It has been yet another busy year releasing gibbons back into the wild at our sister sanctuary Dao Tien in Vietnam, educational visits to the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund, and (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 AnimalWelfareConsultations@

defra.gov.uk by 17 January 2020. Primates should not be bought or sold privately over social media, from people’s homes, or from pet shops where all species of marmoset, tamarin, squirrel and titi monkeys can be bought and sold legally without any registration or checks on their provenance. 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 who 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 Laxton, Betty Roberts, Roma Georgina Smart, Margaret Vestly, 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 clips AND an injection for a small piece of orange! Bart was a superstar, his group were 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. AB big thank you to our Primates 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 primates, 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.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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 loaded up with new items from presents and stock by popular selection. Our Gift Catalogue is full of monkey memorabilia and ape accessories for anyone who loves primates as much as we do.

As a supporter, part of the Monkey World family, and adoptive parent, please tell colleagues, friends, and family about the Adoptive Primates Adoption Scheme. All adoption monies go into a 100% fund for the rescue of more monkeys and apes and their ongoing 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.
ORANG-UTAN CRÈCHE 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 sly, 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.

ZOOSCAPE CONTENT

Athena

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.

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Peppa

Micky

Micky 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. Eddy 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.

TOPRISH UPDATE

Bart

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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. Primates Care Staff (PCS) installed lots of new hose hammocks, swings, and loops so that the chimps can make good use of their pavilion!

Barti’s type-1 diabetes is controlled through diet and daily insulin injections. Now that his health is stable, Barti 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 involved in settling disputes within the group. 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.

Eddy is an excellent teacher, as Toprish has been seen copying lots of cheeky personality when she met newcomer Toprish. She showed her friendly and welcoming role models and she 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.

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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.

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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 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!

Mickey & Moon: Mickey 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.

Solomon & Hazel: 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 neighbouring gets too noisy, they always support each other to tell the neighbours off.

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 scrappy and timid. Both are curious, but Geoffrey’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.

Changes for Ruby and Oscar as they are now of their summer outside sunbathing together. Chuck is always near Sydney and still really Sydney & Chuck a character, he goes between ‘protecting’ Mojo who is still active and happy. Albert is a complex monkey who was kept as a pet. With daily medication she was monitored – it’s poor as a result of not getting the correct nutrients in her diet while she was on her own and we are hoping to eventually get her back to living with her sister, Nancy.

Milo, Clyde & 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 Clyde 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 bananas and waxworts.

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.

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**GORDON’S GROUP**

By Jarno Swandi & James Edwards

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 the tricks. Socialising with Gordon also helps keep Amy fit and healthy.

**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!

*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 younglings. 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 teasing 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 Hsiao-lan is there for emotional support but he also likes the other ladies and Tuan.

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 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.

By Cerys Jeremy

**BRYAN’S GROUP**

By Hannah Barlow & the chimpanzee team

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 ensuring 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.

**Bryan** 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!

**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.

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**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!

**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 rolly-poly’s in the playroom.
**CAPUCHIN UPDATE**

**Franco’s Troop**

Our youngest, closest knit, capuchin group fill their days with mischief, destruction, failouts 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 Phillip.

Fabion, Donny and William tend to annoys 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**

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 Olivia 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 the near by Aluminium “gym”.

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!

Gizmo’s Troop

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 is 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.

**Winslow’s Troop**

This year started with the sad loss of Flo, the oldest male 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 new 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.

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 calms individual who enjoys operant conditioning and leaves group politics to dominant females Barb 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.

**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 oldies, 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 capuchins forage at different heights. Scarlet loves climbing and spends a lot of her time in the trees. Dominant male Erico has a new pet, a squirrel monkey, who isn’t convinced by the ‘breathe’ but backs him up regardless. Erico has a passion for detaching karabiners which has made all of our new pulley feeders has been attached using paddlocks. Binky chats to anyone who will listen, and puts 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 anything, or anything, he can get his hands, feet or tail on.

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**SAKI MONKEY UPDATE**

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 active squirrel monkey, 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.

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

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!

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Axl Rose in the straw.

Hananya's group grooming.

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.

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!

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Levar’s Group

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 into the group well, and Levar has been a big support to him.

A close friend of Cosmo is three-year-old Olivia, Xinga’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. Xinga is a fabulous mother, and Layla is a really sweet and confident little girl. Xinga 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.

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.

We welcomed a new arrival in the group in March which was Pacaja’s third baby. She is an excellent attentive mum. Baby Enya is growing quickly, gaining confidence, and climbing around on her own... under mum’s adoring gaze. Pacaja keeps a close eye on Enya as she 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.

WoOLLY MONKEY UPDATE

By Sharon Perry & Kate Aldred

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 paddocks 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!
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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 Anneka 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**

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 a crucial role, but still has his softer side.

**Seamus** is the most playful member of the bachelor group. Maintaining particularly strong friendships 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.

**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 on their doors, which are used to, but they are coping well, and it will all be worth it when completed.

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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.

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is a quiet and sensitive gentleman. He generally manages to stay out of trouble, although he spends more time with the lower rankers, he maintains a good relationship with Buccaneer, the two of them often getting lost in a good grooming session.

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**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.

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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.

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 though when she wants to. Tito acts like a big kid and loves noisy things like rustling paper, rattles and tambourines.

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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.

MALAGASY LEMURS by Natasha Pullen

Malagasy has undergone a few changes over the summer.

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 toy when Kitty is just not in the mood to play. Entertains himself with a stick or squeaky balloon basket and enjoy a nice grooming session.

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