection with no trouble at all. This means less stress for her vaccinations and anaesthetics if needed.

Amy loves to be naughty from time to time and keeps PCS on their toes. She is great with operant conditioning sessions

and knows all behaviours. Socialising with Gordon also helps keep Amy fit and healthy.



Hsiao-lan.



Amy.

TUAN'S GROUP

By Jarno Swandi & James Edwards

Tuan is a gentle giant, who is very kind. He doesn't climb around much now unless there is food involved! Tuan's big achievement this year is accepting two-year-old male, Hujan, into his group.

A-mei gets on with everybody which is good fun for her. She stays out of squabbles and can enjoy going out every day.

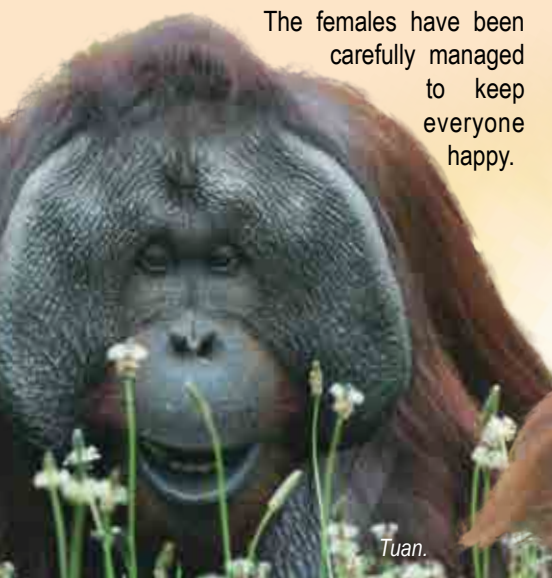
Lucky is a dominant female and gets lots of attention from Tuan. Sometimes it goes to her head and she is horrible to RoRo!

The females have been carefully managed to keep everyone happy.

RoRo is very happy having Hujan around. Having been stolen from her mother, RoRo did not have the skills to care for her own infants, but she does clearly like youngsters. Her relationship with Hujan is beautiful.

Awan is getting big and learning to be an adult. She has lots of energy and likes to wind up the others! Being a good climber, and speedy, means she is able to tease everyone and not get caught.

Hujan is strong, gentle and confident. He has met everyone in the group but is closest to RoRo, leaving Lucky free for Tuan. Adopted mum RoRo is there for emotional support but he also likes the other ladies and Tuan.



Tuan.



RoRo.



A-mei.



Lucky.



Hujan.



Awan.

SQUIRREL MONKEYS

by Cerys Jeremy

This year has been eventful for our squirrel monkeys. Unfortunately, we lost **Charlie** at the start of the year to cancer. He was leader of his group of four females. Although sad, we took this opportunity to merge the two groups together which was very successful. **Logan**, who was the dominant male of his small troop of three, has now become leader of all seven squirrel monkeys. Logan loves to spend time outside and keeps a watchful eye on the girls and ensures **Lopez** isn't causing too much mischief. Lopez is a young male, who is very playful, and loves getting attention from PCS. He is often seen hanging from the ceiling and jumping around the bedrooms playing with **Lucille**, who has continued to grow in confidence and loves to play and run around outside catching insects. Although she still



Lucille.

Topsy.

Lopez.

loves cuddling up with Lopez for afternoon naps, it's great to see her transformation from a shy and timid little monkey into a confident and playful member of the new larger group. **Nueve** has started joining Lopez and Lucille cuddling up inside but most of the time she can be found running around the bedrooms causing chaos. She still hasn't mastered acceptable behaviour amongst the group and annoys the older ladies by trying to steal bugs from them. **Azzi** in particular gets angry and gives her a telling off. Most of the time Azzi is sweet natured, especially to PCS who she loves getting attention from – she purrs at the mesh for it! The older ladies of the group, **Topsy** and **Turvey**, like to laze around on the platforms outside in the sun. Turvey likes

to follow PCS around just in case they have bugs she can get her hands on and although Topsy is an old lady now she's still quick to let Nueve know when she has crossed the line.



Nueve.

BRYAN'S GROUP

By Hannah Barlow & the chimpanzee team



Bryan.

Rodders.

Ash.

This summer Bryan's group have been putting up with the noise and disruption created by the upgrade work being done at the bachelor's enclosure! They have taken it in their stride and have found amusement in watching the comings and goings of the builders and their machinery.

Bryan has had a difficult year, suffering from episodes of manic behaviour. PCS have been working incredibly hard, both with Bryan's daily routine, his training, and enclosure modifications to help him cope better. We have seen an improvement in his behaviour and health with fewer, less intense events so we are hopeful that he may be adapting to his new role as alpha male. Bryan remains a bright and loving member of the group and is adored by PCS and his housemates alike.

Naree is a fully integrated and much-loved member of the group and is living proof that

rescued chimps can thrive with other chimps, despite spending many years isolated from their own kind. She has developed a close relationship with Bryan, spending lots of time in grooming sessions and running to his defence if there is trouble within the group.

Rodders is one of the most ridiculously playful chimps. His cheeky character is highly entertaining for the other chimps as well as PCS! It can often end in tears as Rodders will always go that small step too far, especially with Naree. His attitude to life is infectious and his mischievous attitude means there is never a dull moment at Bryan's group!

Ash was the only one who seemed unsure of Naree when she first arrived. After some time and patience, she had proven that she really is just a gentle giant and they are now great friends. This summer Ash has shown her playful side, not only with Naree and the

others, but she is also often seen with her head in a bucket of juice, bobbing for apples, or showing off her acrobatic skills and roly-poly's in the playroom.

Lulu loves a new enrichment challenge, especially if it involves a kong. She enjoys the warm winter drinks given to all the chimps this time of year, bouncing with excitement when it is fruit tea!



Lulu.



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CAPUCHIN UPDATE

By Donna Phillips, Katie Dobson, Toby Dipple, & Rachel Henson



Franco.

Franco's Troop

Our youngest, closest knit, capuchin group fill their days with mischief, destruction, fallouts and flirting. **Franco** leads our most challenging group and is doing a great job. He is popular with his females and disciplines the other boys if they step out of line, particularly the mischievous Fabion. He enjoys hanging out with half-brother **Philippe**.

Fabion, **Donny** and **William** tend to annoy the girls, sometimes deliberately and other times by accident. This usually ends in them being screamed at or chased by a mob of angry females, and these ladies aren't to be messed with! Donny isn't the sharpest and when faced with a decision often makes the wrong choice!

Sonny's Troop



Sonny & Babs.

Sadly, **Lilia** passed this year but our focus remains on the rest of the troop. The older robustus females **Lizzy**, **Tilly**, and **Dot** led the group but the mid-rankers have now matured and become confident with **Scraper**, **Tia** and **Letitia** keen to seize any opportunity for power. **Tallulah** along with **Veronica**, **Mini** and **Mole** wait on the side-lines ready to prove themselves but not wanting to be found in the firing line themselves.

As dominant male, **Sonny** tries his best to keep the peace amongst his feisty females. His trademark flirting does not always have the desired effect but nonetheless he is the centre of attention from the females. Some throw stones, food, or enrichment items at him

Lucy and **Mary**, the older dominant females, seem to be enjoying a calmer lifestyle, often staying out of group politics. There has been some friction amongst the younger females as feisty **Freda** and **Elisa** have been moving up the hierarchy and spending a lot more time with Franco. Highly strung **Olive** has had her nose put out of joint resulting in several tantrums but everyone usually makes up by having a group bonding session shouting at neighbouring Winslow's group!

Female capuchins can be very persistent in their attempts to receive attention from the males, but Franco's girls take it to an extreme level. As the girls forcefully vie for Franco's affections, tactics such as yanking lumps of fur out, slapping, tail pulling and throwing rocks and balls at him are all often used, leaving poor Franco looking very forlorn and exasperated!

whilst others tag him, removing small clumps of fur. **Bruce** has a reputation for stirring up trouble but has mellowed and has a bond with Sonny which allows him to share the ladies' attention. Bruce is always up for a wrestle, often bouncing through the tunnel system with Veronica.

Lower-ranking females spend time on the fringes of the group but we give them some time away from the dominant animals so they can relax. Smaller individuals **Cecelia**, **Mushroom** and **Jill** guard the playroom door at feed time and wind mid-rankers up when they have mesh between them. **Jenny** is one of Sonny's favourites and likes the high shelters, much to his dismay as he struggles with the cargo nets. **Barbara** and **Terri** also brave the high towers to avoid the group politics whilst **Laura** and **Babs** share one of the lower shelters together. Babs has a close bond with **Lizzy** but capuchins can be fickle and don't always back each other up.

Over summer, a mystery offender shattered one of the large playroom windows. These intelligent primates are always up to mischief and never grace us with a dull day but PCS continue to develop routines to keep everyone happy and content.



Shawn.

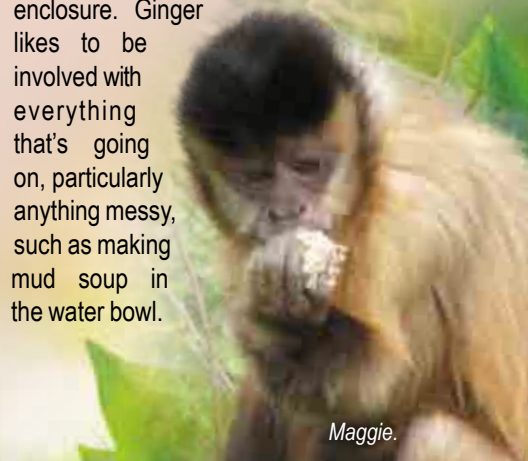
Gizmo's Troop



Gizmo & Ginger threatening, Maddie looking on.

It's been a busy year for **Gizmo's** troop with a new capuchin arriving from the pet trade. Originally called Chicken, she has officially taken on the name **Chook**. She has settled in well, taking her time to get to know everyone, particularly **Maggie** and **Ginger**. Fur rubbing with onions was a new game to her, but she has learnt from watching Gizmo, who is a professional onion rubber.

Gizmo has gone from strength to strength this year. He has learnt that the best thing to do when the ladies squabble is to lie on your back with a big grin on your face until everything settles down. **Maddie** is the boisterous ring leader of the females, and alternates between flirting and telling off people that walk past their house. She is often found bouncing around the bedrooms with a big grin on her face during our end of day checks. Maggie flirts like there's no tomorrow, grinning while stroking her tummy with her tail. **Sophia** keeps herself to herself and reserves flirting for when she's actually in season. She was recently spotted having cuddles with Chook in the outside enclosure. Ginger likes to be involved with everything that's going on, particularly anything messy, such as making mud soup in the water bowl.



Maggie.



Babe.

Daisy.

William.

Ruby.

Phoebe.

Winslow's Troop

This year started with the sad loss of **Flo**, the oldest lab born individual that arrived at the park over 11 years ago. Renovation of their outside enclosure meant that the group shared their enclosure with Franco's troop on alternate days. They seemed to enjoy exploring the novel environment and smells of the unfamiliar territory. The renovated enclosure has multiple shelters at varying heights, tall towers, and new climbing apparatus, providing a space that is much more complex to challenge the group. **Molly**, **Keira**, **Pride**, **Pipa**, & **Lionie** spend much of their time foraging in the relative safety of the bushes out of sight of the dominant individuals and enjoy being at the tops of the enclosure where they groom in the warm sun.

They have formed a close bond with **Jane**, who is quiet and elusive and the revamped enclosure has allowed these individuals to become more confident and explore.

Winslow is a relatively calm individual who enjoys operant conditioning and leaves group politics to dominant females **Babe** and **Ester**. Although Babe demands attention from neighbouring male Franco, she is a firm favourite of Winslow's and he takes pleasure in displaying to his rival. **Daisy** challenges the PCS's patience when we are waiting for her to move, but who could dislike her fluffy hamster cheeks and determined flirt.

Second male, **Onslow** respects Winslow but takes advantage of the flirty females when the boss isn't watching. The mid-

ranking females must be brave to approach Winslow as they will be warned off by others, so **Fifi**, **Bubbles** and **Ruby** will often take refuge with Onslow instead. **Norman** is a laid-back male who prefers his own company like other individuals such as **Joanne** and **Debbie**. But this won't stop Joanne having tantrums because someone looked at her the wrong way or Debbie sitting in the way of everyone else coming in at the end of the day. This year has seen new alliances formed and grooming/play combinations that PCS had not previously observed.



Joanne.

The Lodge Group

Summer has been peaceful at the Lodge, especially for some of our older capuchins like **Abby** and **Marlow** who enjoy grooming in the sunshine even when fellow oldie, **Ringo**, tempts them into a play session along with playful **Joey**. New pulley feeders in the forest allow us to get their food high up so that the



Erico.

capuchins forage at different heights. **Scarlet** loves climbing and spends a lot of her time in the trees. Dominant male **Erico** has shown a few stinging nettles, and the occasional rubber duck, who's the boss, in misplaced efforts at defending his group! He's usually flanked by dominant **Cara**, who isn't convinced by the "threats" but backs him up regardless. Erico has a passion for detaching karabiners which has meant that all of our new pulley feeders have been attached using padlocks. **Binty** chats to anyone who will listen, and ex-pets **Caesar** and **Phoebe** are inseparable. **Zoe** had lots of foraging to do, demonstrating

the art of tool use using sticks to dig for bugs while Joey has been playing with anyone, or anything, he can get his hands, feet or tail on. The Lodge enclosure had renovation work done and hosing replaced and rerouted to create new pathways through the trees and platforms. Everything has been thoroughly inspected by **Becky** and **Phoenix**, but only when they are not busy with the boys. Erico is most popular much to **Shawn's** disappointment. For winter, its business as usual, with the capuchins enjoying an abundance of seasonal enrichment like leaf piles and stuffed pinecones. Let's hope the winter proves to be as chilled out as the summer!

SAKI MONKEY UPDATE

by Cerys Jeremy



Desmond.

This year has seen a change of scenery for our two saki monkeys, **Chloe** and **Desmond**. They have moved from the domestic marmoset house to the squirrel house. They were integrated with the squirrel monkeys for a short period of time which seemed to go quite well. However, as Chloe is an older lady who mainly prefers quiet and tranquil surroundings, she wasn't getting much peace with the young and energetic squirrel monkeys so we decided to move them to their

own bedrooms within the squirrel house, where they are much happier and enjoying each other's company. They can often be seen in their outdoor enclosure basking in the sun and grooming each other.



Chloe.



HANANYA'S COMMUNITY

By Hannah Barlow & the chimpanzee team

Compared to the other chimp groups, Hananya's troop have had a relatively quiet year. As is their wont, they have spent as much time as possible outside enjoying the fresh air and sunshine in their spacious enclosure.



Hananya's confidence as alpha male grows year after year. Impressive displays and discipline are important parts of his role but he always makes time to put on his ridiculous play face grin and engage in some fun and games with all members of the group.

Arfur, being very grey in colour is often mistaken as the grandad of the group. However, he is 26 and very playful, especially with the baby of the group, Thelma. He continues to have a great relationship with Jess but that doesn't stop him from still taking her treats when she's not looking!

Cherri has dropped in the hierarchy but still remains one of the top females. She is relieved to be spending less time carrying Thelma and sharing food, and now has more time for herself.



Eveline is usually a fairly serious member of the group, but can be quite the drama queen. She likes to ensure that she has the last word (or hoot) in many disagreements!

Honey is a sweet girl who likes nothing more than a relaxed day in the sun or curled up in a blanket somewhere warm. That is until food arrives at which point Honey can never contain her excitement, especially if it is ice pops.

Jess is usually reluctant to take her flu jab, but this year she has been much braver, presenting her arm perfectly and getting very excited to receive her peanut butter reward. She has also become closer with Hananya this year.

Johni is a high-ranking female in Hananya's group. Her larger than life character and bolshie attitude means that her mere presence demands respect. After working her way up through the ranks, Johni is often seen throwing her weight around particularly at feeding times. Johni is well respected by the other chimps in the group.

Kiki is still the newest member of Hananya's community and has previously been very stubborn in the summer, refusing to come inside at bedtime. This year she has shown she is much more established in the group and comes to bed with her adopted family.



Kuki is one of our most intelligent chimps, showing off her talents during training sessions and also when helping PCS unblock slides that may be blocked with wood-wool or blankets. She enjoys play sessions with various members of the group, such as Thelma, whilst also not shying away from confrontation if someone upsets her.

Marjoline has a "resting sulk face" whenever she sits still, preferring to rest her chin on her arms, and her arms on her knees. Marj often surveys the group, as opposed to getting too involved, but happily joins in on a grooming session, especially if it involves alpha male Hananya.

Patricia loves her food, which means she is very cooperative with PCS in return for tasty rewards. This ensures that she is always willing to show us if she has any injuries, bumps or lumps that we may need to check out to make sure she is getting the attention and care that she deserves!

Semach remains the class clown, keeping PCS fit by getting them to chase him along the fence line. His sensible side did shine through however one day when he retrieved a large piece of platform that had broken off and traded it with PCS...for three bananas of course!

Simon has PCS well trained to assist him in getting rid of deer from the outside of his enclosure. This paid off massively one day when he dragged staff to where the whole group were alarm calling. Much to our surprise, a native snake was being prodded with a stick towards the fence! Luckily both the snake and the group were left unharmed.

Thelma is now six years old and beginning to lose her baby status. She no longer gets her own way



and is starting to find her place in the group. She is more confident spending time away from mum, Cherri. Thelma is showing her age by foraging and coming to bed on her own, practising building nests, and she now even has a contraceptive pill, which she takes very well, alongside the other adult ladies.

Trudy sadly lost her adoptive mum Peggy last year but everyone in her community still looked out for her. Now Trudy has started to spend more time with others, especially the boys, and she is becoming increasingly playful and independent.

Tutti likes to keep herself to herself but she is not afraid to step in to help resolve a conflict. She also has a role in disciplining Thelma now she is growing up.

Valerie continues to enjoy the benefits of being one of Hananya's favourite ladies. Her kind nature means she doesn't overly exploit her position, although she will occasionally attempt to steal Hananya's rewards during training sessions, something few chimps can get away with!

Zeynep loves a lie-in. She is often still tucked away in her massively structured bed made of more wood-wool & blankets than you would think a chimp of her size would need. Despite being low-ranking, she has gained weight over the course of the last few months showing that she is participating and being allowed to join in group feeding time more and more.

Zeynep.

LORIS UPDATE

By Matt Akister

Bobbi & Nora

It has been a big year for Bobbi, having been born in November 2018, Bobbi has gone from tiny baby to a not so small, independent loris. In typical loris style, the introduction of Bobbi to Nora was not a quick affair! Nora, another female loris who only arrived herself last year from the Lebanon, was initially very excited to meet her new playmate Bobbi, who, unfortunately, was not that interested in playing with Nora.

After several weeks and months of careful introductions, many grooming sessions and even a few, slightly reluctant play sessions, Bobbi and Nora now live together in the loris house. Until it gets to Bobbi's bedtime, then the fluffy little diva decides she needs her space and sleeps apart from Nora. It's been a big year for both of our youngest loris, and both have settled into life at Monkey World very well.



Axl & Nicki

After a quiet start to the year Axl and Nicki's relationship sadly took a turn for the worse. He started to become a bit over excited with Nicki and pushing his luck; this may have been because he can smell all four females, and ended with them having to be temporarily separated. Nicki was not impressed with Axl's behaviour and enjoyed the time to herself but quite recently started to show some interest in Axl. This subtle behaviour change was an indicator to us that maybe it was time to put them back together and Axl and Nicki spent a few weeks getting reacquainted. Axl is an excitable loris and Nicki is much calmer so we have decided to manage these two a bit differently, giving them time together but also time apart.

Bu & Bruce

It's obvious to see which couple is closest when the Primate Care Staff walk into the loris house each morning as it is not an



uncommon sight to see one of Bu or Bruce asleep sitting on the other's head. These two have been living together for over two years now and are a perfect couple. Bu is an avid hunter, spending many hours chasing locusts, at the speed only slow loris can chase at, whilst Bruce prefers more static prey, like grapes. They are also the most playful, enjoying play sessions that can go on for hours.



WOOLLY MONKEY UPDATE

By Sharon Perry
& Kate Aldred

Levar's Group



Eva & Lemmy.

Our largest group of ten woolly monkeys had a wonderful summer enjoying the fantastic weather in the forest enclosure. There are a lot of growing boys in this group, including **Mani**, **Levar's** eight-year-old son, whose displays indicated he was planning to take over the group. He had developed allies in **Carlos** and **Bueno Jr.** and with Levar turning 29 this summer we were concerned about impending conflict. We decided to separate Levar and Mani, rotating the rest of the group between them. Levar is still very close with both Carlos

and Bueno Jr. and without Mani around, the boys often engage in play sessions. Young **Cosmo** is also a big fan of Levar. He had a tough start in life, but has integrated in to the group well, and Levar has been a big support to him.

A close friend of Cosmo is three-year-old **Olivia**, **Xingu's** oldest daughter. With the arrival of her little sister, **Layla**, Olivia felt pushed out and became a playmate with Cosmo and the two are often seen hanging out together. Xingu is a fabulous mother, and Layla is a really sweet and confident little girl. Xingu is very popular with the boys and has often been the source of tension, being an insatiable flirt!

First time mum, **Eva**, has risen in the ranks, is a diva, and not a natural mother. One-year-old **Lemmy** is an incredibly independent, strong willed character, and loves Mani. The two love a bit of rough and tumble, despite the massive size

difference, and afterwards, Lemmy often settles on Mani's back for a cuddle and a snooze. Things are changing in this ever growing group.



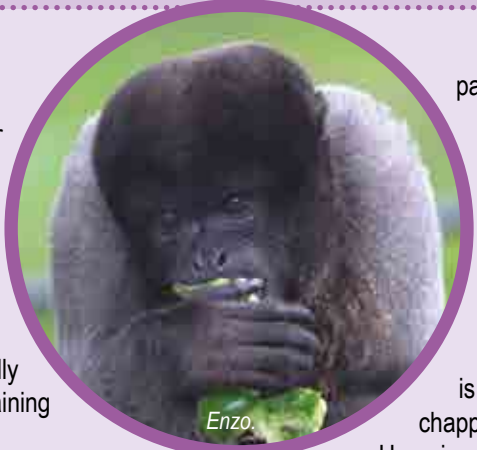
Levar.



Pacaja, Oriana & Enya.

Paulo's Group

It has been a good year for **Paulo's** group and as dominant male, he shows off his acrobatic skills swinging and swaying on the hosing to the rest of the group and all of us. He genuinely enjoys the interactions with PCS especially during the health check training sessions.



Enzo.

particularly when Enya practices her climbing skills around the enclosure. Pacaja's son **Claud** is three, a handsome young man, and is the cheeky chappie of the group.

He enjoys time with Paulo

and they have a nice friendship. Five-year-old **Oriana** is a lovely lady, has a sweet personality, but gets agitated with her brother's rough and tumble play causing disagreements like most young siblings!

Enzo is doing well and is especially close to Pacaja. Following Enya's birth we have seen the three of them hanging out together and they will often wait for one another as we call them in for the night for their dinner. We look forward to seeing what unfolds within the group in the coming months, as Enya grows up and as new bonds are made.



Paulo.



Enya.



Bueno Junior.

Oriana.

Xingu.

Layla.

Cassius.

Piquita.



Chippy.

Chippy's Group

Chippy is a respected, handsome leader of the group. He is the largest woolly monkey in the park so you can't miss him, especially when he does his impressive dominance display. He can be quite intimidating when patrolling his territory on the lookout for any danger, but he

can also be a big softy when he gives the PCS a big snuffle greeting on arrival to the house!

Piquita is doing well and is a high-ranking lady. Her youngest, three-year-old **Cassius**, is independent and full of energy and excitement. He has a strong bond with his mum and Piquita is always there to reassure him when needed. Piquita's eldest daughter, **Ayla** is also much respected within the group. One of our oldest woolly monkeys, **Quapa**, is 29 and is looking wonderful for her age. She is very well-mannered and PCS have a huge soft spot for her.

Six-year-old **Xavi** is cheeky and looks for mischief seeing how far he can push his luck with the rest of the group and particularly the girls! He winds the girls up, when Chippy is not around, but they hold their own and don't put up with his boisterous behaviour. Once

Chippy is present, he is not so brave or foolish! He respects Chippy as the boss and does not want to be seen upsetting the ladies. The group have had a wonderful summer making the most of their outside enclosure. They are a very vocal group and you will always know when they have spotted PCS on the way with dinner as you hear a huge wave of loud, happy trills echoing across the park.



Ayla & Cassius playing.

STUMP-TAILED MACAQUES

by Steph Sawyer

Our elderly group of stumpys had a peaceful year and with careful dieting, some of our larger ladies have shed weight. The group spent a lot of time outside and have been more active. Dominant female **Kelly** is our largest lady and most enthusiastic eater, practically inhaling her food, but she too has lost weight!

The bedrooms and playroom have been altered this year, with more logs and ramps added to make it easier for them to access all of the different areas. This is particularly useful for middle-ranker **Charley**, whose mobility has been slowly declining. She gets about reasonably well and despite mobility issues she hangs from precarious

positions when foraging for food! **Sam** is leader of the troop, and he spends as much time as possible with favourite female **Noreen**. **Toto** and **Freddie** spend much of their time outside and there is a very close partnership between the two. Toto has become much more comfortable with stumpy behaviour and is spending a lot of time grooming Freddie. Toto also gives nice greetings to dominant male Sam, which shows his confidence has grown. Lowest ranking female **Floh** spends time with Toto and Fred and enjoys being groomed. She's a little stiff in her old age but that doesn't stop her from racing down the paddock if she thinks PCS are feeding Toto! Mid-ranker **Sylvie** also likes to spend time with Toto. She is the most agile of the stumpys, and can move at impressive speeds when she wants to! The stumpys are a firm favourite with PCS, and though they are commonly referred to as the 'ugly monkeys', we think of them as 'differently beautiful'!

Fred foraging for leaves.



Sam.

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THE BACHELOR BOYS

By Hannah Barlow
& the chimpanzee team

This year it was the bachelors' turn for a building upgrade! Work is ongoing to improve and upgrade the bedrooms, which were starting to look very sad since their construction in 1991 by the Challenge Aneka team, especially when compared to Bart's upgraded bedrooms next door! The work means that the boys currently have less space than they are used to, but they are coping well, and it will all be worth it when completed. We constantly aim to improve the living conditions of the primates rescued by the park, giving them the care and environment that they deserve.



Butch.

Butch remains a high-ranking member of our bachelor group and can still ruffle the feathers of lower rankers. He is constantly improving on his co-operative feeding techniques and is known by PCS for his playful 'smile'. Butch has handled some maintenance changes in the boys' bedrooms really well.

Buxom has his work cut out as a high-ranking male in the rowdy bachelor group! He helps to keep order in this sometimes chaotic group. As second in command, Buxom plays an important role, but still has his softer side particularly when in a grooming session with Paco or Jestah - it's always important to keep the other high rankers on side!

Çarli is a low-ranking member of the bachelor group despite the fact he gets along with everyone due to his gentle and friendly character. He occasionally enjoys harassing PCS by sneaking up on staff before banging the slides as loud as possible to make us jump!

Freddy is one of the lighter skinned chimps at the park and enjoys lounging around in the sun, so PCS kept a close eye on him during the summer and applied sun cream when necessary. This was made easier as food continues to be the love of Freddy's life making him more cooperative than most other chimps during training sessions.

Gypsy has dealt with the building works very well. He is very helpful to clear slides for PCS to shut them knowing he will get a tasty reward.

Jestah maintains a high-ranking status, sometimes acting up to his 'big boy' reputation by being a bit of a brute. He soon makes up for it by encouraging the others to join him in his rhythmic, stomping play sessions. Jestah works well with PCS to ensure his skin is moisturised, helping to manage his on-going skin condition.

Jimmy is a quiet and sensitive gentleman. He generally manages to stay out of trouble and is often seen keeping an eye on the ladies next door in Bart's group. Jimmy often keeps himself to himself but does have a friendly relationship with Sammy.

Kyko has coped really well during the building work at Pavilions, staying very calm and moving well during cleaning routines. He enjoys spending his time grooming some of the lower ranking males.



Jimmy.

Mojo always looks out for the lower ranking males and this has become more apparent during the building work as the more dominant males have become a little more irritable.

Pacito has discovered something to rival his fondness for socks... his morning peanut butter porridge. He regularly begins calling out in anticipation to PCS as they arrive in the morning to make sure no-one forgets about his favourite meal!

Paco is the highest-ranking member of the bachelor boys, with strong support from Buxom. He is a very calm dominant male, but he makes sure that he gets what he wants at mealtimes! Being dominant male isn't all serious stuff though - Paco and Buxom reinforce their close relationship through very silly play sessions!

Rocky is a mid-ranking member of the group and has good relationships across the whole hierarchy. Although he spends more time with the lower rankers, he maintains a good friendship with Buxom, the two of them often getting lost in a good grooming session.

Sammy has finally made some progress with his diet! Forever the gentle giant, the now slimmer Sammy can often be found making friends with the insects he finds in his outside enclosure.

Seamus is the most playful member of the bachelor group. Maintaining particularly strong relationships with Freddy & Sammy, Seamus also has an admirer in Butch, who seems to enjoy playing with him whether Seamus has a say in it or not.



Buxom.

Pacito.

Sammy.

Seamus.

Gypsy.

Çarli.

SPIDER MONKEY UPDATE

By Gemma Clarke



Pumpkin.



Flint.

Over summer a couple of large, dead, over-hanging trees were removed from the area around the spiders' outside enclosure much to their delight! It has allowed more sunlight through to their tunnels where they like to spend a lot of time basking. Passing PCS and visitors are often treated to a happy chuckle from **Hickory**, **Flint**, and

Pumpkin ensuring everyone is aware of their presence in this perfect spot.

On cooler days, Hickory is undeterred and uses some of the generously donated sheets or towels to wrap himself up in and continues to observe the world from the outside enclosure. Much to the amusement of PCS, Flint has been warding off and alerting us to the presence of any rubber duck which comes too close to his territory- he prefers the more sedate enrichment of a treat-stuffed sock. Pumpkin, the dominant individual of the group, enjoys her food in whichever way shape or form it arrives. From diving headfirst into the depths of a pillowcase, to mastering the more complicated puzzle feeders whilst giggling away, this girl will do anything for her favourite snacks!



Hickory.

GUENON HOUSE

By Sharon Perry

It has been an interesting year at the guenon house with the birth of baby **Biff** in March. Mum **Nia** looked fit to burst at the later stages of her pregnancy and Biff was a very large baby. Nia was a good mum and **Benny** also doted on his little daughter. PCS were surprised by the speedy development of the cheeky little lady. Climbing off mum at just a week old and venturing into the trees at just one month! Her first few months she was all

about mum, never wandering too far, but more recently has become a bit of a daddy's girl, choosing to hang out grooming and playing with Benny.

Patas monkey, **Mica**, also seemed pleased with the new arrival! Not really the biggest fans of Benny and Nia, often seen chasing them away from her beloved **George**, Mica was fascinated with little Biff, following Nia around, and gazing adoringly at the little one, helping form a new friendship between the unlikely duo. Elderly ring-tailed lemur, George, was uninterested, continuing to spend most of his day sunbathing, snoozing and enjoying being groomed by his best friend, Mica. We are looking forward to how things develop with this mismatch group of primates over the next year!



Benny.



George.



Mica.



Biff being groomed by Nia.

GIBBON UPDATE

By Cat Talbot



Peanut & Pung-Yo relaxing in their basket.

Golden-Cheeked Gibbons



Kim & Tien.

Tien & Kim are our cutest couple and are doing well. It doesn't matter where they are in the big outdoor enclosure, they are never more than a few feet apart. Inside, if there is no



Teo.



Tito.

eating to be done, it's time for a cuddle. Their bedtime hug and sleeping positions never fail to make the PCS smile.

Peanut & Pung-Yo's life has settled into a nice routine. Peanut has stopped being grumpy with him and they are starting to rival Tien and Kim for their close relationship. Peanut even allows Pung-Yo to sit in HER balloon basket and enjoy a nice grooming session.

Alex is looking amazing and seems to be a lot happier with a new diet and medication for her diabetes. Her favourite time of the day is insulin injection time, as she has all of us well trained to give a full back massage before she presents for the injection, followed by banana and a boiled egg and she is set for the day.

Jake & Zoey have a solid pair bond and with the kids gone they have developed a habit of sleeping together at night. Facing each other, they wrap their arms round, and rest their heads on the other's shoulder. If PCS disturb them on final checks, we are met with very distinct grumbles of displeasure.

Siamang Gibbons



Sam.

Sam & Sasak have had a peaceful year. Sasak has made the most of the natural food in their enclosure and has gained a few pounds. Sam has also been enjoying it as evidenced by their brown tongues from gorging on hazelnuts. A strict winter diet will get them in shape for spring, just in time to start again.

Tito & Vietta have a stable, good relationship and she is fiercely protective of him. Vietta is starting to show her age with her movements more careful and deliberate but she can shift when she wants to. Tito acts like a big kid and loves noisy things like rustling paper, rattles and tambourines.

Teo is our youngest gibbon at eight-years-old. He has a gentle, fun-loving nature, though he can be a bit goofy sometimes. We are convinced he has hollow legs though as he never stops eating and always gets very excited about food – even if it is boring broccoli.

Mikado returned to us earlier this year and we were pleased to see him. He has settled back into park life well and seems content. Mikado has a strong personality and makes it very clear whether he likes PCS or not.

Mikado.

Muellers, Agile & Lar Gibbons

Adidas & Dalumie are kept busy "controlling" the neighbours. From telling off rowdy chimps, cheeky capuchins, delivery men, and staff it's surprising they get a minute's peace. Sunbathing in their high tunnel combined with a bit of grooming is bliss!

Paul & Kitty's favourite game is a kind of tag with extra wrestles, which is hilarious. Kitty's hair has grown back after her illness

and she looks fabulous and full of life. Paul entertains himself with a stick or squeaky toy when Kitty is just not in the mood to play.

Nini has had a great year especially when it came to the hot weather during the summer! Normally preferring his inside bedroom so he can keep an eye on everyone, the PCS enjoyed seeing Nini singing his heart out in the sun and spending hours sunning himself.

Fox & Ella enjoy a good wrestle and grooming sessions, but when she is too tired he enjoys attention from the female PCS. Ella had some unanswered medical issues this year, but a change of contraception and extra supplements solved her issues and our oldest gibbon is making a great recovery. Fox has been lovely to her as always.

Ella.

MALAGASY LEMURS

by Natasha Pullen



Himal, Fennel, Whitespot, Cirrius, Indiana & Renton.

Malagasy has undergone a few changes over the summer.



Himal.

The wooden huts have been replaced with large spacious sheds, and during a corporate volunteering day, new platform feeders were set up in many places throughout the enclosure allowing the lemurs to feed more naturally, high in the trees. Blackberry season came out in full force this year and the troop loved foraging for them amongst the bushes and brambles.

Our troop of ring-tailed lemurs have settled down quite a bit over the past year. While

the troop still doesn't have a clear dominant male, **Fennel** continues to reign with a firm but gentle hand over the boys. **Kaiyah** will also step in when needed to put anyone misbehaving in their place, but she is always up for fun and mischief when it's just her and the younger boys. **Kurt** and **Friedrich's** plan of domination over the older males of the troop seems to have slowed down a lot recently. Fennel tells the young twins off a lot more than the others (especially when there's tasty food around), but they can be occasionally seen grooming with higher rankers and joining in with group cuddle time. Following **Indiana's** loss of the dominant male position, he's often seen on the outside of the group, keeping out of the young twins way, but will sneak in for food and a cuddle with the high rankers when they're not looking! Ex-pet **AI**, the newest addition to the troop, has also been gaining some more confidence and has been grooming with others - especially Kurt and Friedrich. **Renton**, our one-eared lemur, is continuing

to be a constant cuddle-buddy for Fennel and loves to lie back to let the others groom him! **Cirrius**, Indiana's twin brother, flits between loyalties – one minute spending time bonding with Kurt and Friedrich, the next going back to his brother and the high rankers. **Himal** has also taken a liking to the young boys. Previously he would always take the opportunity to put them in their place, but recently has been seen letting Kurt groom him! Older boys, **Whitespot** and **Houdini**, tend to stay out of lemur hierarchy politics. As Houdini's health has taken a bit of a knock over the past months, he's taking things slowly and appreciating those relaxing, sun-bathing filled days that little bit more.

AI.