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BART'S COMMUNITY UPDATE

By Hannah Barlow, Shaun Crompton, Wendy Derham, Geoff Horne, Bekki Kennedy, Charlotte Daniels, Jane Copland & Jess Stride

All our chimpanzees have been affected by the restrictions imposed by the pandemic. PCS have been extra careful to limit contact with them as they are susceptible to many of the same diseases as people. Whilst we have maintained necessary contact for essential health reasons, such as testing Bart's blood sugar to control his diabetes, having to distance ourselves from the individuals we care so much about means it has been a difficult year for all.

Bart has finally grown into those ears and looks more and more like his father Paddy. He is becoming a well-rounded dominant male and while Toprish has become his favourite lady, he has now learnt to discipline her when necessary so she doesn't get away with ruffling the feathers of some of the older ladies. He has maintained close relationships with matriarchs Cindy, Beth and Bixa and often has rough and tumble play sessions in the morning. Bart continues to work well with PCS to manage his diabetes.

Athena is a shy female with a sweet and caring nature. She is close to Micky and Peppa and enjoys grooming with them outside in the sun. She is ever-present when the PCS are around, checking any treats that they might have in their training pouches!

Beth maintains a high rank in the group and we have noticed a much more playful side when she plays silly games with alpha male Bart. She is still willing to step in and control the group when she needs to, delivering her trademark call at the end of a big display.



Athena

Bixa turned 43 this year and is one of the oldest chimps at the park. She appears to be becoming a little forgetful, particularly when PCS are giving out food or drink to the group. She tries to make us think she has forgotten that she has already had her fair share by crying as though she hasn't had any!

Busta prefers a more peaceful way of life as he gets older. He is no longer Bart's second in command, as Gamba has stepped up, but this seems to suit him. He still has a playful nature, but spends more time building cosy nests and relaxing in the sun with his close friend Micky. Busta gets a tasty porridge cup to give him those few extra calories that will maintain his condition in his advancing years.

Cathy frequently spends time grooming others, particularly fellow ex-lab chimp, Clin. She is often found in a well-made nest enjoying her own company and has a favourite platform in one of the new bedrooms where she nests down at night. From this position she has a good view of the pavilion and the other bedrooms.

Chatta is a mid-ranking happy-go-lucky female. This year PCS were proud of Chatta who was very brave when receiving her flu jab. She makes her signature noise of slapping her lips together to get the attention of PCS when they are handing out something that she wants.



Bart

Cindy's relationship with Bart has weakened over the past couple of years following Toprish's arrival and hierarchy instabilities whilst Bart took the top spot. Recently Cindy has been having daily play sessions with Bart, including games such as tug-of-war with donated blankets! It is heart-warming to see them re-establishing their relationship through grooming and play..

Clin has a big appetite and loves to collect her food in a basket, or whatever is available. Earlier this year she had a bad injury, a tear to the skin of her lower left eyelid. Clin is blind in her right eye so the surgery to repair the damage was critical and we were all very concerned. Following surgery however, Clin's eyelid healed well and it is now hard to even see the scar!

Eddi has a good bond with Toprish, despite a wobbly start, and the pair are frequently seen playing or grooming. They do sometimes have fall-outs and when this happens, everybody knows about it! Eddi also continues to stay close to 'not-so-little' brother Bart, however his dominance is now really starting to show and he has been known to steal her banana.

Gamba is a playful individual and a fan of newest addition Toprish who he is often seen grooming with or playing. He has been taking advantage of Busta's advancing age in order to raise his own status within the group. Gamba likes to trade with PCS, and looks for sticks or stones, inside or outside the enclosure, in order to get a treat!

Grisby loves food and gets very excited during feeding times. Whether it's an oat cup or celery, she is always ready to eat! During pill time Grisby makes a lot of noise trying to get her juice & banana as quickly as possible. She is stubborn when it comes to new routines, but with persistence, and perfectly timed rewards, she is improving!

Lola is a low-ranking female who often grooms Bart...seemingly whenever PCS are trying to call Bart over for his insulin! She can be on edge during feeding time so PCS spread the food out as much as possible for everyone



to get their fair share. Cooperative feeding techniques keep high rankers such as Cindy & Bart happy while allowing low-rankers to get their food!

Micky's initial fondness for new-girl Toprish has waned but he is obviously a good teacher. His expert skills at making comfy beds and tucking himself right in with a blanket over his head have been passed on and now it's hard to tell if it is Micky or Toprish hiding under the covers!

Peppa is a very clever girl, that never lets her low-ranking position get in her way. She never misses a single seed in the grass at scatter time and knows that the likes of Chatta or Gamba will give up too soon, leaving a few more nuts in a Kong for her to find later!

Toprish has milked her positive relationship with Bart for all its worth this year, running amok within the group, whilst facing very few repercussions for her actions. Bart has

become less tolerant of her outbursts lately and Toprish finally seems to be learning the finer points of chimpanzee etiquette!

Zoe is one of the oldest chimpanzees at the park and is being given an additional calorie rich oat cup to ensure she maintains a healthy weight in her golden years. There are no complaints about this delicious new addition each day, which she receives at the same time as her daily dose of Jointace.

ORANG-UTAN CRÉCHE UPDATE

By the orang-utan team



Mimi

Silvestre is king of the Nursery after the departure of his old friend and nemesis Jin. He loves playing with Bulu Mata and is a very gentle and observant individual. Despite his maturity, Silvestre is still as mischievous as ever and enjoys climbing very high in his enclosure.

Oshine loves to wrap up in blankets or towels while wandering around the enclosure searching for food. Being so humanised from the pet trade, she rarely uses the climbing frame unless it is to get food or get comfy in a hammock. She is quick to help PCS if blankets are stuck in the slides and for her assistance she gets a tasty reward.

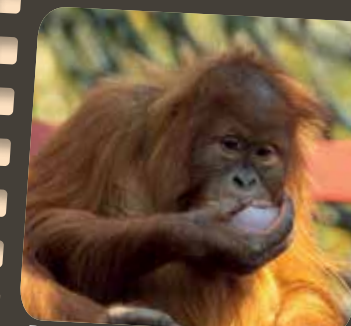
Bulu Mata is even more playful and mischievous this year. He is becoming a more independent and confident individual but still seeks comfort in the other orang-utans particularly Rieke. Bulu giggles a lot when spinning around in circles.

Rieke has had to sneak away from Bulu Mata in order to enjoy a bit of playtime with the other orang-utans. She still needs to work on quieting her laughter otherwise he comes stomping over to dominate the scene. Despite this, the two are very close and run into each other's arms for comfort if they're upset or unsure of a new situation.

Mimi has missed visitors to the park and runs to get attention from PCS who walk past. She is making up for it by entertaining everyone at the windows and making faces at them. She loves a cuddle with foster mum Oshine when she's not playing with Rieke, Bulu and Silvestre.



Bulu Mata



Rieke



Oshine



Mimi & Silvestre



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MARMOSETS & TAMARINS

by Karen McGilchrist,
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Brass & Evi

Brass & Evi - This year PCS installed a swinging platform in their outside enclosure where the sun hits, so during summer these boys have had a great time lounging in the sun, especially at the end of the day when PCS are trying to put them to bed!

Albert & Jenny - Albert's behaviour with previous partner, Mojo who sadly died in July, went from being a bit annoying to mean. Jenny arrived at the park from the UK pet trade and had also lost her previous partner before arriving. She is a confident girl and the perfect match for Albert. Jenny is a bit greedy and is normally first over for rewards which seemed to shock Albert at first.

Fred & Freya - This year has seen Fred and Freya bond more as a pair. They both love being outside in the sunshine and Fred will always have a chirp for anyone passing by. Freya is dominant and shows it at feed times. We feed them breakfast separately to make sure Fred is set up for the day.



Jenny

Mickey & Queenie - At the beginning of the year Mickey lived with Moon, but the pair fell out. It was around this time that Queenie also found herself alone. Queenie came to us from the pet trade and was first paired with Mojo, a very docile marmoset riddled with rickets from her time as a pet and therefore had very poor mobility. The pair got on really well and Mojo seemed to have a new lease of life, running around with her new friend. Mojo sadly died suddenly which left Queenie alone again so she was paired with Mickey. They now live happily together in the squirrel monkey house and tell PCS off if we look at them for too long! Funny as both still like attention from PCS...when the other is not looking.

Hazel & Solomon - were a contended, calm pair apart from their gum feed! At 17 Hazel, was our oldest marmoset and very much in charge. She was not shy to let Solomon know when she wanted her favourite food. Solomon was younger and bigger than Hazel but allowed her to be the boss and would spend quiet times grooming her. Hazel sadly passed away a few weeks ago and we are now considering a new companion for Solomon.

Reggie & Jerry - have moved house this year and had a new enclosure to investigate but more interestingly new neighbours, including Uncas and Mo, the cotton-topped tamarins. Having never seen tamarins before they found them very unusual and intriguing and spent lots of time watching them.

Millie-Martin & Moon - This was a big year for Moon who got his first ever girlfriend! After a falling out with previous cage mate, Mickey, Moon was paired with Millie-Martin. These two are getting on extremely well and hang out in their hammock together. After Millie's traumatic past she can get startled or worried easily which causes her to alarm call very loudly. We hope that with time she will learn she has nothing to worry about and she is now safe.

Sydney & Chuck - These two are still a content pair who have thoroughly enjoyed playing in a swinging teepee created by PCS. While Chuck enjoys scoffing egg, Sydney has enjoyed foraging for many wax worms.



Solomon

Milo & Amy

- One of the biggest shocks this year was the pair turning on and ousting Clydie. Milo and Clydie had been a solid pair for years and adopted and raised, first Caesar and then Amy. When Caesar matured he was pushed out by Milo, as would happen in the wild. As Amy matured, Clydie should have pushed her out but that didn't happen, and Milo sided with Amy. Milo and Amy are getting used to life without Clydie and Clydie is enjoying life with her new friend Ronnie.

Ruby, Oscar, Merry, Pippin, Frodo & Bilbo - Ruby and Oscar have been very busy parenting their four children who are always giving them the run around. All the children are now bigger than dad and are usually outside play fighting. Meanwhile Ruby can be found eating any leftovers and Oscar takes time to have a much needed rest.

Frank & Douglas - one of the strongest pairs, these two are always active. During morning checks the boys are sure to let you know they are up and awake...and ready for breakfast!! They love sunbathing and often watch the visitors walk by. Frank is particularly vocal and chatty when he sees something interesting.



Merry



Pippin

Albert

Amy

Frank

Loki

Max & Comet - A lot has changed for Max this year as he lost both his cage mates James and Jock. We had been managing James' long term health problems, but it all became too much and the kindest decision was for us to say goodbye. Jock sadly passed after a short illness. Comet previously lived with Max and they got on well, so we reunited them. They have formed quite the bond and love to go on an outside adventure come rain or shine. Max is aging gracefully while Comet encourages him to stay young and active.

Luna & Caesar - This hyperactive pair are still together creating plenty of mess for PCS to clean up after a full day of adventure and fun. When not being mischievous, they have spent the days outside in the sun foraging and seeing what their neighbours are up to.

Ronnie & Clydie - are a new pairing this year due to Clydie falling out with her previous companions Milo and Amy, and the passing of our beautiful Pikachu, who became unwell at the beginning of the year and despite our best efforts to help him, lost the battle. He was truly unique and will never be forgotten. Despite both Ronnie and Clydie having tough times this year, both are now extremely happy and content, especially Ronnie who now has a girlfriend he is very smitten with. It might have taken Clydie a few days to take a fancy to Ronnie, but now they are inseparable.

Loki - Despite a couple of introductions this year Loki continues the search for his forever marmoset friend. He now lives at the top of the park and makes sure he greets PCS every morning. He spends most of his day chirping away in his giant outside enclosure, and has lots of enrichment to keep him busy until we can find him a friend he likes.

TAMARINS

Uncas & Mo's relationship continues to go from strength to strength. They are never far from each other and Uncas is always more than happy to groom Mo. She is a clever girl and is always keen to try and solve any new enrichment that the PCS make, especially if it contains locusts! Uncas is a bit slower but we are hoping he can learn from Mo.



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MONKEY LIFE
By Susan Tunstall

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We hope you are enjoying the new series currently airing on Sky Nature, every Sunday at 7pm until 31st January 2021. If you have a Sky package you can also watch them all on demand. We have had a few supporters get in touch about when it will air on freeview channel Pick, we don't have an air date confirmed yet but as soon as we do we will let you know.

Already filming Monkey
Life series 14!

We have already started filming for the next series, we are so pleased we will be able to produce another series, and for you to be able to catch up with life at the park. We will update you over the coming year on how it's progressing. This year has certainly been a difficult one, on all fronts for everyone, so we are super excited to be making the next series.

During lockdown we have also been working on some additional programmes, which we will be announcing in the new year. Keep an eye on the Monkey Life and Monkey World social media pages for further information.

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Sam



Hujan



Toprish

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GORDON'S GROUP

By Jeremy Keeling



Gordon

Gordon is clearly in the prime of life at 23 years old. He is slowly spending more time away from Amy, although still hangs out with her the majority of the time.

Hsiao-lan is maturing into a less nervous person and is much more comfortable hanging out with Gordon or Amy when they are not together. She and Amy forage for lettuce, shoulder to shoulder, from the roof of the playroom and she has silly wrestling games with Gordon.

Amy is 37 years and is beginning to slow down. She remains the same old grumpy pants, it just takes a bit longer and more effort these days. We are trying to trim Amy up by encouraging her to be more active for less calorific food. She and I have always had too much in common for my liking!



Hsiao-lan

Amy

SQUIRREL MONKEYS

by Cerys Jeremy



Turvey

Nueve

Logan



Lopez

Elderly squirrel monkey **Azzi** used to be the one to keep boisterous **Nueve** in her place but sadly she passed away. Since that time Nueve has flourished and is now a firm favourite amongst the boys, **Logan** and **Lopez**. She

is young and energetic and loves nothing more than grabbing every bit of enrichment and hoarding them in the tunnels connecting the bedrooms. Logan, although a big brute, has let Lopez, a much smaller, younger male, take charge of the group. Logan prefers to spend time outside lazing on the platforms and catching any bugs that come his way. Lopez is very sweet natured and spends his time playing and causing mischief with Nueve and **Lucille**. Lucille has continued to grow in confidence and is a far cry from the shell of a monkey



Lucille

that arrived at the park from the pet trade, skinny and malnourished. She is confident and playful and a favourite amongst the group. Another loss in the group was **Topsy**, our oldest squirrel monkey. This was hard on her lifetime companion **Turvey**. Turvey is now our oldest squirrel monkey and enjoys lazy days foraging for bugs in the many baskets in their bedrooms that we fill with mealworms, wax worms and locust every day.

TUAN'S GROUP

By the orang-utan team



Tuan

Tuan loves his food, vocalising whenever PCS are in the kitchen. He's happy to climb in the enclosure to find food but enjoys his rest time too. Tuan is magnificent and has done really well learning behaviours that can help with health checks.

A-mei is fiercely independent and knows when to stand up for herself. A-mei has always enjoyed hanging out with the younger members of the group and can often be seen having play sessions with both Hujan and Awan.

Lucky is very close to Tuan and they nest together every night. She has a playful friendship with Awan, although she's not

afraid to tell the youngster off when she gets a little too cheeky.

RoRo is a fantastic role model for Hujan. She trusts him to go off on his own but is always close by in case he needs her. RoRo enjoys a tub trug of bubbles and washing spots that PCS have missed. She has a better relationship with young Awan but puts her in her place when she misbehaves.

Awan is an intelligent and beautiful young lady. She is a playmate to Hujan and enjoys spending time with Tuan. Her cheeky side can get her in trouble with the older females, but she keeps the others lively and in high spirits.

Hujan is very confident and loves exploring his outside enclosure with foster mum RoRo. He drags her outside by her hair if she doesn't keep up with him! Hujan is always up for a game with Awan, especially doing roly polys down the hill. He has been spending more time with A-mei and Tuan under RoRo's watchful eye.



A-mei



A-mei



Lucky



Hujan & RoRo



Awan

BRYAN'S GROUP

By Hannah Barlow, Shaun Crompton, Wendy Derham, Geoff Horne, Bekki Kennedy, Charlotte Daniels, Jane Copland & Jess Stride



Rodders

Ash

Naree

Bryan

The group has had a lot of upheaval this year with the arrival of Kalu and several months of introductions which had to be put on hold due to Kalu's deteriorating health. It was a sad day to say goodbye to Kalu in September, Bryan and Naree in particular had built up close bonds with her and Kalu always joined in with a group pant-hoot. Her high-pitched call will be missed, and she will leave a hole in all our hearts, despite the brief time that she spent with her Monkey World family.

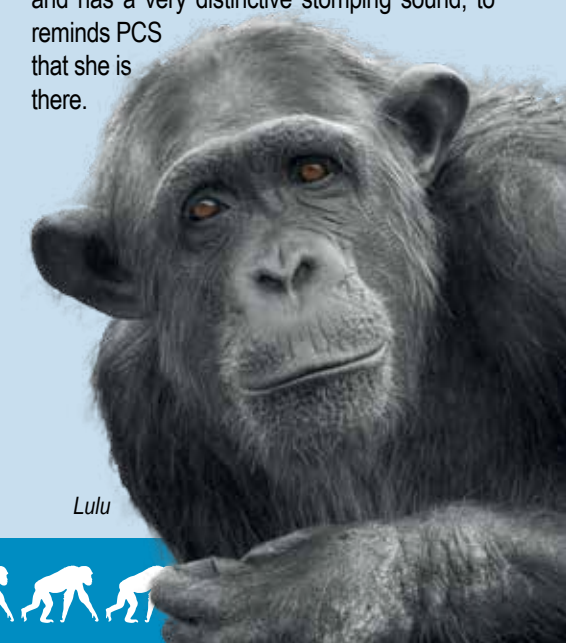
Ash, as the dominant female, could throw her considerable weight around to terrorise her groupmates, like her half-sister Johni does at Hananya's. Fortunately she is a big softie who would rather spend her days rolling about having fun than starting an argument.

Bryan's manic episodes have significantly decreased though he is still a very sensitive individual. His confidence with his groupmates has grown, though Lulu sometimes chases him off for interfering, even though it's usually her that he is trying to help!

Naree is a very kind-hearted soul and has established herself as quite an important part of Bryan's group. She brings playful and silly antics that help to keep Rodders out of trouble but also goes out of her way to spend time with everyone. A lot of Naree's day is spent with Bryan, grooming and making sure he knows he is a handsome and well-liked chap.

Rodders is the class clown and brings joy to Bryan's group engaging in bouts of play with Naree and Ash. When the ladies are not up for it, Rodders is more than happy to grab a blanket, twist it around some apparatus, and release so he spins at high speed. Failing that he will encourage anyone available to play chase along the fence line.

Lulu is happy in her own company and spends most of her day in a cosy nest outside, watching the world go by. This year she has been taking part more frequently in training sessions and developing closer relationships, especially with Bryan. During cooperative feeding sessions, she gets very excited about her rewards, and has a very distinctive stomping sound, to reminds PCS that she is there.



Lulu



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CAPUCHIN UPDATE

By Donna Phillips, Rachel Henson, Teresa Columbini, Gemma Clarke & Sarah Howells



Emily

Franco's Troop

Social dynamics in **Franco's** troop of 15 are often tense. Previously high rankers **Mary** and **Lucy** found themselves targeted by mid-rankers.

Squabbles still arise between **Freda**, **Elisa** and **Digit** and we wait to see who will get the top spot. Freda is Franco's favourite while Digit uses her stocky build to show her strength. Elisa vyes for Franco's attention by playing the victim and loudly protesting for all to hear. **Emily** and **Elvira** have done well out of the shift in dominance, seizing the opportunity to ensure they are no longer at the bottom. Some females have struggled to find their place.

Sonny's Troop



Tallulah & Jenny

The largest capuchin troop at the park now numbers 19 as we said goodbye to **Tilly** in March. The other Robustus females **Lizzy**, **Jill** and **Dot** are also showing their age with minor health ailments. Although they don't get involved in group politics much, they still command respect from the others. Dominant male **Sonny** has begun training for hand presentation – a common first step in operant conditioning. He has progressed well, even though he has a short attention span but the ladies love him! **Veronica**, **Mushroom** and **Mini** often stay close, whereas **Tia** and **Scrappier** are happy flirting with each other or the visitors if they can't get his attention. If

Fiona is adored by Franco but has shown a more reserved side of her personality and **Olive** is often found on the periphery of the troop, walking bipedally to find hidden food. **Marcy** has found the way to a peaceful existence is to simply keep her head down.

The five males tend to stick together, and **Phillipe** has a close friendship with Franco, putting **Fabion** out a little. Fabion doesn't always make good decisions and often finds himself in trouble with the ladies. **William** and **Donny** enjoy much of the day outside or in the upstairs bedrooms. William uses his size to intimidate the females, until there are too many to handle! Donny mostly prefers a quieter life. Through the ups and downs, Franco remains an excellent leader. Group dynamics can change daily but they always rally together when needed.

Letitia is in season, Sonny will not let her out of his sight, leaving the only other male in the group, **Bruce**, to have the attention of the rest of the females.

When bad weather and high winds hit, it is not unusual for Sonny's troop to be given a 'duvet day' and kept inside where they have underfloor heating and plenty of blankets to huddle under. It gives low rankers **Babs**, **Barbara** and **Cecilia** the opportunity to relax in peace along with mid-rankers **Laura** and **Jenny**. **Tallulah** is happy to tell anyone about her day, whereas **Mole** and **Terri** stay out of the way, although Terri is quite comfortable letting you know if she is not happy with a high-pitched cry.



Scrappier & Tia



Scrapper

Gizmo's Troop



Ginger with her flirty face!

They've been enjoying basking in the sun during the hot summer and foraging for bugs and treats in the deep litter of leaves that we added during the autumn to encourage natural behaviours. **Chook** has spent the year figuring out her place within the troop and it's been wonderful to see her confidence grow each day. Chook and **Gizmo** have become very close and sometimes Gizmo is even treated to a grooming session which he loves. The whole troop rally together to threaten people as they pass by, which helps bond the troop. **Maddie** is still in charge of the females but it's usually **Maggie** to start any trouble as the others look on. **Sophia** and **Ginger** tend to mind their own business and take advantage of scooping up the food while the others are distracted. Now the weather is getting cooler the females love to huddle together above their heater or on the warm blankets in a relaxing grooming session. It's so lovely to see the troop getting on so well.



Maddie

Winslow's Troop

Despite **Winslow's** tough demeanour, he really is a patient leader, reserving his displays of strength for his brother, **Franco**, in the adjacent enclosure! Dominant females **Ester**, **Daisy** and **Babe** are quite different in character. Daisy uses irresistible eyebrow flashing



Terri

Babs

Jane

Bubbles

Debbie

Winslow



Cara

Erico enjoys taking apart enrichment items, often backed up by his pal **Shawn**. **Cara** is the brains of the operation and waits to

techniques to stay popular while Ester is a playful individual who is always in high spirits. Babe uses persistent vocalisations to gain recognition. **Debbie** is always the first to master the artificial termite mound and is close to **Onslow**. Onslow loves attention from our visitors while **Norman** does his best to avoid the feisty females' temper. **Joanne** is often territorial and not afraid to hold her ground. **Jane** and **Fifi** are more reserved and enjoy huddling together in enclosure shelters. **Bubbles** and **Ruby** are also close companions and usually up to something. The older females **Molly**, **Keira**, **Pride**, **Pipa**, and **Leonie** are as agile as ever with excellent tight-rope skills and zipping up and down the high hosing to get away from more boisterous individuals.



Joanne

The Lodge Group

gather spilled food while the males are in destruction mode. We lost **Becky** this year and will miss her snuggling under blankets. **Zoe** was a terror but now prefers a quieter life of foraging and grooming. **Phoenix** turns all the boys' heads whenever she's in season, including elderly **Ringo** who becomes lovestruck. There's a blossoming friendship between **Joey** and **Binty**, as she is very chatty when she comes in at night and Joey is always in play mode, often viewing his food as a plaything to bash about or smear on the walls.

There have been a few social changes at The Lodge following the loss of **Phoebe** at the beginning of the year. She came to us with **Caesar**, from the UK pet trade, and they were inseparable, so we focused on helping him to socialise more. We created an overnight sub-group of older capuchins which gives them the opportunity to spend more time together. **Marlow** and **Abby** have asserted their dominance in this sub-group. **Scarlet** has taken it in her stride, but Ringo likes to make a fuss about everything and will start minor squabbles over very little!

SAKI MONKEY UPDATE

by Cerys Jeremy

Chloe and Desmond enjoy each other's company and can often be found grooming each other in the sunny spot in their outdoor enclosure. They love nothing more than basking in the sun and are often the last to come in during the summer months as they catch the last rays. In winter it's a different story and they can mainly be found curled up inside keeping nice and toasty with their comfy blankets. For a short while this year Loki, our lone marmoset, joined them in their enclosure. But neither the saki's or Loki gained anything from this grouping so we decided to split them up as Loki interrupted the quiet peace and quiet in the house shouting at the neighbouring marmosets.



HANANYA'S COMMUNITY

By Hannah Barlow, Shaun Crompton, Wendy Derham, Geoff Horne, Bekki Kennedy, Charlotte Daniels, Jane Copland & Jess Stride

It has been an especially quiet year for the group with two periods of lock-down. They have continued to enjoy long summer days outside in the sun, foraging in the long grass, and reaffirming bonds through grooming sessions.



Kiki, Thelma & Marjoline

Hananya has the patience of a saint, most of the time, with all his squabbling ladies! However, every now and then it gets a bit too much and the disciplinarian in him comes out. Lessons must be learned!

Arfur is quite intelligent, has a cheeky side, and often uses his mischievous streak to get a reaction from the others. This is mainly directed towards any low-mid ranking females that will scream and shout and give him the attention that he craves.

Cherri is no longer the highest-ranking female but is well respected within the group, especially by Simon. Unfortunately for Cherri she often finds herself the target of Arfur's mischievous teasing, especially when he is bored.



Thelma & Simon playing

Eveline is a bit of a drama queen, with a distinctive shrieking pant hoot which can be heard across the park. She never lets an argument go! Eveline has a softer side and remains a close "aunty" to Thelma and a good friend to Simon who she loves grooming.

Honey is a nest builder extraordinaire and the others should study her expert technique. She also loves a lie-in and is more often than not still in bed when the PCS arrive in the morning.

Jess has a close relationship with Arfur. She is often aloof to PCS, however, lately Jess has been popping into the house to



Hananya

see what the humans are up to, and to check on the menu for the day.

Johni is a high-ranking female and is known for throwing her weight around during feeding times. Her impressive displays have spilled over into other parts of the day. One reason for this may be to remind troublesome boys like Simon to keep out of her way!

Kiki is not the most sociable of chimps and can often be found in a nest on a platform outside on her own, but as soon as the group are off on patrol around their territory, she is right there with them.

Kuki will never be the first one to back down when the girls are having 'hand-bags at dawn', but she is usually at the centre of most group play sessions as well.

Marjoline disapproves of play to the point that she has been seen to disrupt other chimps' play sessions. Most of the time however, she just walks off as if she were muttering under her breath about decorum.

Patricia's ability to hold quite as much food as she does is truly amazing. Mouth full, hands overflowing, some clasped in her inner thigh and both feet too, she never misses out!

Semach kept us busy throughout lockdown by encouraging us to play chase and find new ways to keep him mentally stimulated. In the hotter months, hose pipes were used to spray into the enclosure and they were often monopolised by Semach catching the water in a cup!



Eveline

Kuki

Valerie

Trudy

Thelma



Tutti grooming

Simon's favourite sport is winding-up some of the girls, but he is smart enough to know when Hananya has had enough. Simon often steps in between warring factions to calm them down.

Thelma is seven this year and is building her own nests at bedtime. Mum Cherri

does not approve and the two continue to bed down together. Despite her growing independence, and size, she continues to ride on Cherri's back sometimes! Thelma enjoys playing rough and tumble with Semach and Arfur.

Trudy doesn't let her small stature detract from her feistiness, which usually means she gets more than her fair share at feeding times. Semach and Arfur usually manage to crack her stern exterior to coax a good bit of playtime!

Tutti has kept out of group squabbles, keeping her bonds with others strong. She is doing well participating in daily routines and PCS make sure that Tutti is rewarded for moving for daily cleaning tasks.

Valerie is one of Hananya's favourite ladies but often finds herself being disciplined by Hananya even when squabbles have not involved her. This does not stop her from being a very loyal follower of the boss-man.

Zeynep is a low-ranking member of the group but has grown in confidence. She is more active in group feeds, enjoys foraging in the gorse bushes and continues to love her lie-ins!

Cherri & Thelma

LORIS UPDATE

by Natasha Pullen

Bobbi Dazzler & Nora

Our two youngest loris were firm friends following their introductions last year. Both Bobbi and Nora were hand reared, so it took a while for them to understand each other's loris behaviour. Eventually they become close enough to sleep together in the same basket! Nora, the more reserved of the two, is often the last to get up in the morning but also the first to initiate a nice grooming session. Bobbi loves her food, locusts and banana being firm favourites, and has possibly become one of our most

playful loris. Over the past couple of weeks, the girls relationship has cooled with Nora clearly admiring Axl Rose from across the hall.

Axl & Nicki

Nicki and Axl have developed an 'on-again, off-again' relationship. They live together for a week or two, spending time grooming, playing, and mating before Nicki has enough and wants some time to herself. It has been down to PCS to interpret the couples' behaviour, deciding when it's time to put them together or to split them up. Nicki and Axl have been going outside into our new moonlit enclosures! Axl is very active and loves exploring his new outdoor space. Nicki was more cautious, but now often has to be called in at the end of the day, seemingly too busy pottering around the enclosure to remember that it's dinner time!

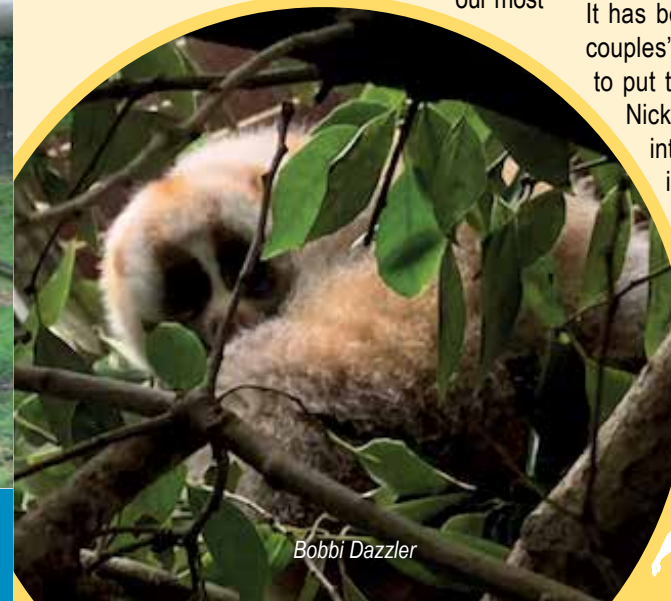


Axl

Bruce

Bu & Bruce

These two continue to be a model couple. Almost every morning they are found cuddling in the same basket, Bruce often grooming Bu as she wakes up for breakfast. When it comes to food Bruce loves to be first in, moving faster than you'd think a loris could move if he spies something tasty! Bu is more dignified, and often handles her food very delicately like the little lady she is. No matter how different these two may seem, they often come together for grooming and play, strengthening their bond as a loris pair.



Bobbi Dazzler

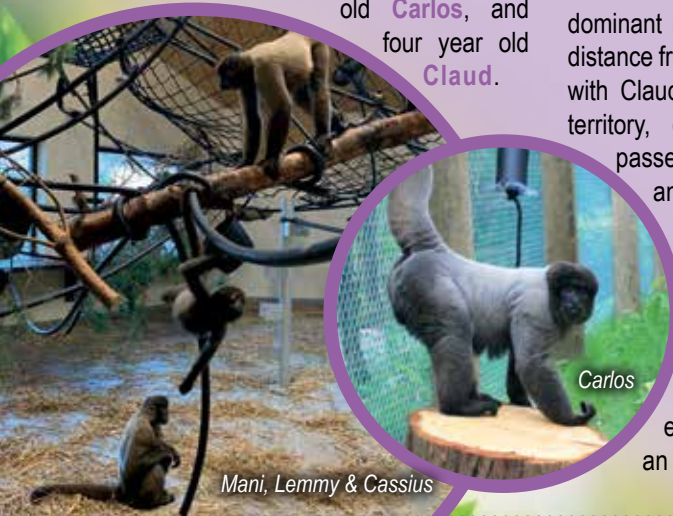
WOOLLY MONKEY UPDATE

By Sharon Perry & Kate Aldred



The Bachelor Woollys:

In the wild woolly monkeys live in multi-male groups so as our mixed sex groups started getting too big, and potentially stressful, we decided to start a new bachelor woolly group. Our group started with four males; 12 year old **Paulo**, eight year old **Mani**, five year old **Carlos**, and four year old **Claud**.



Mani, Lemmy & Cassius

The introductions went surprisingly well. Mani and Carlos had already been living together, as had Paulo and Claud.

Young Claud brings the playful side out of the older boys and he has become particularly close to Carlos who is loving the boisterous play sessions. Mani and Paulo are adults, and Paulo currently takes position as the dominant male. Mani keeps a respectable distance from Paulo, but also enjoys playing with Claud. Paulo likes to patrol his new territory, giving impressive displays to passer-by's. Carlos has a quiet nature and has had a growth spurt since joining the group. Despite his age, he is now the largest of the boys. Paulo has certainly noticed the development and is keen to keep Carlos on side. As well as the newly refurbished enclosure, the boys have also had an extension to their house, and the

specially designed house gives them plenty of room to let off some steam.

More recently we moved **Cassius** and **Lemmy**, from Chippy's, into the bachelor woolly group. Cassius is almost four years old but little Lemmy is just two and a half, but has been feeling pushed out since mum **Eva** gave birth in August. Cassius and Lemmy have become good friends so moving them together gave each a friend and moral support for the big move. Introductions are ongoing but so far both Cassius and Lemmy are really enjoying bachelor life, and have already developed strong bonds with Mani, Carlos, and even Paulo. It is just teenagers Claud and Cassius that have to get used to their new house mates!



Claud



Pacaja, Enya, Enzo, & Oriana

Enzo's Group:

Enzo took over from **Paulo** as dominant male. He is a young leader at 10 years and doing a good job at looking after his ladies. **Ayla** moved to the group in May and is settling in well. She had a nervous start, but her confidence has grown, and she is now established in the group. She lives with three other ladies, **Pacaja** and

her daughters, **Oriana** and **Enya**. It is great to see Oriana bonding with Ayla who often sticks close to Enzo. Oriana is becoming noticeably more confident in the group and plays a significant role as big sister for one year old Enya. Oriana often waits for Enya at bedtime when they are on their way back to the house for dinner as Pacaja is now busy caring for her newborn baby, **Esmeralda** who was only born in October. Pacaja is an excellent mum, attentive and caring to her infants. The other females in the group will benefit from Pacaja's experience in raising her young.

The group have been enjoying their large enclosure over the summer. Woolly monkeys like being up high in the trees, so we try and encourage them by using pullies to suspend high hanging feeders. We look forward to seeing how the group develops and friendships form in the coming months.



Enya



Chippy & Eva with Catalina

Chippy's Group:

From patrolling his territory to dealing with disputes, **Chippy** is a strong and highly respected leader! **Xavi** is the cheeky one and enjoys winding up the girls from time to time. Chippy is never too far away to keep a close eye on him and Xavi has learnt to keep a



Chippy

wide berth from Chippy when he is on a mission. **Piquita**, our high-ranking lady, sets a good example for the other females, makes peace within the group if there are disagreements, and always ends with a snuffle to restore harmony. **Quapa**, who turned 30 this summer, is doing amazingly well and is still young at heart.

Eva joined the group last year and not long after became pregnant, giving birth to **Catalina** in August. Now a mum, her position within the group is well established, with dad Chippy taking to Catalina straight away. Although young herself, Eva is very protective and doing an excellent job at raising her little girl. The group have been enjoying the warm weather over summer and often seen playing nonstop outside. Chippy has his hands full, but under his watchful eye all members of his group are thriving.



Eva & Catalina



Cosmo

Levar's Group:

Levar leads the group of eight with strength and experience. He turned 30 this summer, but is in great shape, and the group adores him.

Bueno Jr. is second in command and has been too boisterous in the past but as he is approaching eight years old he is starting to mature and has learned a lot from mentor Levar. The two get along well and snuffle together; a good way for woollys to establish friendships and diffuse tension. **Cosmo** is also thriving in

this group. He has overcome some health issues and is adolescent at three and a half years old. Levar has taken Cosmo under his wing since his introduction to the group. Levar can appear very serious, but frequently plays with young Cosmo and the other kids in the group.

Xingu is the dominant female in the group and mother to **Olivia** and **Layla**. She is a fantastic mother, and in May gave birth to Leroy. He is already a character and loves playing with his big sisters who were very happy with the new arrival. Olivia has inherited Xingu's calm, confident nature and pays a great deal of attention to Xingu and baby **Leroy**.

This is an important time for Olivia to learn the skills required to care for a baby. Layla is more independent since the arrival of her baby brother and has found a new friend in Cosmo, often seeking him out for play sessions. **Pichihua** is the new girl on the block. Introduced to the group in May, she settled in well, and Xingu was very accepting of her, calmly showing her she is in charge, but also allowing her the freedom to engage with the rest of the group. Pichihua and Olivia hit it off straight away, and they still remain good friends.



Leroy



Pichihua, Olivia, Cosmo & Layla



Xingu & Leroy

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STUMP-TAILED MACAQUES

by Matt Akister



Sam & Charley

Alpha male **Sam** is unfortunately starting to slow down, being an elder statesman, at the age of 33. Sam no longer follows **Noreen**, his favoured female, around as much and she has recently taken a shine to **Toto** who, whilst still as beautiful as ever, is still very much on the periphery of the troop due to his lack of understanding of stumpy behaviour. Luckily for Toto, his loyal friend **Freddie** is constantly by his side keeping him company and the two of them are often

joined by **Floh**...as long as the others are not watching. Sam instead tends to stay inside a lot more and is kept company by some of the other females. **Kelly** and **Charley**, especially, like to groom Sam, when they are not curled up together. Kelly and Charley are very close and their relationship only grows as they get older. If there is a rainy day, you can guarantee Kelly and Charley are curled up together inside, with Charley using Kelly's ample stomach as a comfy pillow. In contrast, **Sylvie**, by far our most active female, is still charging around the enclosure at top speed. Her mobility has improved as she has lost weight and she is now seen at the top of poles climbing to areas of the enclosures that would have been impossible for her to get to even a few years ago.

Overall, the stump-tailed macaque troop is doing very well, with all eight enjoying the later years of their life in their comfortable retirement home.



Floh & Freddie

THE BACHELOR BOYS

By Hannah Barlow, Shaun Crompton, Wendy Derham, Geoff Horne, Bekki Kennedy, Charlotte Daniels, Jane Copland & Jess Stride

Pandemic restrictions have meant that our maintenance team were unable to complete the refurbishment of the boy's bedrooms this year. They do, however, have a few new tunnels, leading from the bedrooms to enclosure, which has helped enormously with managing the group so that we can keep their home clean and comfortable.



Mojo with beetroot



Çarli, Sammy, Jestah & Freddy

Butch loves his midday vitamin C drink and is always there on time ready to gobble it up with a loud gulp! Mojo may be clipping at his heels for his spot in the ranks, but he still remains very respected within the group.

Buxom holds his place as Paco's right-hand man. He does have a sensitive side and gets upset if Paco doesn't reassure him during minor disagreements. This can lead to screaming tantrums from Buxom, whilst everyone else runs for cover until Paco calms him with a big embrace.

Çarli has a sweet nature and is a quiet, low-ranking member of the bachelor group. He has struck up a close friendship with Rocky and the two often sit together, grooming. Çarli can be quite fussy with his food, but he loves carrot and enjoys his peanut butter supplement he gets in the morning.

Freddy lounges on a platform or tucks up in a day nest in one of the connecting tunnels from the playroom to the enclosure on sunny days. His no-nonsense nature means he tells fellow low-rankers off if they do anything he dislikes. Overall, he is a sweet natured boy regularly seen in grooming sessions with his best friend Seamus.

Gypsy is a strategist; often grooming Jestah, which means that he has a high-ranking male on his side during group disputes. He continues to be sensitive to changes in the routine but has coped well during the ongoing building work.

Jestah is mellowing with age and no longer lives up to his 'big brute' reputation. This was apparent during recent hierarchy disputes, where instead of charging headfirst into the fray, he held on tight to Buxom until things settled down! Jestah had a health scare last month when a lump on his lip had to be removed but he has recovered amazingly well.

Jimmy is a popular member of the bachelor group who can often be found with fellow middle-ranker Sammy. He is a serious boy, generally keeping himself to himself, but he does have a fun, playful side which is occasionally brought out when the other boys are rolling around and he can't resist joining in!

Kyko continues to be a sweet and gentle soul, who would happily sit grooming his close friends all day if they let him. He does have a tendency to overreact to minor offences or confrontations, which can land him in trouble with the big boys.

Mojo asserts his dominance over low-rankers, in the absence of high-ranking males such as Jestah and Paco. He has also challenged Butch, who is starting to show his age. Butch now pant-grunts towards Mojo at times, which is a submissive behaviour, so we are keeping a watchful eye on the changing dynamics as Mojo works his way up the hierarchy.

Pacito is a mischief maker. If he's not stirring things up with the boys, he is making as much noise as possible. His favourite "instruments" include cardboard boxes and buckets which make excellent rumbling sounds that echo throughout the pavilions. Pacito keeps himself entertained, whether it's swinging his favourite sock, playing in a bubbly tub, or checking out his reflection in enrichment CDs.

Paco has worked hard to keep his alpha position within the bachelor group. This is despite changes in group dynamics, ongoing maintenance works to improving the boys' bedrooms, and changing routines. Paco is adjusting well and keeping the group under control. During cooperative feeding he allows low-rankers to get their vitamins and supplements in return for rewards from PCS.

Rocky has made a very close friend in Çarli and the two often cuddle up together or get engrossed in grooming sessions. Chimpanzees groom each other to create stronger bonds and allies and each have a unique lip-smacking sound which can be recognised by PCS.

Sammy was certainly one of the individuals that was relieved when we were able to allow people back around the park in July. He regularly sits at the public viewing windows engaging with visitors and being his charming self.

Seamus likes to show his playful side by making music when running sticks along the length of the mesh. Despite being one of the lower-rankers, during mealtimes Seamus is front-and-centre on top of the beams, sneaking a peek at what is on offer. Seamus is good friends with Freddy and they are often found grooming one another.



Jestah

Seamus

Sammy

Freddy

Jimmy

Paco



GIBBON UPDATE

By Cat Talbot



Golden-Cheeked Gibbons

Alex is doing well considering her physical disabilities and coping with diabetes. She is one of the hardest animals to train a new behaviour as she is quite grumpy and just wants to be given the treats. However she has almost learned to allow staff to take small blood tests so we can monitor her blood glucose levels.

Jake & Zoey have settled well into life at main house; Jake likes to show off to the younger boys with the power of his voice, and as for Zoey she loves being able to see clearly when her food is being made & when it's time to eat

Tito & Vietta Now housed in our off-show area, life is a bit quieter for our gentle pair. Tito loves his sunny platforms, his rattle and various other noisy toys. At first Vietta struggled with the long tunnel as she was not sure how to walk through it. She has now mastered the art, however she is definitely not at her most graceful until she can brachiate out from the end.

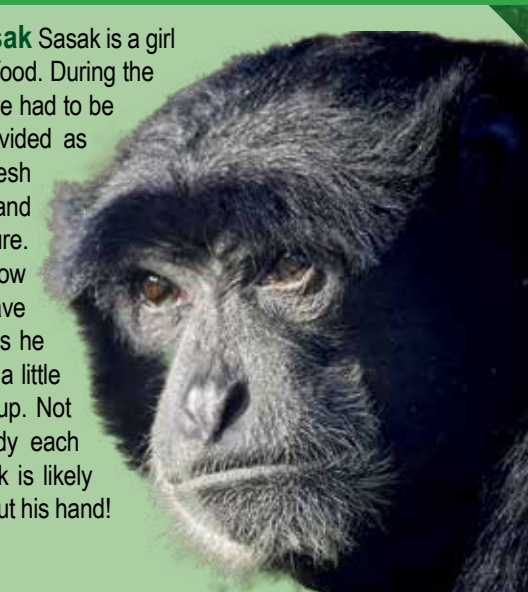
Teo is still a sweet guy and has a wonderful curious and happy-go-lucky attitude to life. He occasionally will do a brief display, but is almost apologetic immediately after.

Mikado is a highly strung young male who displays at people or other animals. However, he absolutely loves a ball and can throw a tennis ball around for hours with dramatic leaps and catches or a game of "keeping uppie" with one hand.

Sam & Sasak Sasak is a girl with a love for food. During the summer months we had to be careful what we provided as she gorges on the fresh buds, leaves, berries and even grass in their enclosure. Sam however is a very slow and careful eater, so we have to make sure not only does he get his fair share but also a little extra to keep his weight up. Not easy as he likes to study each mouthful first and Sasak is likely to snatch treats right out his hand!



Siamang Gibbons



Mueller's, Agile & Lar Gibbons



Nini & Dalumie This relationship is a work in progress. Nini is very slowly becoming more confident around Dalumie and will sit still as she grooms him, but only briefly. Mostly he loves to just sit and watch her. For Dalumie it can be frustrating as she wants him to groom her or join in a wrestling game. Hopefully in time they will have a lovely bond as their duet is getting stronger every day.

Paul & Kitty Paul loves being in the centre of the main house as he sees more people. He is a

real character who loves to entertain and spend time at the window. Kitty is still as chatty as ever, and following her illness last year she has gained back all the lost weight and a little extra, so we are starting to be careful with portion control for her now.

Fox & Ella Life is quieter in many ways for Fox and Ella as they now live down at the stumpy house. Without the other loud gibbons, it's amazing to hear how strong and clear Fox's voice has become. For Ella she loves her new enclosure as it's a good suntrap; a lovely place to laze away the day. They still laugh and wrestle with each other daily.

MALAGASY LEMURS

by Steph Sawyer



It has been a strange year for our eleven lemurs, with their walkthrough enclosure closed due to the pandemic.



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For **Kaiyah** it has given her a chance to be out all day with the group but spending more time with them has boosted her confidence, and not in a good way. She now teams up with our cheeky twins **Kurt** and **Friedrich** to cause mayhem amongst the group! Our other female and leader of the troop, **Fennel** is older and wiser, and generally avoids getting involved in any antics, only stepping in to discipline when necessary.

Fennel prefers a good cuddle with male **Renton** who is rarely far from her side. Twins **Cirrius** and **Indiana** both used to be higher ranking but have taken a step or two down the hierarchy and are spending more time with the older lower ranking individuals such as **Whitespot** and **Houdini**, both of whom enjoy a quieter life. Houdini is looking like an older boy, and we continue to monitor his mobility and his breathing as he is prone to arthritis and respiratory issues. This doesn't stop him digging in at mealtimes however, particular when his favourites sweetcorn or peas are on the menu! **Himal** is high up in the hierarchy and is shown respect from the other males, though he hasn't exerted any real effort to make a bid for the dominant male position. He is a friend to both females, which isn't surprising as he is a particularly handsome and well-mannered individual! **Expet** **AI** is lower ranking, but a firm member of the troop, enjoying time with Houdini and scent marking anything and

everything. He likes to try and stink-fight his own reflection in the cat-flaps to the sheds-often running away from himself!



Cirrius



Kaiyah



Peanut



SPIDER MONKEY UPDATE

By Katie Dobson



Pumpkin

Primate Care Staff have increased training sessions for **Pumpkin**, **Hickory** and **Flint** to enable better health checks. Pumpkin never ceases to amaze us with how quickly she picks things up and has proven herself to be a star pupil at everything from body presentations and injection training to chest presentation for a stethoscope. Flint

is an eager learner but has always been a bit wary of novel objects, so the idea of a stethoscope took him a bit of getting used to. The oldest of the three, Hickory, has very much been taking it all at his own pace but is growing in confidence with every session.

New hanging tubes to keep them busy have proved to be a hit. It took a while for our spider monkey trio to figure out how to access the food hidden inside but after a bit of trial and error, they have been making short work of the new devices. They take full advantage of their enclosure and tunnel system and spend a lot of time chilling out, enjoying the sunshine and occasionally tempting each other into a stealthy play session.



Hickory



Flint

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



GUENON HOUSE

by Natasha Pullen

The guenons have been busy with the kids this year! Little **Biff**, has grown into a confident, cheeky young lady, often being told off by my Mum **Nia** when she goes too far. Dad **Benny** is more tolerant keeping a careful eye on her as she dashes around outside. Baby **Nala** was born in July and developed quickly just like her older sister. After only a couple of weeks Nala tried to chase after Biff! Biff is pleased to have a new playmate and it is often difficult to bring the whole family inside the house for dinner at the end of the day. The two sisters just don't want to stop playing!

Our odd couple patas monkey **Mica**, and ring-tailed lemur **George**, had been living peacefully with the guenons for

almost two years before Mica decided that four guenons was one too many. The elderly pair were outnumbered, spending more time away from the family and Mica getting angry if any of them ventured too close to George. The decision was made to move the pair back to their old home at the domestic marmoset house, where life was a bit quieter. New ramps were fitted for ageing George so he could move around easier and Mica seemed calmer being away from the boisterous guenons. Sadly, the peace wasn't to last as elderly George had been suffering more and more with his arthritis. It was finally time to say goodbye to the ancient, sun-loving, handsome old man. PCS have been giving Mica lots of extra care and attention now that she's on her own, trying to keep her mind and body occupied. She is loving the extra grooms but is very critical of enrichment, sometimes only given things a brief glance before ignoring them.



Playing



Nala



Grooming



Nia

At the end of a very difficult year, we cannot thank you all enough for your kind thoughts and wishes as well as your help with fund raising while we have been unable to allow visitors into the park. We have been doing our best to adapt to the pandemic while ensuring that our rescued monkeys and apes, Primate Care Staff, and Maintenance Teams are protected. We have been cutting costs as best possible without compromising the care of our primates and always staying focused on their needs. On your next visit to the park, you will see changes to some of the primate enclosures – building and repairs that are essential to health and welfare of our guys. Your support has allowed us to continue and for that we cannot thank you enough. Donations/deliveries of fresh fruit & vegetables, frozen goods, live insects, veterinary supplies, tools, and keeping materials and supplies have helped to reduce our costs. We all hope that life will be able to return to normal as soon as possible so that we can welcome you all back to the park.

So many people have lost loved ones this year and many who have passed well before their time. To the family and friends of **Joan Cocozza, Michael Durose, Violet Glynn, Dianne Harrow, Karen Matthews, Kath McBlane, Maud McBryde, Caroline Nice, Christine Squire, Ivy Walczak, John Wilkinson, and Joan Winn-Jones** our thoughts are with you.

Our family here at the park has also had a significant and tragic loss. John Lewis, our head of veterinary care and good friend died a couple of weeks ago following a short illness. John has been instrumental in rescuing so many of our monkeys and apes and ensuring that their health and welfare is as good as possible throughout their lives. John worked selflessly and tirelessly for the conservation, health and welfare of so many wild animals and endangered species. He was crazy intelligent, dedicated, one of my best friends, and Jeremy and I are devastated. Our thoughts and love are with his family.

Series 13 of Monkey Life has started on Sky Nature (and will go out on Sky Pick in the new year) and we hope that you will tune in to follow the trials and tribulations that unfold in what has been one of our most challenging years. We have also worked hard to produce three new specials that will be broadcast in the new year, as well as zoom tours, on-line classrooms, and social media updates and campaigns. Thanks to all for being part of our family and helping to care for monkeys and apes that need our help.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and best wishes for the holidays.

Olivia Cronin

