

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The summer and autumn months have been busy getting essential repairs and renewals done in preparation for winter and also working on several international rescues at the same time. And just when you think jobs are getting done, new pet trade rescues occur. Still, it is always worth it to see individuals like Marcel and Gizmo arrive, enjoy, and benefit from a more natural life at the park.

When it came time to move Chocolat, DHL came to our rescue and did an AMAZING job organising the logistics to make her journey as stress free as possible. We also had continued help and support from African Apes Foundation, the William Holden Wildlife Foundation, and North Kenya Veterinary Services. More locally Organix has donated enough baby rice for a year to feed all our rescued pet trade monkeys, we cannot thank them all enough.

There are still more new arrivals to come this year, but we are concerned about our friends at Animals Lebanon who we are working with to move six rescued hamadryas baboons from Beirut. The political situation has escalated into war in Beirut, and we are working to find a way to get the baboons moved safely. It is a dangerous time for everyone, but we will do our best and hope to have good news for you soon.

Jim Cronin



We miss you John Lewis

I have been working on Chocolat's rescue and rehoming for the past 8 or more years, when wildlife vet John Lewis and I first went to give her a health check in preparation to move her to Monkey World. When it did finally happen, I cannot help but think of John and how much Jeremy and I miss him. He was a best friend and I wish he was here to see Chocolat at the park...even though he thought we were crazy to do it.



We cannot wait to meet Rambo & his troop!

So many of you have lost loved ones over the past months and to the family and friends of Susan Burford, John Dadswell, Barbara Darbyshire, Terry Darrell, June Davies, Elaine Evans, Janice Ford, Russel Green, Freda Holding, Carol Hunt, George Lawson, Lorraine Lupton, Tracy Manning, Norah Minns, Jim Moore, Dennis Railey, Jenny Reed, Joseph Ricketts, Bernard Sayers, Kate Strong, Doreen Townsend, Philip Truluck, Christine Tubbs, Gary Wake, Colin Watson, Wendy Weatherstone, Carole Weatherstone, and Dennis Welch our thoughts and condolences are with you.

I always say it but without your help and support we could not rescue monkeys and apes and rehabilitate them like we do.

Santa is coming to Monkey World

From the 18th - 21st December, Santa will be visiting Monkey World!



£10 per child on top of the park entrance fee

The 18th December will be an accessible experience, for Special Educational Needs or Disability visitors of all ages, while the 19-21st is for general visitors. The experience will run in the same way, but with longer time slots and sensory reductions, as required on the 18th.

As well as meeting Santa and receiving a special present from him, your little monkeys can enjoy festive fare, a Christmas trail around the park, and even make a present for the primates with Santa's elves!

Help spread Christmas cheer by seeing Santa here!



Visiting Santa at Monkey World will help support the rescue and rehabilitation of primates.

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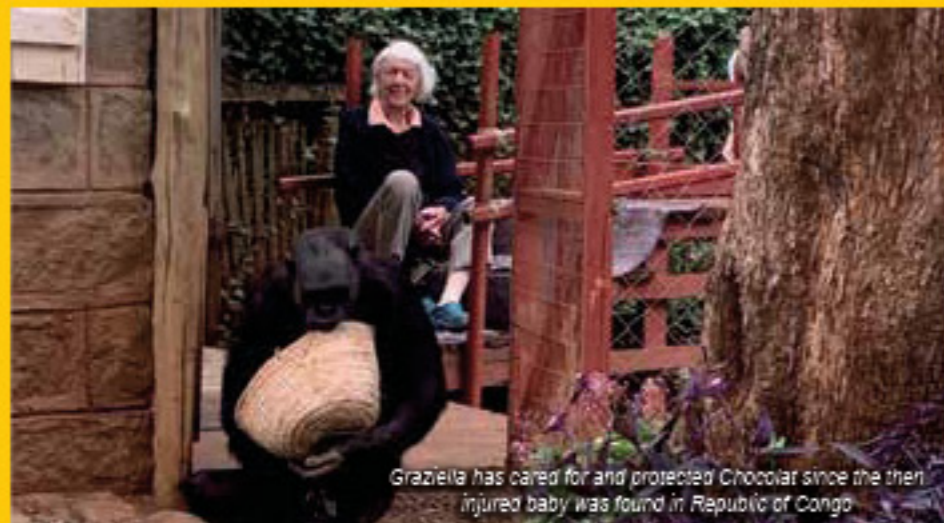
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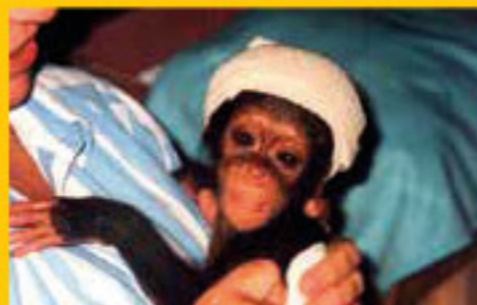
MADAM CHOCOLAT

By Jeremy Keeling



Graziella has cared for and protected Chocolat since the then injured baby was found in Republic of Congo

Chocolat is a chimpanzee that was born in Republic of Congo in 2000. In the first year of her life she and her mother, and likely several other members of their community, were hunted and shot in the forest. Chocolat's mother will have been killed and taken for bush meat while the baby, Chocolat, got hit with shotgun pellets. Pellets that she retains to this day, in her skull and neck. The wounds caused partial paralysis down Chocolat's right side leaving her hand and foot immobile and distorted. Jim and Alison Cronin became aware of Chocolat and her medical issues in 2005 when Graziella, her rescuer and carer, moved with Chocolat from Republic of Congo to Kenya. Over the last 24 years Graziella has remained dedicated to Chocolat's care and welfare, and many people have helped and supported Graziella and Chocolat, including Annie Olivivrona of African Apes Foundation, an organisation dedicated to rescuing great apes throughout Africa, Stefanie Powers, CEO of the William Holden Wildlife Foundation, and North Kenya Veterinary Services.



Chocolat was hit with shotgun spray as a tiny baby clinging to her mother in the Republic of Congo



Chocolat's X-rays showing bullet spray



Graziella did everything possible to get Chocolat the medical care that she needed



Alison & John Lewis travelled to Nanyuki in 2016 to give Chocolat a health check when discussions first started about moving her to Monkey World

The planning and rescue of Chocolat to start her new life at Monkey World had a couple of false starts and took years of planning but finally on August 9th I left for Nairobi on a mission to establish a relationship with Chocolat and assist with her crating and transport to Monkey World a week later. From Nairobi I travelled to Nanyuki where Graziella and Chocolat lived. Chocolat and Monicah, her carer, were visible through a fence, so I got to meet them both for the first time.

Over the following few days, I wasn't surprised to discover that Chocolat was quite a spoilt child, with minor exposure

to other young chimps at four years old, and with little or no discipline. It was also clear that Chocolat was very bright, and I made a mental note not to challenge her to a Mensa test! Chocolat ruled the roost and on the second day Graziella, Monicah, and I were in the enclosure and when it was time to leave, Madam Chocolat made it clear this was not going to happen, at least not for some time yet in a very positive and threatening manner that all apes possess when they are at risk of not getting their own way. Two and a half hours later Chocolat was tricked to go into the enclosure alone, and she was secured there for the rest of the day, much to her disgust!

One day, a couple of cameramen came to film Chocolat's daily activity for the TV series *Monkey Life*. Of course this was all very exciting for Chocolat and a complete U-turn for her normal humdrum routine. With all the changes happening, I quickly realised that Plan A - getting Chocolat to sit in her traveling crate while the door was closed and locked, was unlikely to be successful. Our transport was arriving very early in the morning, when Chocolat is certainly not at her best, and when time was critical with a tight deadline



Chocolat has had several health checks over the years to make sure her condition is stable



Chocolat's pelvic X-ray shows she has some degenerative bone disease on her good hip



Stefanie Powers, CEO of the William Holden Wildlife Foundation has known Chocolat & Graziella for years & has assisted with Chocolat's care and transport to Monkey World



DHL has been instrumental in helping to ensure Chocolat's move to UK was as easy as possible. They transported Monkey World's transport box to Nanyuki weeks before the move so Chocolat could get used to it



DHL supported Chocolat throughout



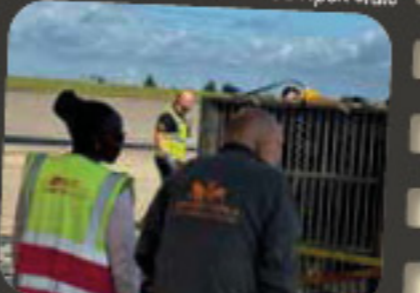
DHL transported Chocolat, Jeremy & Monicah to East Midlands Airport so that the journey time was under 15 hours



Jeremy & Monicah stayed with Chocolat throughout the journey



Chocolat in her custom made transport crate



Jeremy & Monicah travelled the whole way with Chocolat to make sure she was calm and ok



The Chocolat A-Team

to catch a plane in Nairobi. I was unable to get too close to Chocolat as Graziella was spending a lot of time with her before Chocolat departed for a new life at Monkey World. Plan B - involved anaesthetising Chocolat, putting her into the box, and then reversing the drugs to wake her before transport. A local wildlife vet from North Kenya Veterinary Services, Kivara, came to help with some daring equipment that African Apes Foundation supplied.

On August 15th it was an early start to get Madam to the airport on time. Kivara prepared the dart that I delivered and it was a smooth anaesthetic and recovery, thankfully. We said goodbye to Graziella and Kivara and loaded Chocolat into a DHL van for the first leg of our journey home. I rode in the van with Chocolat, and Monicah was in a DHL car that escorted us. We had several "pitstops" to offer drinks and food to Chocolat before arriving at Nairobi airport in plenty of time for our flight.

The DHL staff were totally efficient and friendly throughout, and nothing was too much trouble for our furry friend, Monicah, and me. We were able to stay with our lady to keep her contented throughout and most paperwork was done alongside our "cargo". We boarded our cargo plane on the first leg to Bahrain where we were greeted by yet more efficient DHL staff who found a quiet room for Chocolat where we fed and gave her drinks during the layover. With clockwork efficiency we were loaded into a second cargo flight and headed into the night sky - destination

East Midlands Airport, arriving 10am on August 16th. We had a smooth flight and our very caring pilot plotted a very gradual decent to landing so Chocolat would be less effected by pressure change.

We passed customs on the aeroplane, so we did not have to leave Chocolat and were quickly loaded into the Monkey World quarantine van for the four hour road trip home. We arrived around 4pm to be greeted by a very willing crew to unload Chocolat and release her into bedrooms at Bryan's house where she would settle in before meeting her new companions who are Bryan, Kangoo, Rodders, Lulu, Naree and Ash. But that's going to be another story! Monicah stayed with us here at Monkey World for two weeks as a familiar face to help settle Chocolat with her major life upheaval before returning home to Nanyuki, Kenya.



Monicah has been helping care for Chocolat for more than 10 years

Monicah worked with the chimpanzee team for two weeks to get Chocolat settled into her new home and routine at the park



Madam Chocolat



CHOCOLAT MEETS THE FAMILY

By Shaun Crompton



Madam Chocolat

Chocolat made her arrival known, as I heard her shouting before I saw the van she was travelling in.

We unloaded her quickly, got her crate up to Bryan's house, and as soon as we opened the slide she shot out and began investigating her new surroundings. We had prepared her bedrooms with lots more hosing and connecting platforms to make it easier for her to get around as the flat open ground she was used to was very different from her new environment. At first she wasn't terribly careful, throwing herself off platforms and landing heavily whilst also attempting to climb the mesh with one hand and her teeth! Thankfully she was more sensible once she calmed down and started using the hosing to gently lift herself up and down, getting the hang of it quickly, much to our relief.

Until now Chocolat lived a sedentary lifestyle, which created some challenges. She's used to having a lie-in, which meant we couldn't do anything with her in the mornings as she'd still be tucked up in bed! She'd also become accustomed to being hand fed, and would not touch the food we placed near to her as she expected us to mash it up and feed her like a baby. Thankfully, she has realised that she is more than capable of feeding herself, though she has been a bit more stubborn with some foods. I gave a little cheer on the day she finally peeled an orange for herself!

After letting her settle for a couple of days, we began Chocolat's introductions to her new family. We wanted her first meeting with another chimp to be a positive experience, so we decided on big sweet Bryan first, not that he left us with much choice as he sat pressed up against the slide that led to Chocolat, pointing at the padlock to

tell us to open it and let him in. One concern was that Bryan has a habit of grabbing new arrivals by the foot and spinning them around which, though he is only playing, we thought might be a bit overwhelming for Chocolat. Bry restrained himself and went with gently poking and politely backed off whenever Chocolat vocalised that she didn't find it funny anymore. Chocolat seemed unfazed by the whole experience and approached Bry confidently and seemed keen to suss him out. I wouldn't be so relaxed if I was in an enclosed space with a 63kg male chimp but Chocolat is made of tougher stuff!



Naree meeting Chocolat

Next we went with Naree, who we keep an eye on during introductions. She has a sweet side but that's usually not the side new arrivals are met with. At the mesh, Chocolat reached out to greet Naree, who pulled on, squeezed, and squashed Chocolat's fingers. Chocolat remained calm, which certainly threw Naree as she expected a bigger reaction and seemed puzzled why her aggression was ignored! When we opened up between them, she behaved herself and embraced Chocolat before sitting down to groom her- after she had hoovered up all of Chocolat's leftover food.



Naree and Chocolat

I was a bit worried about bringing in Kangoo, even though he's a sweet guy. We didn't know how he'd be now he's established in the group. He's also bottom in the hierarchy and might see a new arrival as someone he could pick on and dominate. Not a problem - he was friendly at the mesh and a perfect gentleman when we let him in with Chocolat, hugging her several times and gently



Kangoo really likes Chocolat and the feeling seems mutual!

grooming her before sitting quietly next to her and sharing some grapes and peanut butter. Out of all the chimps she has met so far, Chocolat seemed the most taken by Kangoo and I think he was happy to be around a female chimp who wasn't telling him off!

Chocolat has also met Ash, who is the real boss of the group despite us calling it 'Bryan's Group'. Chocolat's calm demeanour helped Ash, who can be quite nervous during introductions despite her large size and strength. After friendly interaction at the mesh, we opened up and after a moment's hesitation Ash gave Chocolat a welcoming hug before grooming her. As nice as it was, this first introduction didn't last long, as Ash could hear Rodders throwing a tantrum outside and wanted to join him, so we let her go rather than risk her becoming frustrated and taking it out on Chocolat.



Ash meeting Chocolat

Despite all these positive first meetings, Chocolat's introductions are far from over. Besides still having to meet Lulu and Rodders properly, it's clear from watching her with the others than she has a lot of chimp social behaviour to learn. Chimps communicate via a variety of gestures and vocalisations, but Chocolat is a very quiet chimp and often doesn't respond to the others because after years of isolation from her own species she simply doesn't understand. She's also much more interested in interacting with the Primate Care Staff so it's vital that we take things slowly to allow her to learn, adapt, and keep safe, as not reading social cues could land her in trouble with the others and she's at a physical disadvantage in defending herself. So far though, she's doing very well, and I am impressed with how resilient and tenacious she is- traits she'll definitely need if she's to live with Rodders!

GEOFFROY'S MARMOSET GIZMO ARRIVES FROM HAVANT

By Steph Sawyer



Gizmo is a Geoffroy's marmoset who was sold into the UK pet trade for more than £3000.

His initial owner soon realised that it wasn't easy to keep a marmoset along with their children and two dogs so he was given to a friend that lived nearby. Now his second family are moving, and so the initial owner contacted Monkey World, wanting Gizmo to have more natural life with an outdoor enclosure and companionship of his own kind. Gizmo surprised us all on arrival in September, by being really mobile and active, which isn't always the case with our pet trade rescues. He seemed to really enjoy having a large enclosure to move around in and did a lot

of exploring and leaping about, getting used to moving around on all of the branching. He's in pretty good shape for a pet-trade marmoset, with a healthy weight and without the usual rickets that we see in so many of our rescued marmosets, and some of his leaps around his new enclosure were truly impressive!

Gizmo has become used to life at Monkey World over the last few weeks and is slowly adjusting to a normal marmoset diet. He was keen on insects from the start but has taken some persuasion to try eating his vegetables! He's warmed up to the PCS, now happily coming over and taking rewards, which was helpful as he did need



Gizmo enjoys his indoor enclosure at Monkey World



Gizmo has now met Cesar and they have become good friends

a course of antibiotics when he arrived, as he came in with giardia- a parasitic infection normally caught through contact with dirty water or contaminated food, something we've seen before in rescued primates. Luckily, he took his medication like a pro, and is now truly settled into life at Monkey World. All that remains now is for us to find

Gizmo a suitable companion, which also means providing him with a vasectomy in the event that he ends up meeting a female. Monkey World's marmosets are all none breeding, ensuring that we save any space we have for rescues from the appalling UK pet trade.



Organix

A BIG THANK YOU to ORGANIX who have donated a year's supply of baby rice for the small monkeys.

MARCEL MEETS FREYA

It was both a sad and happy time this month for marmosets Marcel and Freya.

Freya has lived happily for many years with her companion Fred, but unfortunately recently elderly boy Fred's health deteriorated, and we had to say goodbye to our sweet, friendly old man. Fred was a truly wonderful little character, and though it was sad to see him pass away, it was an opportunity for our recent rescue Marcel to get his first ever girlfriend. Freya was very quiet after Fred died, and was clearly in need of companionship, but when first introduced to Marcel she didn't quite know what to make

of this hyperactive young upstart! However, during the first day of introductions, she gradually warmed to Marcel, who despite being a bundle of energy, was careful to be respectful when approaching Freya. Things progressed well over the next couple of days, as the two began to groom each other, explore together, and share a nice soft blanket together. When they were let outside for the first time, Freya didn't go out until she was sure Marcel was following and kept a watchful eye on him, making sure he was ok. Since then Freya and Marcel have become a nice pair, with Marcel wisely accepting that Freya is the one that's in charge. Marcel was a bit of a confused



Marcel and Freya

pet trade rescue who didn't really understand some of the marmoset basics, so he's learnt a few things from his new partner, such as how to forage for bugs, what food is the tastiest, and also how to tell the Primate Care Team off!

AWAN'S MOVE TO MEET JIN

By Donna Phillips

WINGHAM WILDLIFE PARK



A-mei & Awan

At the age of 13, Awan was a typical teenager, and didn't she know it.

She was a popular member of Tuan's group and regularly brought out the playful side to the others, even when they played hard to get. Everyone adored her and Awan was always at the centre of social activities. However, with three other mature females in the group, as well as her father Tuan, it was time for this young lady to fly the nest. We were pleased to hear that Awan could be moved to Wingham Wildlife Park in Kent where she would join Jin, who she had grown up with at Monkey World.

Awan was born and raised in Tuan's group, so this change was to be the first she had experienced. Alison and the team planned the day in detail. Before Awan started her travels, we wanted to give her a health check, including taking bloods, checking her teeth, weighing her, and giving her a microchip. This process went without a hitch after Awan took a hand injection which all our apes are trained for. The transport crate was ready for her to recover in and then the road trip to Kent could start.

I think it's fair to say that Awan was not a fan of the transport crate, but we did our best to keep her happy throughout the journey. The Wingham team were there to greet their new arrival and Awan needed no persuading to enter her new bedrooms. Once she was settled, the mesh panels were opened so that she could see Jin next door. Both were interested but they would have to wait until the following day to meet each other. The next morning after Awan had some much needed rest, the doors were opened between Jin and Awan. Jin was the perfect gentleman, eager to meet Awan but giving her the space that she clearly desired. Awan was intrigued - both had been together briefly at Monkey World but were very young at the time.



Rachel & Donna worked with the keepers at Wingham for a couple of days while Awan settled in. Here they are doing a cooperative training session with Jin & Awan

Over the next couple of days, Awan and Jin were given the additional space of a huge indoor playroom where they could see the neighbouring orangutan pair. Awan and the neighbouring female Molly were very interested in each other. Awan kept a safe distance from Jin but both appeared

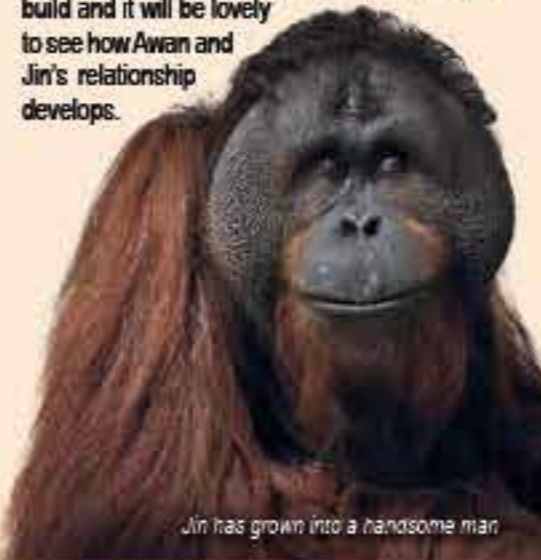


Awan and Jin's meeting was calm and good



The large indoor enclosure at Wingham gives them plenty of space

comfortable around each other. Fellow PCS Rachel and I stayed at Wingham for two days to help Awan settle into her new home and routine and since then, the pair have now been given access to a huge tunnel system and their outside enclosure. There is a lot for Awan to learn but I'm hopeful that her confidence will build and it will be lovely to see how Awan and Jin's relationship develops.



Jin has grown into a handsome man

MIMI GRADUATES FROM THE NURSERY

By Rachel Hensen



Mimi & A-mei



Mimi walked into the transport box

and was moved from the Orang-utan Nursery to Tuan's house in a matter of minutes

On August 15th, Mimi moved to Tuan's House from the Orang-utan Nursery.

Since joining us from Moscow in 2017, Mimi has been a huge character in the nursery and was very close to foster mum Oshine while she was growing up. Time has flown. Mimi is now nine years old and it has reached the point where it's time to broaden her horizons and meet some new friends. This will be good for Mimi, as meeting and getting along with other orang-utans is a useful skill to have and will help her adjust to any comings and goings throughout her life. It also makes it a little less busy in the nursery, which is home to a lot of growing youngsters with big personalities crashing around and getting bigger every day!

We didn't have very long to crate train Mimi before her move, but thankfully she has had experience of the mysterious travel box from previous training projects with Silvestre and Jin. We try to make training sessions fun and positive, and it was clear that Mimi

remembered the crate as a good game to play rather than something scary. Using positive reinforcement training, we were able to get Mimi to enter the crate and shut the door ahead of her short move over to her new home.

Moving house is a big deal so we have taken introductions slowly to allow Mimi time to adjust to her new surroundings. As she has previously lived with Roro in 2017, we tried the two of them together first, thinking this might be a good match. Mimi had other ideas and expressed her uncertainty about it all by banging things and swatting at Roro if she came anywhere near. Roro was very patient, and allowed Mimi to join in training sessions, share enrichment, and eat near her, but Mimi has been used to getting everything her way in the nursery environment and insisted on winding Roro up. Roro had earned a break from her behaviour, so we next tried A-mei, who Mimi seemed to accept more readily. As well as A-mei, she has also met Lucky, and the two of them seem to get on well. Introductions have progressed well and now all four ladies have been out in the enclosure together. The next big step was meeting Tuan, who was VERY interested in the new young lady in the house. Mimi had of course lived with Silvestre and Bulu Mata but neither were fully grown males with cheek pads. The day Tuan was let out into the enclosure with Mimi and the other ladies he made a beeline straight towards for her. Mimi was



After a couple of days of displaying at everyone, Mimi is now confident & happy with all the new ladies, which is a relief! A-mei, Mimi, & Lucky above



Tuan is very sure he likes Mimi but Mimi was playing hard to get!



Awan had a health check prior to being transported to Wingham Wildlife Park



Awan recovered from the anaesthetic in her transport box.



Before being loaded into the Monkey World van for transport to Wingham

CAPUCHIN LODGE MAKEOVER

By Donna Phillips

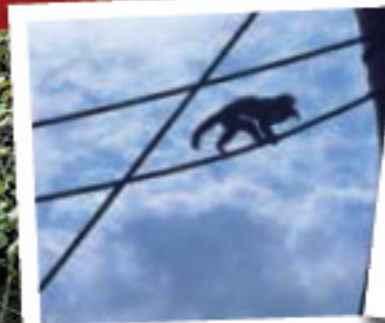


Mary

Over the past year, the lodge forest enclosure for the capuchins has given our maintenance team many headaches.

The enclosure itself is loved by the animals for its wild foliage and foraging opportunities, but with this comes boggy ground and with the increased rainfall, the fence line became unstable. We swapped in a group who would better cope with the reduced space of the adjoining caged enclosure and, then following the final stages of reinforcements, decided to bring four additional individuals to Erico's group who have returned to the lodge, once again. Ginger and Chook were brought from

Gizmo's. All had been struggling in their own ways and we hoped that the move could improve their welfare. The maintenance team built a temporary cage within the forest enclosure to provide additional space and flexibility whilst the major works continued, and this proved invaluable. Getting the new four integrated proved challenging but the group came together nicely and we've seen relationships and confidence grow more than we could have imagined.



Scarlet



Ginger



Molly

Erico's group are enjoying the wilds of the forest enclosure once again. We keep a close eye when we get a torrential downpour, but so far the hard work has paid off and the animals can be viewed foraging amongst rotten logs, gorging on wild berries and seeking the views from the tops of the trees.



Ginger & Phoenix

WOOLLY MONKEY MOVES

By Sharon Perry



Cassius is great, even favouring him over her special boy, Mani at times. He seems happy to have a break from her occasional overbearing attention- Oriana is not known for her subtlety! Carlos likes to still flex his muscles when Cassius is close, but otherwise both get along fine. And female Ayla, generally keeps to herself, but can also be found having some alone time with Cassius if Oriana isn't watching.

The final group introductions were at our Top woolly house. We moved dominant male, Chippy and his subordinate Xavi, and Eva with her young daughters Catalina and Xena to meet sisters Erya and Esmeralda. The young sisters were understandably wary of big male Chippy, and he respectfully kept a distance while they adjusted. Xavi, being a smaller and calmer male, who also has a way of winning females over, was accepted more easily. Erya is particularly taken with the handsome young male, and the two can often be seen spending time together. Catalina (4yr) is close in age to both Erya (5yr) and Esme (3yr), and the three quickly got into some hilarious play sessions. Eva and Xena transitioned well. Xena quickly got involved in some rough and tumble with the other young girls, while clever Eva watched on the side lines to check out the new females of her group. Eva asserted her authority over Erya and Esme, so everyone knew where they stood, and now the group has settled and are all doing really well.



Chippy's Group

We currently have 27 woolly monkeys living at the park living in four separate groups.

Occasionally we need to have a little switch around within our groups as individuals mature, and need to move on, or sometimes we notice that the social dynamics in a group have shifted, and some individuals aren't getting along anymore. Part of our success in housing woolly monkeys at Monkey World is down to our PCS paying attention to how the groups are getting along, and finding solutions to help create happier groupings to help reduce stress.

and he was a little unsure and very shy, but his lack of confidence worked in his favour, and the girls quickly realised he is a bit of a softy, and Quapa in particular is quite taken with the handsome young lad. Unsurprisingly, Enzo was a hit with the ladies; he is a small male, but does have a way with the girls. Also unsurprisingly, Paulo was not particularly interested in his new housemates, but is being very respectful towards them.

We had created the Bachelor Woolly group a few years back due to an influx of male births, but recently noticed that the boys didn't seem to have many positive social interactions, and so the decision was made to add some ladies! First stage of the restructure was to move our senior ladies, Piquita and Quapa, to join what was the bachelor group, headed up by dominant male, Claud. Claud joined the bachelor group when he was just four years old, and will be turning eight later in the year, which is when male woolly monkeys are considered adult. We were a little apprehensive at how he may respond to females, as he has a reputation for being a bit of a brute at times and is one of our largest males. We introduced him to Piquita and Quapa at the same time,

Our Barn woolly house received all new residents. Cassius was taken from the Bachelor group and Mani, an old housemate of Cassius, was moved to join him. A few days later, Carlos, Ayla and Oriana moved in to join the pair. The introductions were a little awkward at times. Cassius is a very sensitive and sometimes nervous individual, so didn't make as much of an effort to be friends with his new group members, and Oriana in particular was not his biggest fan initially.

After a few weeks and some adjustments to their daily routines, the group began to settle, and Oriana took a complete turnaround and now thinks



Crippy

MONKEY LIFE

By Susan Tunstall

Primate Planet Productions

We have now completed Monkey Life series 17. It will air at 5pm from Sunday 3rd November on Sky Nature with two episodes being shown each week. The whole series will also be available on Sky On Demand and Now TV from that date. As soon as we know when it will air on the Freeview channel we will let you know.



Awan & Jin reunited

Jim's Dream on YouTube

For those of you that haven't seen it or would like to watch again, the amazing story of Monkey World is now available to watch for free on YouTube.

Jim's Dream follows the late Jim Cronin setting up the park, meeting Alison and the park growing into the largest primate rescue centre in the world. You can find the documentary by going to the Monkey Life YouTube page or bit.ly/JimsDream



It's another action packed series, with new arrivals such as saki Neevah, orang-utan Awan leaving to be reunited with Jin, and finishing with the remarkable but heart breaking story of chimpanzee Chocolat. We hope you enjoy watching and catching up with all the primates at the park.



Neevah & Desmond

For information or questions related to the Monkey Life TV series, please contact info@primateplanet.tv.

Monkey Life Series 17 Premieres 3rd November at 5pm on sky nature





Peter

FROM UNDERSTANDING DOUC TO RELEASING DOUC

Our first douc arrived on Dao Tien in 2008 named Toastie. We kept her warm with skin contact, rehydrated her, she fed well, we let her rest... but she did not wake up. Over the years we have learnt that you cannot let newly rescued infants sleep too much. For the first 48 hours you have to be kind but ruthless. Rehydration and stimulation are crucial. Douc need a reason to live. This comes in two main forms: the forest and others of their own kind. They need to see a familiar world. Running in parallel to this we have evolved protocols for the management of the gut and lungs. Diarrhoea is never a good sign for anyone, but it is very serious for douc. What keeps our primate care staff the happiest is when you have a smelly infant. The familiar burp, stomach gurgle and fart of a healthy douc is not a nice smell, but we love it. It is the sign of a healthy gut and that means we are in with a chance of survival.

With La La, a healthy infant douc rescued in 2012, we got her to release stage at 2.5 years old. We tried to release her with the existing group on Dao Tien, Thanh's family. But the day before release, even with 24 hour supervision, at 4am a squeak and struggle for a minute was heard, then nothing more. At sunrise La La was dead and a large, reticulated python was sitting next to her trapped in the cage. After swallowing La La the snake spat her out as she was too large. The python had broken the feeding hatch to squeeze in and kill her. Over the years singular douc arrived, often barely alive or with broken bones or teeth marks. Some survived a few weeks, then ultimately the lungs and gut became a problem, they become sleepy and fade away. A little broken, we picked ourselves up and carried on.



La La



Anthony

Then in 2019 we rescued several douc, one after the other. Anthony, Me Luom, Vu, Anna and Red. With lots of little douc, we started to see a side to them we had yet to understand, and suddenly appreciated how fundamentally important they are for each other. Douc need douc. They live in the wild in small groups that come together as large super groups of over 60. Douc youngsters are never alone, never far from another douc, a mother, or an aunty who will care for them. We saw fabulous kinship, friendship, hierarchies and douc play – even something so like our own blinds man's buff. These gentle yet clever small primates suddenly displayed their true colours, their true characters- it was beautiful.

The years passed, the infants went into the trees every day to eat leaf, bark, and soil. But we noticed Anthony, the oldest approaching three years old, was very thin following a growth spurt. The leaves alone were just not enough, and we battled to save him. We lost him to total organ failure. Anthony helped us understand douc so much while he lived, and from valuable post mortem he helped us more after he had passed. Thank you Anthony. Feeling somewhat broken again we carried on, only to soon lose Luom to pneumonia. He was always the weaker one, arriving with huge physical and mental damage after living on a shelf with a chain and repeatedly falling off, hanging by his neck until the person keeping him illegally put him back. He had gone off with his friends to play, when a freak storm passed through. The Dao Tien team brought them in and dried them, but that night South Vietnam had one of the coldest night temperatures on record. All the Lorises went into torpor, and Luom became sick and died within 48 hours.

Reeling from his loss and feeling more broken than ever, we adjusted protocol: we introduced more to the diet than leaf - being careful to keep the leaf-eating gut safe. We introduced heaters on monitors if the temperature dropped in the cold season. We continued to read any published data on douc, we questioned rangers for their observations of wild douc - what do they eat in addition to leaf? Lots of seeds, nuts, lichen & bark... and we continued improving our protocols.



Peter arrived as an adolescent

Then Peter arrived, a super skinny adolescent douc. We now had the nutritional knowledge, as well as social knowledge. He lived and thrived. From just under 4 kg he bloomed to nearly 9 kg. At last we thought, a possible release candidate. Peter lived at least his first two years in the wild and had better knowledge than our other douc like Anna, Red and Quy, who arrived Dao Tien as tiny infants.

It was time to plan for a douc release. This time a strong adult, tracking his every move post-release.

We had to know if he survives, how he behaves. With any release there is risk, but we had to try. Living next to wild populations, you see the difference between captivity and the wild. It does not compare. We needed to be brave and give him a chance. With constant improvement in technology, satellite collars (which 10 years ago weighed over 500g, now weigh 170g) are now light enough for a douc to carry. Peter could be a trailblazer for other douc; if Peter does well, others like Vu & Anna and douc in other centres could follow.



Peter was fitted with a GPS/Satellite collar

After lots of preparation, in June 2024 Peter was fitted with a GPS/Satellite collar and released back to the wild on Dao Tien. We monitor him daily via a phone app that shows the GPS points of his movements. Our field team, using a VHF beacon, go daily and see him to ensure he is healthy and take the opportunity to see what he is eating.



Peter



Tracking Peter

He has met other douc, he is travelling well, and he is getting fitter. His large legs now are muscular and he leaps just like the wild douc. The final stage for him is to bridge the river in the dry season and head deeper into Cat Tien Forest. It is normal for male douc to travel on their own, or form a small band of similar males. Every day we observe Peter, smile and, importantly, learn. He still has more to do... but we will hopefully shadow him all the way until July 2025 when the collar drops off. We are rooting for you, Peter. This means so much to us all.



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Chocolat Enclosure & House Modifications

Inside the house bedrooms were adapted and an extra ground level tunnel added



In the playroom we have been lowering high platforms and making additional low walkways so Chocolat can safely move around



The designs of the walkways and lower benches will hopefully keep her safe



Additional cargo nets have been hung under the climbing frame in case she decides to climb up

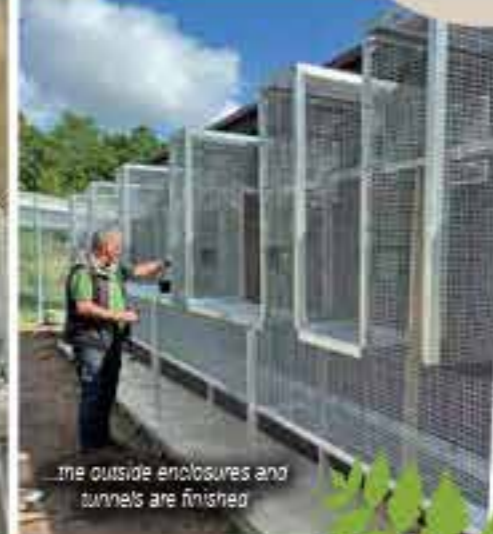


And low level platforms with shelters have been added so she can rest off the ground like the other chimps. Ash approves of the new designs

The baboon enclosure



The inside bedrooms at the baboon house are now complete and...



...the outside enclosures and tunnels are finished

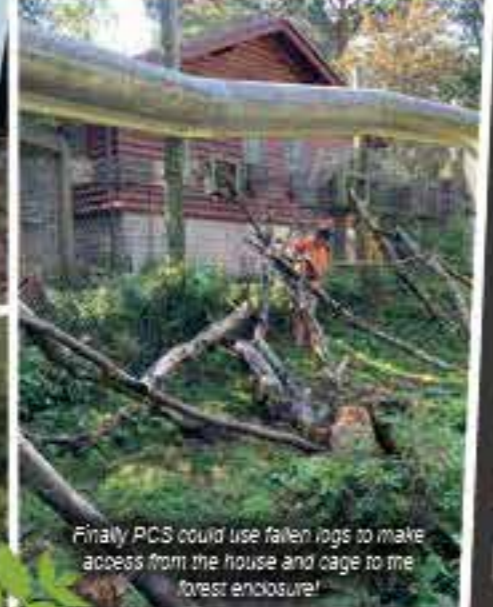
The Capuchin Lodge Fence Repairs



The fence was secured with steel pylons...



and then the chainlink and overhang reconstructed



Finally PCS could use fallen logs to make access from the house and cage to the forest enclosure!



Outdoor climbing frame platforms in Hananya's enclosure were replaced with plastic lumber



Repairing tarmac around the park

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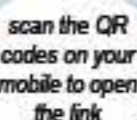
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The focus will be Primate Habitats and Adaptations on 22nd November!

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