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BART'S COMMUNITY UPDATE

By Colin Angus, Hannah Barlow, Tom Beer, Laura Bird, Maddie Court, Shaun Crompton, Charlotte Daniels, Geoff Horne, Bekki Kennedy & Jess Stride.

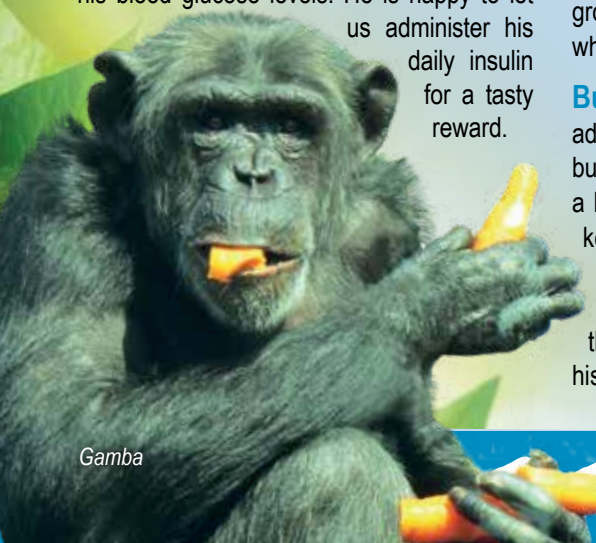
It has been a year of ups and downs for the pavilion chimps, with the loss of matriarch Zoe from Bart's group early in the year, then further losses of Jimmy and Gypsy from the bachelor group this summer. The loss of any chimp hits us hard but losing three well-loved individuals this year has been hard to bear alongside the difficulties faced due to the pandemic. The losses of group members have led to shifts in the hierarchy, meaning we have seen fights for power in both groups, but particularly in the bachelors. Struggles for dominance are a natural and important part of chimpanzee society.



Cathy, Bixa, Grisby, Clin, Gamba & Chatta

Athena is spending more time with Bart, frequently grooming him, possibly with hopes of creeping up the hierarchy within the group whilst things seem to be in flux. She remains an amiable and quiet member of the group but is always on the look-out for passing PCS to check if they have any treats that they might want to give her!

Bart is growing into his role as the dominant male in his group. We are continuing to manage his diabetes with regular testing of his blood glucose levels. He is happy to let us administer his daily insulin for a tasty reward.



Gamba

Beth is confident in her high-ranking position. She may be getting older, but all the chimps know not to mess with Beth, particularly at feeding time. Beth has always been a big lover of her food and she is first outside for breakfast, always pant-hooting to let everyone else in the group know that food is on its way.

Bixa is the oldest chimpanzee at the park and holds a special place in the hearts of both the PCS and the other chimps in her group. Bixa's age often shows, particularly when it comes to getting her attention.

Busta has had a quiet year, thanks to his advancing age and lower rank in the group, but he has been his usual playful self. He is a big fan of his morning porridge, given to keep him fit and strong. He fills his cheeks with as much porridge as he can and continues to demand more, banging on the mesh, despite having no space left in his mouth!



Bart

Cathy had us guessing last year with her expanding abdomen, but scans showed she wasn't pregnant, possibly just too much wind. She is close to Clin and Grisby and she remains a gentle soul despite her stern appearance.

Chatta is a well-liked member of Bart's group. Unlike most the females, Chatta comes into season despite being on contraceptives making her particularly appealing to the male chimps. She has been caught flirting and teasing the bachelors in the enclosure opposite, coming in slowly some nights as she stares adoringly at her fans!

Cindy is one of our original chimps, arriving in 1987. Cindy is getting on nicely despite her older age and is well respected by others. Her status remains high and, although she now enjoys a quieter time, her playfulness and confidence still shine through.

Clin is sweet natured and her individual personality shows every day, particularly with her 'singing' after mealtimes. Clin continues to enjoy daily peanut butter oat cups to maintain her body weight.

Eddi is the fun-loving mischievous member of Bart's group and plays with various members of the group. She still shares a strong bond with Bart and the two frequently groom each other.

Gamba loves his position as Bart's second in command and at times can push his luck. However, this newfound confidence has also brought out his playful side. PCS catch him laughing and playing most mornings in the 'tunnel of fun'.

Grisby reminds PCS if they are even a minute too late delivering her oat cup by kicking her feet against the mesh or glaring at the keepers through the kitchen windows! Grisby now gets her oat cup first thing in the morning with her pill to avoid such unruly behaviour!



Toprish & Bart



Athena

Eddi

Peppa

Lola

Cindy

Bixa

Lola is one of the lower ranking members of Bart's community, and has occasionally been the target of Gamba's displays as he solidifies his higher status in the group. She has begun to spend more time grooming with Bart, which sometimes

prevents him from coming over for his blood glucose tests!

Micky remains a sweet boy, spending most of his time laying in the sun with his pal Busta, or wrapped up warm and snoozing in a blanket. He has formed a great friendship with dominant male, Bart, and they are often seen playing.

Peppa like most chimps, loves food and can often be found nesting in the tunnel nearest the PCS kitchen so she can

oversee the group's diets being prepared. With her signature pouty-lipped begging gestures, she occasionally attempts to coerce PCS into giving her extra treats, even if she already has her hands (and feet) full of food!

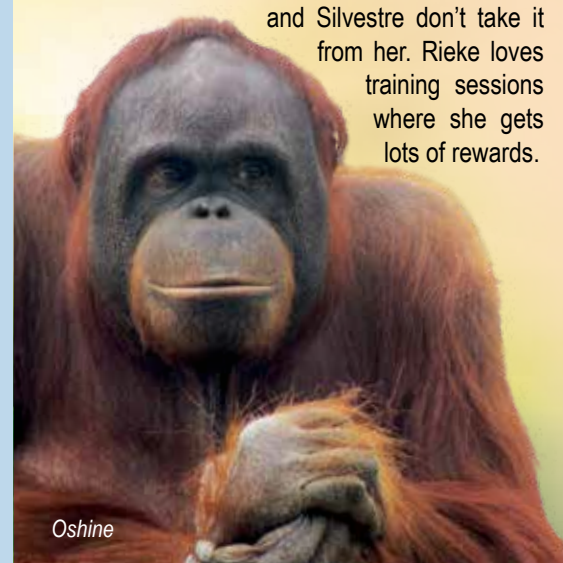
Toprish is a favourite of Bart's. She has great skills when it comes to training, even allowing us to take blood glucose readings as a comparison for Bart. Toprish remains a troublemaker without many repercussions.

ORANG-UTAN CRÉCHE UPDATE

By Jarno Swandi, James Edwards, Rachel Henson & Hannah Ivory.

Oshine's job as nursery leader gets more challenging every year, but she does her best to control the mob. She has learnt to pass PCS things in return for a reward, which is helpful with several small, destructive little ones around! She has a sharp mind and never misses a trick to earn extra treats.

Rieke hasn't grown any bigger this year. Although Mimi is the youngest in the group, Rieke is the smallest. Rieke likes swinging, roly-polies and nest building during the day. She gets as much food as she can carry and runs away to hide and eat it so Bulu and Silvestre don't take it from her. Rieke loves training sessions where she gets lots of rewards.



Oshine

Mimi may be the youngest, but she throws her weight around and is not afraid to challenge the others if there is something she wants. Having grown up with Oshine, she is used to getting her own way. She is Miss Independent and happy in her own company, but if Oshine has made a nest at bedtime, Mimi will invite herself in for a snuggle. It's safe to say no-one messes with her!

Bulu Mata is the king of cheekiness, constantly making people laugh with his clown like antics. He loves big brother Silvestre and the pair show their strength off in wrestling matches. Although he can challenge himself with the harder enrichment, sometimes he is naughty and lets Rieke work for the food only to take it off of her afterwards! He does, however, have a softer side and will always seek reassurance from his close friend, Rieke.

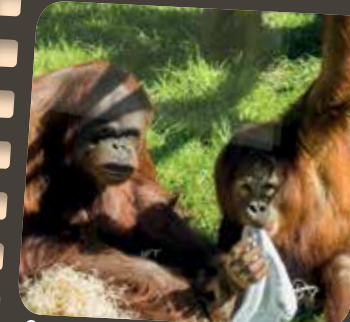
Silvestre Being an 11 year old can be frustrating. Sexual interests are always on his mind, so Silvestre needs lots of activity to distract him. Wrestling with Bulu Mata and pinning him down shows how strong he is. Silvestre loves the nice weather and climbs straight up as high as he can to sunbathe.



Bulu Mata



Rieke



Oshine & Mimi



Mimi, Silvestre & Rieke

MARMOSETS & TAMARINS

By Steph Sawyer, Charlie Paul & Natasha Pullen.



Nelson & Ralph

Brass & Evi - Being nearly hairless, we provide these introverted characters with plenty of blankets and nest baskets. We persevere in trying to vary their diet with vegetables and protein, but the pair insist that they only like crickets, gum and malt loaf!

Ruby, Oscar, Frodo, Bilbo, Merry & Pippin - Ruby and Oscar are still going strong with their two sets of twins, Frodo and Bilbo, and Merry and Pippin. This year we've seen a political change amongst the offspring with Frodo and Bilbo becoming more dominant over their older siblings. PCS have altered their routine to ensure that everyone gets their fair share of food to keep tension low.

Reggie & Jerry - This pair like to do their own thing and spend a lot of time outside. Reggie keeps a close eye on the neighbours, watching Moon and Millie just to check they're not up to anything he should know about. Jerry likes catching insects and shouting at PCS when accepting rewards!

Milo & Amy - Amy is one of our grumpier marmosets, and Milo is very aware that she's the boss! They both get excited about gum feeds and will run around like crazy, lapping up every last drop. Milo gets extra treats as Amy's weight is being carefully monitored due to her tendency to over-indulge!

Ronnie, Clydie & TikTok - Clydie and Ronnie's lives were turned upside down this year on welcoming TikTok to their little family. TikTok has come on leaps and bounds and it's brilliant to watch the trio grooming in the sun and snuggling up in the same basket. TikTok has a massive appetite and has nearly doubled in size in just a few months, such that she's too big for lifts from mum and dad although she sometimes tries to hitch a ride!

Gizmo & Solomon - Solomon was unsure of his new friend Gizmo, after losing his long-term partner Hazel, but after a few false starts they are living happily together. Solomon has helped Gizmo learn natural behaviours, like foraging for insects. Gizmo has had moments of play where he throws himself around the enclosure like he's rocket powered!

Albert & Jenny - are a feisty, little old couple who are quick to tell PCS off when approaching their bedrooms. Albert gets very annoyed if the treat you're offering isn't up to snuff! Jenny enjoys sitting outside in the enclosure tunnel where she can watch our visitors from above.



Brass

Comet - This year we lost elderly marmoset Max, who came to Monkey World over a decade ago, overweight and with poor social skills. The pair enjoyed their outside enclosure and were always the last to come in for tea. Since losing Max, Comet has been slowly introduced to Red, and we hope that they find companionship in each other.

Luna & Caesar - give PCS the most attitude! Luna's sassy behaviour has rubbed off on Caesar. They like pulling faces at PCS and can be snatchy when it comes to treats. However, their vivacious personalities make them excellent at taking on new enrichment.

Frank & Douglas - have settled into new digs after moving from the Domestic Marmoset House. They enjoy sunbathing outside watching the chimps, capuchins, and gibbons. They're not intimidated and we're pretty sure they think they're as big as their neighbours!

Millie & Moon - These two are closer than ever and enjoy going back to bed for mid-morning snuggles. In the UK pet trade Millie suffered horrendous abuse, so seeing her confidence grow is wonderful. She still overreacts to noises but Moon heads straight over to reassure and protect her, just as a good partner should! Millie's previous owner has now been convicted on cruelty charges!



Millie & Moon



Queenie

Gizmo

Oscar

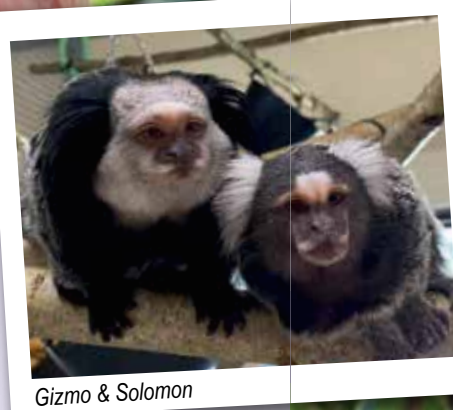
Millie

Fred

Fred & Freya - Fred enjoys being outside watching our visitors, while Freya bounces around telling them off for looking at her man! They're really settled, though we have to make sure Fred gets his fair share of food as Freya hovers it all up.

Mickey & Queenie - moved into the small monkey kitchen and are enjoying the change of pace away from the noisy squirrel monkeys! They like watching the food preparation and keeping an eye on the menu for the day. Mickey and Queenie are very affectionate, and are much loved characters.

Loki - our once solitary marmoset, is back living with saki monkeys! Chloe and Desmond were bemused by their energetic companion at first, but now Chloe sits with him at mealtimes and Desmond shares the same forage basket! Loki seems more content this time around and often sits in the large windows with a snack in hand.



Gizmo & Solomon

TAMARINS



Red

Red - We were surprised when we received an emergency call from the RSPCA in Wales asking for assistance with our first red-bellied tamarin. Red is a lady who knows what she wants, and that is always food. She hovers everything we put in front of her, taking siestas between meals and squeaking to PCS when dissatisfied with the quantities! She is not in the best of health, but we are working on this.

Uncas & Mo - Elderly Uncas is still doing remarkably well given his age. He loves his partner Mo and they spend lots of time in the sunshine together. We separate Uncas at breakfast so that he gets a fair share of the food as Mo eats more, although sometimes Uncas runs over to the mesh to feed his treats to Mo!



Mo

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By Susan Tunstall.

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GORDON'S GROUP

By Jeremy Keeling.



Gordon

Since our last update on **Gordon's** group there are a few things to report. Two viewing windows were cracked in rapid succession, when suitable pieces of flint were quarried in the enclosure to use as tools for the task. **Amy** has always been the first suspect on deeds of vandalism, but **Hsiao-Lan** has proved to have learnt a lot from watching Amy, and Gordon is a "chip of the

old block"- so the jury is still out on the culprit! Building & Maintenance Manager George renewed the windows with a sheet of polycarbonate on the orangutan side to prevent future breaks... or until the group overcomes this hurdle?! As orangutans are in general less bothered about human activities around their environment, our chaps were not too worried about the lengthy period of lockdown, and lack of visitors to the park. As reported last year, Amy is starting to slow down in her old age, as she turned 38 this year. Hsiao-lan is now comfortably moving up the hierarchy of the group as Amy mellows. Gordon, being male, is apparently oblivious to any changes in the situation!



Hsiao-lan



Amy

SQUIRREL MONKEYS

By Natasha Pullen.



Life for our group of five squirrel monkeys hasn't changed much over the past year. The youngest female, **Nueve**, is the biggest personality of the group. She loves to find new and disruptive ways to play with enrichment and is always up for play with **Lopez**. Lopez



Turvey

Lucille

Lopez

can rival Nueve for cheekiness, but he has a special bond with older female **Lucille** and often snuggles up with her during quiet moments. They came to the park together, rescued along with **Logan** from the UK pet trade. Logan doesn't spend much quality time with his rescue mates anymore as he's too busy trying to establish himself as dominant male by patrolling the enclosure and displaying at Lopez. However, he has failed to impress elderly **Turvey**. The oldest of the group, Turvey often takes the law into her own hands. When she feels Logan is bothering anyone too much, Turvey gets right in the middle of it, reminding the others she's still got spunk! On a sunny day Turvey often sunbathes while the others participate

in a spot of butterfly catching. The buddleia blooms magnificently during the summer months, attracting plenty of bugs for the squirrel monkeys to hunt. Everyone comes together at mealtimes, and nothing brings them together faster than a good insect feed!



Nueve

TUAN'S GROUP

By Jarno Swandi, James Edwards, Rachel Henson & Hannah Ivory.



Tuan & Lucky

Tuan although an impressive male is so kind and gentle so everyone is calm around him. This year Tuan has spent more time around Roro during the day, and so also with Hujan. Tuan is no problem with Hujan whatsoever, blowing raspberries to him and dropping wood wool and blankets on top of his head. Every night he goes back inside and sleeps with Lucky. Life is good!

RoRo became the top lady in the group this year and everyone respects her. Roro has done a fantastic job caring for Hujan and is always there for him. When it's good weather her favourite game is swinging on the hoses, and sunbathing in a hot corner of the enclosure.

A-mei has taken to building elaborate structures with browse in the enclosure and can often be found tinkering with her latest construction project. She is fiercely independent but still enjoys quality time with the others.

Hujan is a happy-go-lucky, confident young man. Hujan has grown closer to more of his adopted family this year, and can be found giggling while play wrestling with Awan & A-mei. He's also been spending more time with Lucky, which Roro is more than happy to allow, although she's always there for him if he wants her protection.

Awan has shown signs of growing into a typical teenager this year but still loves wrestling with Hujan, rolling down hills with A-mei and even brings out the goofy side of her dad, Tuan, too. She is very mischievous, and will keep PCS waiting at bedtime as she's reluctant to give up the magnificent nest she's built in the enclosure hammocks!

Lucky continues to be Tuan's leading lady. After a brief rough time with Roro, Lucky has regained her confidence and loves spending time with her main man, and even engaging in play with Awan and Hujan! She's very bright, and uses twigs to fish for any food dropped in the corridors by PCS!



A-mei



RoRo



Awan & Hujan

BRYAN'S GROUP

By Hannah Barlow, Tom Beer, Shaun Crompton, Charlotte Daniels & Geoff Horne.



Naree & Rodders

Bryan's group have had a quieter year, despite their neighbours at pavilions switching houses. The group have watched all the new faces with interest where they are able to view Bart's group at the back of their house.

Ash After growing up side by side, Ash will always be close to the mischievous Rodders. However, this doesn't stop her stepping in and defending the other girls in the group, Lulu and Naree, when he pushes them too far with his antics (which can be a daily occurrence!).



Lulu

Naree

Bryan

Rodders

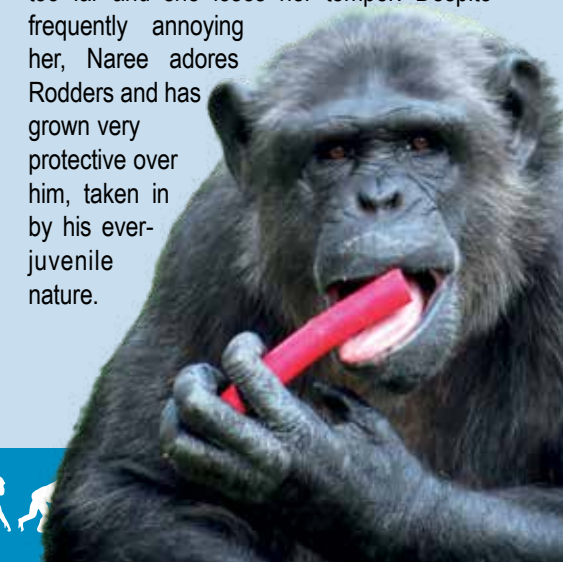
Bryan As a firm favourite of both PCS and visitors Bryan has always been very special. His episodes continue to stay low in number and severity and his relationships within the group stay almost stable. The love Naree has for him reinforces how brilliant he is!

Lulu is an independent chimp. She enjoys time outside in all weathers and makes big nests to cosy down in away from it all. When Lulu gets involved with group politics, she is assertive and throws her weight around when necessary. PCS are proud of Lulu's progress over the last couple of years as her confidence has grown. She comes in well at night and waits patiently for her pill and supplements but take too long and she makes herself known by her distinct stomping.

Naree remains larger than life with a heart of gold, continuing to spend countless hours in grooming sessions with Bryan or engaging in a bit of rough and tumble with Rodders and

Ash. Don't be fooled though, she can still be feisty when needed, as PCS found out when administering her flu jab this year. They got a stern telling off for daring to inject her!

Rodders should change his name to Peter Pan the boy who never grew up! Despite reaching the age of sixteen this year, he still acts the baby when it all gets too much, a common occurrence when he pushes Naree too far and she loses her temper! Despite frequently annoying her, Naree adores Rodders and has grown very protective over him, taken in by his ever-juvenile nature.



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CAPUCHIN UPDATE

By Donna Phillips, Rachel Henson, Katie Dobson, Sarah Howells & Toby Dipple.



Lucy

Franco's Troop

Franco's troop can no longer use youthful exuberance to excuse the mischief, squabbling and destruction that

characterise this group. They are quick to tackle new enrichment, but it rarely comes out intact! Franco enjoys operant conditioning and has learnt to trade items which is useful if we need to retrieve something from the enclosure. Franco also offers us sticks, rocks, and poo in case they are worth a treat! **Phillipe** is always ready with a big greeting vocalisation. **Fabion** is a bright boy, but needs to stop aggravating the girls if he has any loftier social ambitions. **William** has an uncanny knack of always being where we don't want him!

Donny likes to "flirt" at humans but at times appears to have the memory of a goldfish! The terrible trio of **Digit**, **Freda** and **Elisa** rule the females. Digit's grumpy expression belies her playful nature, sweet and fluffy Freda has a feisty streak, and Elisa combines flirty with attitude in equal quantities! **Marcy** loves terrorising Franco when she is in season, pulling his tail and ignoring his personal space, while sisters **Emily** and **Elvira** grin at anyone who so much as glances their way! **Fiona** likes to test the patience of PCS during routines. **Olive** has accepted her lower position in recent years but still throws a tantrum if she feels wronged. Elderly **Lucy** and **Mary** no longer hold a high rank and the lack of respect for their elders from the younger members means they spend teatime separately, but Lucy enjoys the benefits of this teatime setup and isn't going to give it up anytime soon!

Sonny's Troop



Sonny & Mole flirting

Sonny is still an impressive looking leader and much loved by the ladies, even though he doesn't always seem to know what's going on. The routines are easily disrupted by beautiful ladies **Mole** and **Letitia** coming into season as their affections can be full-on! **Bruce** has an easy job being second in command and enjoys playing with anyone who wants a wrestle.

Scrapper, **Tallulah** and **Tia** have evening screaming sessions with their neighbours. They particularly enjoy winding up Winslow's troop, safe in the knowledge that they're on the other side of the bedrooms! **Laura** and **Jenny**

prefer to sit and relax in the playroom with **Babs** and **Cecilia**. The sound of happy capuchin chatter over dinner never gets old.

Veronica still baffles us on weighing day as she weighs more than any other female, despite having no tail, so we continue to monitor her weight. **Mini** has the opposite problem. She's a tiny ball of fun and constantly distracts primate care staff. Her old friend **Terri** is still going strong and isn't shy about throwing a tantrum when her supplements aren't made with the perfect yoghurt to honey ratio!

The ferocious Robustus gang have mellowed over the years now that it's just **Dot** and **Lizzy** left. They may have less control over the troop, but they still control the keepers as they always find something to do out in the enclosure at bedtime. Older ladies **Barbara** and **Jill** enjoy their supplements every day, given to help their joints as they grow older, as does **Mushroom** who has made a few friends in high places but still likes to camp outside overnight when she can.

Gizmo's Troop



Maggie & Dodger with Ginger behind

July saw the arrival of **Dodger** to this group, a handsome male with the confidence to go with it. It was clear that nothing fazed him, and everyone was happy to have another male around, even **Gizmo**. The two boys enjoy quiet time together, each wanting to be groomed but not so keen on being the groomer! Dodger makes time for the ladies too and Gizmo is happy to leave group politics to him while lazing around in the sun. Gizmo enjoys his own company and his interactions with the five females vary throughout the day, depending on his mood and how annoying they are when in season. The females take Gizmo with a pinch of salt but still admire him. Dodger is an energetic and frantic individual which, although not aimed at the others, can unsettle the group, especially Gizmo who does not cope well with tension. **Sophia** and **Ginger** have taken the brunt of the chaos, so we are separating the boys while shut in overnight with the colder weather creeping in. **Chook** has coped with the changes very well, becoming more confident and spending time grooming. **Maddie** remains the dominant female and will often have an argy-bargy with Gizmo across the corridor- not so confident in closer proximity though. **Maggie** keeps out of the way but loves to share her zest for life with Primate Care Staff who are there to respond to her "flirting". Overall, despite our concerns, the group has coped well with the changes. We still have some way to go, but they remain the same old cheeky and volatile group.

Maggie

Winslow's Troop



Babe

Winslow's group have fared well this year, except for losing **Kiera** in September. Kiera belonged to a sub-group dubbed 'Molly's Gang' which consists of older, low-ranking ladies: **Molly**, **Pride**, **Pipa** and **Leonie**. Kiera

was wild caught and believed to be our oldest capuchin. Although a sad loss, it has not changed the social dynamics within the group.

Ester, **Daisy** and **Babe** are high ranking ladies and are favourites of Winslow. But if his attention is on something else, like displaying to his half-brother Franco, then the other two males **Onslow** and **Norman** quite often take the opportunity to mate with the ladies. Usually, Onslow is happy to hang out in the playroom with blonde bombshell **Debbie**, and Norman scours the enclosure perimeter making sure he has not missed any food.

On a normal day, mid-ranking **Ruby** and **Fifi** go about their business foraging for food, but when they are in season they stick close to Winslow, but far enough away that they don't get into trouble with the dominant

females. The other two blond girls, **Jane** and **Joanne**, prefer not to get involved with vying for Winslow's attention. Joanne makes it known when she is upset, if someone has stolen something from her, or just looked at her funny. Jane is quiet and elusive. She does make it difficult for PCS to locate her in the enclosure sometimes, but she is quite friendly with Molly's gang so if you can find them, she's not far away.



Ruby

Erico's Troop

It's been quite a summer! The hierarchy had just settled after the unexpected loss of dominant female **Cara**, when new rescues **Matty** and **Louis** arrived at the lodge for introductions. Louis is sociable and was right at home within weeks, showing us what a capable hunter she is. Capuchins are omnivores and Louis gave the local wildlife a reason to be wary! Introductions for Matty were



Caesar

more complicated. **Erico** and **Shawn** had not had their combined leadership questioned before and did not know how to handle Matty. There were some intense confrontations. For a while it seemed like Matty, despite being an elderly male, could end up taking over the group. Newly dominant female **Phoenix** found herself enamoured with him. But others did not fall in love so easily, especially elderly **Abby** who took every opportunity to tell him off, meekly backed by long-term supporter **Marlow**. **Ringo** backed Matty's bid for leadership and spent time getting on his good side. Everyone else seemed torn.

Scarlet, **Joey** and **Caesar** were all comfortable around Matty. **Zoe** preferred Erico and Shawn, and **Binty**, as usual, seemed oblivious to the whole affair. Recently, Shawn and Erico have got their confidence back and Matty has settled for a lower ranking position in the group. Hopefully they will settle and there will be calmer days ahead in what, for now, remains Erico's group.



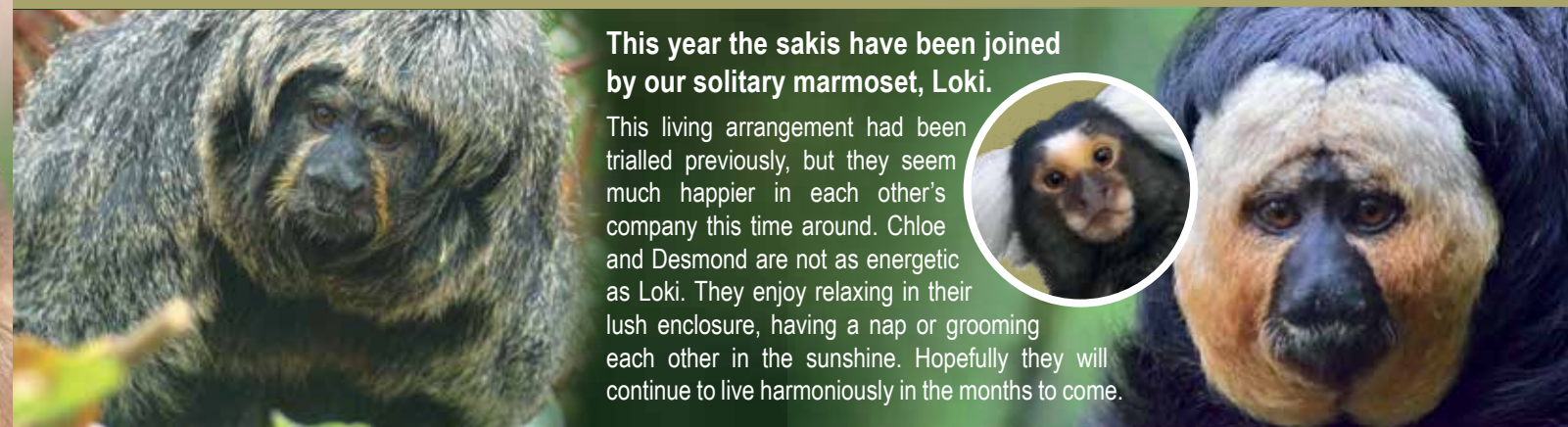
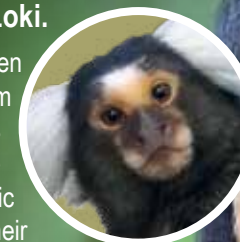
Marlow

SAKI MONKEY UPDATE

By Natasha Pullen.

This year the sakis have been joined by our solitary marmoset, Loki.

This living arrangement had been trialled previously, but they seem much happier in each other's company this time around. Chloe and Desmond are not as energetic as Loki. They enjoy relaxing in their lush enclosure, having a nap or grooming each other in the sunshine. Hopefully they will continue to live harmoniously in the months to come.



HANANYA'S COMMUNITY

By Colin Angus, Hannah Barlow, Tom Beer, Laura Bird, Maddie Court, Shaun Crompton, Charlotte Daniels, Bekki Kennedy & Jess Stride.

Hananya's group has seen some disruption in the form of Thelma, who is fast approaching adolescence – this is causing shifts in the hierarchy, leading to inevitable squabbles within the group. Despite this, the group continues to remain cohesive overall, enjoying long summer days outside and snuggling down together with plenty of donated bedding as the longer nights draw in.



Johni, Kuki, Tutti & Hananya

Arfur is a low-ranking male but is beginning to stand up to Thelma when she pushes things too far. He remains close to Jess, usually bedding down with her at night on one of the higher platforms.

Cherri's high-ranking status within the group started to fall last year. Despite this, she is getting on well and can often be seen sitting with Hananya or her daughter Thelma. Cherri is a great mother, keeping Thelma safe and out of trouble. She even shares some of her food with her, proof of her devoted personality.

Eveline remains a mid-ranking member who has good relationships with everyone. She gets involved with group activities and play, particularly outside, and has a unique, shrill, pant hoot when things get too much. When it comes to feeding time, Eveline usually does quite well for herself.

Hananya has continued to maintain peace among his group of 18 aside from the occasional squabble, often involving Johni. He occasionally shows his gentler side and attempts to play with some of the lower rankers like Trudy, although his position as Alpha makes them dubious of his intentions!

Honey is quiet and sweet and manages living with her loud and dramatic groupmates in the most sensible way: keeping out of it! A lady of leisure, Honey enjoys the rare moments of peace by lounging around in her excessively large nests.

Jess holds a mid-high-ranking status in this group and gets on well with everyone. She maintains a strong relationship with male Arfur, who she was reared with. When she comes over for morning pills and supplements, she can be a bit fussy and suspicious, taking a little more time to trust us than some of the others.

Johni remains a high-ranking member of the group. She does have a gentler side and enjoys playing, especially spinning around while holding onto a fire hose in the playroom.

Kiki is a playful member of the group and if she's not twirling around on the firehose she interacts with both PCS and chimps. In winter, she likes to lay back and warm up on the firehose by the fan which blows hot air into the playroom.



Hananya

Tutti

Johni

Honey

Marjoline

Trudy

Kuki appears hard faced at first but is often seen playing chase and tickle with Arfur before coming to bed in the evening, and has even managed to occasionally get a laugh out of Hananya! Her persistence pays off when it comes to interacting with fellow group members and getting juice from PCS by grunting at them as they walk by!

Marjoline has enjoyed chomping down on the gorse from the outside enclosure, perhaps giving a reason for her often 'sulky' expression. She won't let her PCS forget if she hasn't had her share of whatever is being dished out, politely knocking on the tunnel to remind everybody that she is still waiting.

Patricia takes a trusty blanket up to the top platforms in Hananya's group. She will most likely be sat doing her best E.T. impression, completely wrapped up in her chosen blanket, but at feeding times no hand or foot is left empty!

Semach is the happy-go-lucky court jester. However, he often pushes things too far with the girls, like an annoying boy in the playground. Full of mischief, he regularly joins in with Thelma's 'stop outs' when the PCS are trying to bring the group in for the evening.

Simon remains close to Thelma and Cherri, taking particular care to wait for them when the group is bedding down in the evening. Simon has had one or two disagreements with Hananya this year, which may be down to his popularity with the ladies. Simon is an intelligent chimp who realises that being high-ranking involves building and maintaining relationship with others in the group as well as brute force.



Jess & Valerie

Thelma is growing in independence from her mother Cherri and beginning to push boundaries and play 'funny' tricks on other group members. More recently, Thelma wants to stay outside past bedtime and as a result PCS have had to adapt the end of day routines to accommodate her. Thelma has a strong relationship with Simon.

Trudy is one of the lower ranking females in Hananya's group but happy enough. She does, however, exert some authority by telling off and displaying at new members of staff. We are now giving the group Osteocare, a supplement which should benefit their bones and joints. Trudy is highly suspicious but happy to drink it from someone else's cup.

Tutti is becoming a well-respected female within Hananya's group but still knows how to play! In the summer she loves rolling around in the water from the hose that PCS put out to keep them cool.

Valerie maintains her close friendship with Marjoline, but like most friends, they fall out over the silliest of things, like the best sticks to use with the termite mound. She loves



Hananya, Simon, Johni & Tutti

food and blows raspberries while she waits her turn for her morning contraceptive pill.

Zeynep is a very sweet natured, quiet girl who likes to keep to herself, but she does enjoy a play session with fellow low-ranker Kuki! When it's time to bed down for the night, she carries the biggest bundle of woodwool and blankets she can to the top platforms to build a cosy nest!

LORIS UPDATE

By Steph Sawyer.

This last year has been exciting for our loris with the construction of new outdoor enclosures, allowing our visitors the chance to catch a glimpse of these elusive creatures.

Axl is the most inquisitive and spends the most time in the enclosure with the public viewing window, however patience and persistence are key in spotting these shy creatures. They don't do anything quickly, and laps of the indoor and outdoor enclosure are very leisurely! Axl loves cardboard box enrichment that he can break into and search for insects, and he does like a nap inside the box after all that hard work!

Bruce is a calm and collected male. He has previously been treated by our vets for a

fibrous lump on the side of his head, believed to be a salivary gland issue, which we closely monitor. Thankfully, it doesn't seem to bother him.

Female **Nicki** continues to have her priorities straight and the top one is always food! She's usually found hanging upside down with her head in a forage bucket. Nicki's starting to look a little older these days. She's slowing down a little and her fluff is starting to look a little less neat and tidy!

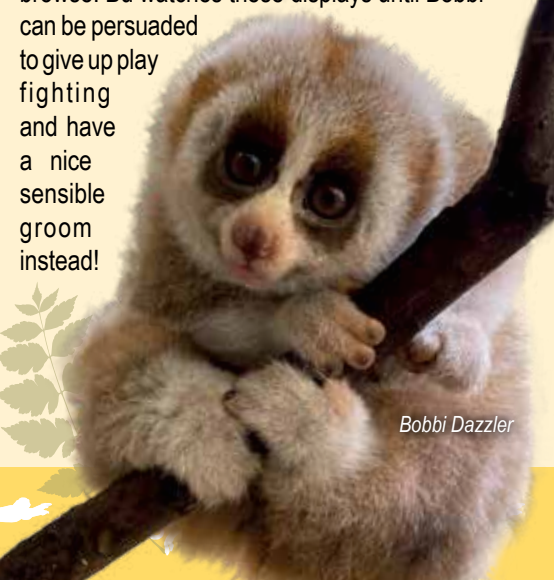
Nora has loved the great outdoors this year, spending more time outside in her new outdoor area. Nora was initially suspicious of the new space but, after spending a lot of time in the tunnel, she eventually found the courage to step out into the great unknown and hasn't looked back since! Nora is a bug-fiend and loves nothing more than a nice crunchy locust.

Bobbi Dazzler has come on amazingly well over the last year. After being hand-reared she's grown into a confident loris with a mind of her own! She's learnt about socialising and spends a lot of time with her newest friend **Bu**, a gentle soul who enjoys meandering around with her. Bobbi's favourite napping



Nicki

place is inside a 'Bag for Life', which was hung up originally as temporary enrichment but now has to stay in the enclosure as Bobbi loves curling up inside it. Bobbi and Bu enjoy long grooming sessions in the bag! Bobbi has a playful side and sometimes hangs upside down, wrestling straw, blankets and even browse. Bu watches these displays until Bobbi can be persuaded to give up play fighting and have a nice sensible groom instead!



Bobbi Dazzler



Axl Rose



Thelma

Semach

Hananya

Tutti

Kiki

Cherri

Thelma

Valerie

Marjoline

Eveline

WOOLLY MONKEY UPDATE

By Sharon Perry & Lydia Lowe.



Carlos

The Bachelor Woollies:

Since its establishment in 2020, our Bachelor Woolly troop is still led by dominant male **Paulo**. He likes to show everyone who is boss and displays his size and strength around the enclosure. Despite being boisterous, Paulo is a real softy and will snuffle and laugh with the PCS. Holding onto a dominant position is hard work with the likes of the



Lemmy

Claud and **Carlos** who are taking after their father Chippy. Claud is now our biggest adolescent male and a cheeky chap. He likes swinging by his tail on some of the long 'drop-down' pieces of hosing. Carlos, Claud and **Mani** (Levar's son) are all respectful of Paulo's position and steer clear of him when he is displaying. We monitor the group dynamics closely.

Carlos and Mani have become good friends with the youngest resident, **Lemmy**. Despite being three years old, Lemmy remains a smaller individual. We monitor him to make sure he is eating enough food, and we've carried out medical explorations but are none the wiser about his slow growth. Lemmy is a confident boy around the others and never

far behind Paulo when PCS approach their house... just in case it is feeding time! As the days become cooler Lemmy's snuggling up more with Mani or Carlos in the evenings and often still snoozing with them first thing in the morning. Four-year-old **Cassius** has taken a shine to Paulo. He is a clever, tactful boy who works hard to keep Paulo on his side.

The Bachelor House has undergone more maintenance work and despite the presence of construction workers, all of the boys have taken everything in their stride and handled the changes well.



Bueno Junior



Xingu

Enya

Mani

Cassius

Eva



Pacaja's family

Enzo's Group:

Enzo is the only male in this group, so he has his hands full keeping all his ladies happy! He has always been popular with the females and is a very attentive father, often seen playing with youngsters **Esmeralda** and **Enya**. Esmeralda turned one in October, and has become quite independent. Big sister Enya adores her,



Paulo

Chippy's Group:

Here we are another year on and **Chippy** still remains our largest male woolly monkey. Although his size is quite intimidating to the other woolly monkeys, Chippy is a gentle giant and often plays and wrestles with his youngest child, **Catalina**. Catalina, who turned one at the end of August, continues to be a box of beans and is always up to mischief. She tests out the strength of her prehensile tail bouncing around the trees and



Catalina

dominant female position! **Xavi** is growing into a very handsome woolly monkey and has striking features. He is still cheeky and winds up the females if he thinks Chippy isn't watching!



Levar

Levar's Group:

Levar remains in charge at the impressive age of 31. Although Levar still receives complete respect from his group, we have noticed signs of his old age affecting his confidence at times, taking a step back

when tensions run high within the group. **Bueno Junior** has stepped up and proven his ability to keep things running smoothly which has led to some physical conflict between the two. After a tense year between the boys, they seem to have settled and mutually respect each other. **Cosmo** has developed physically and socially and is catching up with Levar and Junior in size. After a surge in adolescence hormones earlier in the year, where he became quite irritating to the ladies in the group, he has learned to control his excitement and continues to be close to Levar and Junior. **Xingu** remains as dominant female, and is still very close to daughter **Olivia**, who will soon be six years old. Xingu's mothering skills are second to none, and the confidence of her youngest, **Leroy** is proof of that. He has become incredibly independent, and brings out the fun side of all group members including **Pichihua**. She previously showed little interest in the youngster but now she frequently plays with him. Pichihua is popular with the boys, and her insatiable flirting has added to the tension between Levar and Junior. The group was shaken up

with the sad loss of **Layla** after a short illness. The loss of the popular three-year-old could be seen throughout the group, especially by **Xingu** and **Olivia**. Layla was a quirky character and is greatly missed.



Xingu & Leroy



Quapa

dragging about bits of browse. Her mum, **Eva**, is never far away but is already giving her more independence and freedom. Eva sometimes has little fall outs with older ladies and her firm friends, **Piquita** and **Quapa**, but is doing well in Chippy's troop. The eldest female woolly monkey we have at the park resides in Chippy's troop, 31 year old Quapa. Despite this ripe old age, she remains in good health and is a firm favourite with Chippy. The last female is **Piquita** who enjoys spending time with Quapa and winding up Eva as they vie for



Xavi



Leroy & Levar



Cosmo

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STUMP-TAILED MACAQUES

By Elle Lomas.



Noreen, Sam, Kelly, Sylvie & Charley

The stump-tailed macaques have faced many changes this year with a few losses to our elderly retirement group. **Charley**, rescued from a UK lab who used her for endometriosis trials, unfortunately passed away after long-term health problems. We then lost our elderly dominant male, **Sam**, whose heart had begun to fail him. He had many health issues after being used for asthma research in a UK lab. Our lovely stumpy group have lived together for many years so missed these characters, but trooped on and the hierarchy changed very little. It wasn't until **Floh**, our oldest macaque, passed away in late summer that we really started seeing changes. This fierce old lady had kept **Toto** and **Fred** in check for years.

Once she passed away, the boys finally felt confident enough to challenge things. Our stump-tails are now trying to establish a new hierarchy and dominant male. Our youngest, yet still senior stumpy, **Sylvie** has shown intelligence and excellent mobility skills in her efforts to achieve top rank. **Kelly**, our former dominant female, has been pushed to the bottom but uses her social knowledge to stand her ground and still hangs around with the high rankers from time to time. **Noreen** has been in the middle of most of the stumpy dramas as she is very shrewd, has many alliances within the group and a strong personality. Fred and Toto, both originally at the bottom of the hierarchy, have

stepped up considerably, becoming dominant over the girls. Fred is stepping into the dominant male role and taking it very seriously. He is a powerful male and broadcasts his control with manly displays but is often found napping due to all the hard work. Toto is unsure if he's happy for Fred to be above him, leading to a few scraps while they figure it all out. Toto has been developing his social skills and it has been great to watch him develop his newfound confidence. With all these dramas it is still a sensitive and unpredictable group. Will Fred be able to keep up with the requirements of his rank or will the girls choose blossoming Toto as their leader?



Toto

THE BACHELOR
BOYS

By Colin Angus, Hannah Barlow, Laura Bird, Maddie Court, Shaun Crompton, Charlotte Daniels, Geoff Horne, Bekki Kennedy & Jess Stride.



Paco



Sammy

Paco is maintaining his position as the leader of the bachelor group. He has been dealing with challenges to the existing order from the younger boys, which is a tricky balancing act in an occasionally volatile group.

Rocky has maintained his position in the middle of the hierarchy. He often spends time with his close friend Çarli, providing him with much needed reassurance when group tensions rise.

Sammy Life is a game for the ever-jolly Sammy, who occasionally creates problems for PCS. He distracts other chimps from coming over for meds or training with play sessions, then when they do come over, he pushes them out of the way so that he can be the centre of staff's attention. With a smile like his though, no one can stay mad at him for long.

Seamus is a cheeky chappy who always wants to be the centre of attention. He makes silly noises and tries to engage anyone in play, even if they really don't want to! His ridiculous play face can melt anyone's heart.

Butch's position in the hierarchy is being challenged after the loss of two big characters in the group, but he remains a well-respected individual despite his "senior" meltdowns which often sees Pacito the target of his screams.

Buxom remains a high-ranking gentleman within the Bachelor group. But during recent tensions, he has shown his softer side and loyalty to best buddy Jestah. He is always there to comfort and reassure him.

Çarli has grown in confidence, with his rank (which took a blow following the death of his close ally Ben in 2017) creeping up recently. A good indicator of this is his expanding waistline. He maintains an interest in the duties of the PCS and likes to watch their kitchen activities from the internal tunnels.

Freddy When not sat with Seamus grooming, Freddy can be found munching on his favourite things, often sat up on the firehose to get goodies from the roof.

Jestah recovered from last year's operation and continues to have a strong relationship with Buxom. Since swapping enclosures with Bart's group, Jestah often alarm calls at a hidden monster in the pond that no one else can see.

Kyko is much loved and spends a lot of time grooming and making alliances, but when a fight breaks out he makes himself known.

Mojo has maintained a mid-ranking position in the bachelor group. He still gets on with the dominant males but isn't so sure when trying to assert his dominance over others, which hinders his progress up the ranks. Despite this, he gets on well in the group and maybe with a bit more time will find himself up with Paco and Buxom!

Pacito enjoys his own company and loves socks and toys that make fun noises. Pacito has gained weight this year, so we have reduced his extra calories to maintain a healthy weight.



Boys on patrol



Buxom, Butch, Jimmy, Jestah, Mojo, Rocky, Kyko, Gypsy & Paco

GIBBON UPDATE

By Cat Talbot
& Sian Middleton.

Golden-Cheeked Gibbons

Alex looks fabulous, with no obvious signs of diabetes affecting her. She is, however, a pretty cantankerous individual. She is tolerating Fox with short introductions as long as he stays at her preferred distance. If not, she threatens him or gives him a swift kick.

Hopefully his patience will bring out her hidden playful side.

Jake & Zoey Zoey is still our most independent gibbon who isn't bothered about who is around as long as there is food and attention from Jake. Jake, on the other hand, has strong opinions on the staff. He keeps female PCS on their toes by making them jump, then turns in to a sweet gentle boy for the male staff.

Tito & Vietta Both love their quiet off show enclosure, especially the long high tunnel. This is an excellent place to catch the early morning sunshine and watch the staff come into work in the morning, often greeting us with a wonderful, sleepy duet.

Teo is a sensitive soul who is intelligent and loves all the enrichment puzzles we give him. He often hangs upside down being goofy, or dives inside a pillowcase looking for missed treats.

Siamang Gibbons

Sam & Sasak Yet again, Sasak has disregarded the need for a bikini body and made the most of the abundance of natural food in her enclosure, meaning a strict diet over winter will be required. Sam dotes on her making sure she is groomed to perfection, though some might say licking her eyeballs is taking it too far.

Peanut & Pung-Yo Life without the youngsters is good for this previously volatile pair. Their relationship is strengthening with grooming & play sessions. Though Peanut is still the boss and makes that clear if Pung-yo tries to get something tasty she has her eye on.

Tien & Kim This couple have a very happy and strong bond. The new addition of a hot air balloon basket in their enclosure has given them an all-weather outdoor area to play, wrestle and enjoy a nice long cuddle.

Mikado is still a highly-strung individual but seems to be settling into life with his neighbours in the main house. His strong personality shines and there is no chance of him blending in with the crowd.



Pung-Yo



Kim



Mikado



Zoey



Tien



Sam



Dalumie

Kitty

Fox

Paul

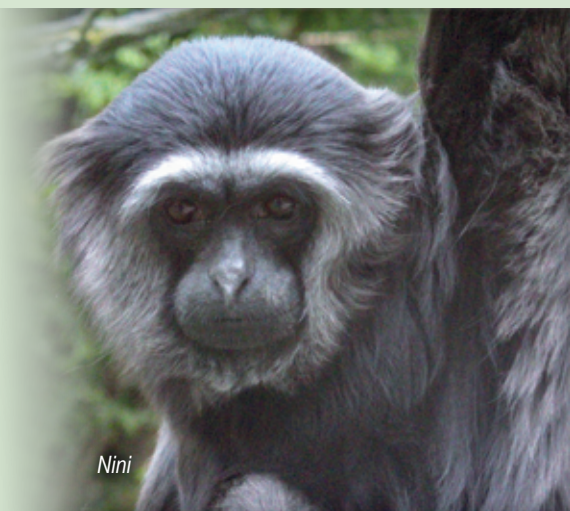
Mueller's, Agile & Lar Gibbons

Nini & Dalumie Over the past year their relationship is slowly growing stronger. They are a shy couple only showing their affection towards each other when they think no-one is watching. Though the daily occurrence of their duet is a reassuring sign of a strong bond.

Paul & Kitty Paul is still our goofy boy, probably the individual most often filmed by the public playing or singing in the window. He loves the attention he gets from his adoring

fans. Kitty switches between sitting quietly barely noticed, or tearing around making as much noise as possible so everyone sees just how fabulous she is.

Fox After the tragic loss of Ella a few months ago, Fox was subdued and a bit lost, but a move back to the main house has helped. We hope he will be able to live with Alex in the long term, as he has learned from Ella how to be patient and gentle with little old ladies.



Nini

MALAGASY LEMURS

By Steph Sawyer.



Kurt, Al & Friedrich

It's been another unusually quiet year for our ring-tailed lemur troop. Due to the lemurs' lack of respect for social distancing the Malagasy enclosure remained closed.



Renton & Fennel

Fennel still reigns as the matriarch of the group. Unlike other dominant females, Fennel is an even-tempered, calm leader and keeps the boys under control. Fennel's most beloved companion is **Renton**, our largest lemur who is actually timid and draws a lot of his confidence from Fennel. He loves food and it's amazing how acrobatic this large boy can be when food

is involved! Patriarch **Whitespot** takes a leisurely approach to life, stays out of drama and is a friend to everyone. He's often last in at dinnertime, suddenly appearing after several minutes of being called. He doesn't care that everyone's looking for him!

Himal has lost some weight, so PCS added banana to his breakfast each day. However, when the next primate care staff arrived, he would run to them looking hungry, trying to convince us his banana had been forgotten. Primate Care Staff now leave notes when he's been fed as it's a convincing act! **Al** is the lowest ranking lemur but he has integrated himself into lemur society and on rainy days he's found in the middle of the huddle, cuddling the others. **Kurt** and **Fredrich** continue to add a bit of extra spice. As the youngest males, the brothers are working their way up the pecking order. The old timers in the group form a strong alliance against them but that doesn't dampen their spirits! Foiling Kurt and Friedrich's plans for world domination are the older twins, **Indiana** and **Cirrius**.

Last year, they ousted **Kaiyah** from the group and have so far managed to keep her body guards, Friedrich and Kurt, in their place too. Kaiyah is loved by her Care Staff but not so much by others of her own kind! Her years alone in the pet trade left her with no social skills and an attitude, not helped by Fennel indulging her. She received a leg injury when she was booted out of the group but has made a full recovery.



Al watching Whitespot using Renton as a pillow



SPIDER MONKEY UPDATE

By Kate Aldred.



Front to back: Hickory, Pumpkin & Flint

As you come down the hill towards the bottom of the park, you will be greeted by happy vocalisations from our three spider monkeys. They are always on the lookout for the Primate Care Staff, delighted to receive a big hello, tickles and breakfast!

Our spider monkeys have been with us for nine years. Leading the trio is our lovely lady, **Pumpkin** who thrives in guiding the boys. **Flint** is a spirited and lovable individual who has everyone laughing at his antics. **Hickory** is the eldest and can be a sensitive soul. But when no one is watching, you might hear little spider monkey giggles as Hickory and Flint play in a big ball of tangled arms and tails, which is very heart-warming to watch.

We do regular co-operative feeding sessions to target Hickory and Flint's daily calorie goals and continue to help strengthen their bond. We like to encourage our spider monkeys to feed at height, inventing new ideas and pulley systems to encourage this. Flint is a little confused by his new



Pumpkin

neighbours, the patas monkeys, and we often hear him alarm calling in their direction! In the summer months their outside tunnels are a perfect sun trap and they spend hours relaxing there together. Coming into winter, you will see spider monkey shaped towel balls with little faces poking out! We provide them with towels and blankets to snuggle underneath which is their favourite thing, after food and bum tickles that is!

PATAS MONKEYS

By Steph Sawyer.



Patas operant conditioning

This year saw the return of patas monkeys to the park and they've had an interesting first year here.

We hoped to introduce them to our guenons, but our guenons gave a very firm no! The patas now live on one side of the stump-tailed

macaque house, and are getting used to our grumpy stumpies!

Mr Patas is a handsome male, and we think he knows it. He's a confident, athletic boy, and does some impressive leaps. He's very protective of his female **Penelope** and often patrols the enclosure, making sure nothing scary is about. He's extremely intelligent and food motivated, making our initial attempts at training for using the scales and cooperative feeding successful. He sometimes likes to keep an eye on the stumpies but isn't bothered by them. If anything, he seems to think they're beneath him!

Our female, Penelope was incredibly nervous to begin with but her confidence has soared over time. She has some health issues that



Penelope & Mr Patas

we monitor, particularly shakes in her right arm. She also seems older than Mr Patas, but moves around the enclosure well and is now at ease with all of the attention she gets. She may have been nervous with us, but Penelope is definitely the boss of the pair, and enjoys the support of Mr Patas while keeping him in his place! They enjoy the generous insect donations we receive from our supporters which help to keep them busy and active.

GUENON HOUSE

By Steph Sawyer.

Our family group of guenons is doing well and spend as much of their time outside as possible.

Youngest **Nala** has grown quite a lot this year and is starting to catch up with sister **Biff**. Biff has been a wonderful playmate for Nala, and they spend every day bouncing around the outside enclosure, wrestling, throwing themselves around, throwing other things around, knocking things over and just generally causing as much mayhem as possible!

Mum **Nia** is probably quite relieved they entertain each other, and she keeps an eye on them from a slight distance where she can keep out of the way of the whirling dervishes! Nia does get a bit

impatient at bedtime, trying to wrangle the kids in for tea! Dad **Benny** keeps a close eye on them and is straight over if they seem upset by anything. He and Nia have lovely moments grooming while the kids keep themselves entertained. Benny does sometimes like to take time away from the girls and usually comes in last so he can have a few minutes peace and quiet before being united with the ladies, who

sometimes gang up on him at mealtimes as he's such a big softy. PCS have had to spend quite a long time developing their routine as Nia and Benny were wild-caught and don't always want to be shut in at night even when it's cold. The kids are often too busy playing to co-operate too, so PCS have done lots of training work to make being inside a much more enriching and positive experience.



Nala



Biff & Nala playing



The guenons are always keeping busy and foraging

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



It's hard to believe that we are approaching the end of another year! It has not been an easy 12 months for anyone and at the park we are working hard to economise, work more efficiently, and make practical changes that will make our time, money, and resources go further. We cannot thank all of you enough for your generous and thoughtful donations to help feed and keep our rescued monkeys and apes healthy and happy. Throughout the pandemic we have strove to keep our standards of care as high as they ever have been. We are incredibly proud and thankful to our Primate Care Staff that have given up so much to ensure that all the primates have been cared for while staff shortages and Covid restrictions have left them pushed to the limit. It has been equally difficult for the EAST team in Vietnam. Thank you all so much for your dedication to care for monkeys and apes in need.

The cover reminds of all those we have lost this year, but I am happy knowing that they had a chance to live more healthy and natural lives with others of their own kind. During these difficult times our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of **Denise Bailey, Pamela Barrow, Kenneth Beck, Mrs S Buskell, Miss C Cologne, Avril Darmoo, Jean**

Denham, Margaret Divall, Evelyn Drayton, Elizabeth Edmonds, Valerie Ellis, Kenneth Fecitt, Daphne Garrett, Georgina Hill, Leonora Hillman, Joyce Humphris, David Hurrell, Tuula Jones, Malcolm Kenton, Barbara Lawes, Frank Lloyd, Verity Lloyd, Rosemary Manley, Gillian Martin, Carol Maxim, Mary Moore, Glen Nicholson, Michael Parrott, Christine Pearce, Michael Pearce, Hazel Pratt, David Purdy, Annette Rodden, Thomas Stanford, Steven Todd, Charlie Topping, Julie Tovey, Rita Walker, Anne Wardle, Mary Williams, and Timothy Wilson. They will be missed.

The trade in primates as pets continues to be an on-going problem and I am now involved in court cases and police confiscations for six different monkeys. It is tragic, however last month I was asked to give evidence to the **Public Bill Committee at Westminster**, the next step in changing the laws that govern the keeping of primates as pets in UK. I am hopeful that during 2022 the laws will change to protect any primates that are being kept or traded in the pet trade. For all of you that have helped write letters, sign petitions, and spread the word, you have made a difference. **THANK YOU.**



Joly & Baby at Rio Safari Elche

We hope you are all enjoying the latest **Series 14 of Monkey Life** and we are now starting to film Series 15...the saga is continuing! To leave you all with joy and hope, have a look at **Joly and Kai's precious bundle, a little girl named Membelai!** It was five years ago that the two graduated from the orang-utan nursery and we moved them to Rio Safari Elche. The hope was that if orphan orang-utans were cared for with others of their own kind that the cycle of abandonment would stop. To date three of our ladies who have graduated from our very special creche, Hsiao-ning, Dinda, and now Joly have gone on to care for their babies perfectly. Merry Christmas to all!

Wishing you all the very best!

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