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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

1998 has been a very emotional year for all of us at the park. With the help of 2CR Radio, DJ Graham Mack, over 60 businesses in Dorset, and the Royal Signal Corp, we were able to build Charlie a new house. This was important for two reasons. Now Charlie is able to live a more natural life, with a family, after he was kicked out of his old group and it has also allowed us to move our Nursery Group out of their enclosure so we are able to rescue more chimpanzees who need our help. Jim and I have uncovered a chimpanzee smuggling ring in Turkey but we are still struggling to enlist the full support of the Turkish Government. We have also been award winners, receiving the 1998 UFAW Animal Welfare Award for our Woolly Monkey Habitat. While we are organising the rescue of more apes in two different countries we have also had losses here at the park. No matter how many primates we rescue or how many years one works at this job, you never get used to the loss of a particular individual. Bob and Banghi will be missed by many but my sympathy goes to their keepers who give their all to make the lives of the primates here at the park as natural and interesting as possible.

Over the year we have also been called upon to rescue more monkeys in this country who have been kept as pets and whose owners no longer want them. Please remember that all primates are wild animals and do not belong in the hands of private individuals. The article about Charlie will give you some insight into the way in which our staff works with, watches, and cares for their primates. We also need your help in writing some letters; find the details in the Istanbul Express Update.

We have received help from many individuals who donate vitamins, toys, and funding. At this time of year, donations of cod liver and primrose oil are particularly welcome as we give them to the primates for dry skin. Some people have had fund raising tea parties, village hall sales, and school fundraisers. In particular the chimps owe a big thank you to Ben Mead who raised money for them by spending the night in a tree on Canford Heath. Mrs Mussell and her daughter Sarah, Ted Barnes, and Vera Senneck have been a continual support to the chimps for many years and their help is greatly appreciated. We also would like to thank the Southern Electricity Board for the kind donation of some telephone poles and Mr Tony Keil of Amtred for donating 40 litres of epoxy floor paint. A special thank you goes to Sue Legg for the design and construction of our carnival float, which won the Mayor's Cup.

While it is still under construction, we now have a web site courtesy of Dorset Web. You can reach us at www.hantsweb.co.uk/monkeyworld. And remember to stay tuned at the end of January to Meridian Television, as the second series of Monkey Business will be broadcast.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!


Scientific Director



CHARLIE'S NEW FAMILY & NEW HOUSE

by Dave Simmonds

Since the last edition of the ARC, a lot has happened for Charlie. So much so, that it is not possible to write down everything as it would make a whole book. However, I have been keeping notes about Charlie's daily life and his abridged diary looks something like this:

24 JUNE We moved Charlie and Pacito from the Templer Pavilions to their new house. Charlie's House had been specially built with the assistance of over 60 local companies and 2CR Radio station. Both Charlie and Pacito appeared to enjoy their new environment but I think they missed the up-close company of the public like they had in the Pavilions. They are currently kept inside the house as the outdoor enclosure is not finished yet.

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23 JULY

We moved the whole Nursery Group (Sally, Simon, Arfur, Jess, Bob, Hananya, Semach, Tikko, Gypsy, and the youngest baby who we are not allowed to talk about yet!) over to 1/2 of Charlie's House while Charlie and Pacito were in the other side. As each chimp was anaesthetised, Dr John Lewis also gave them a complete veterinary inspection. Tikko had an upper front tooth removed as it was broken and Semach had two lower front milk teeth removed as they were restricting the normal growth of an adult tooth. The movement and recuperation of all ten animals went very well.

On this day we also let Charlie and Pacito outside in their new enclosure for the first time. You may remember, Charlie had not had access to the outside for about 10 months after damaging his hand last year and Pacito probably had not been outside since he was 3 or 4 years old as his previous owners kept him chained inside a garden shed. Now at the age of 8 or more, Pacito would be entering a very alien environment.

When the slide was opened, Charlie was first to appear in the doorway.

After surveying his new enclosure he ventured out into the sun to explore and made his way straight to the lookout tower and climbed to the top. Pacito, however was a different story. From the comfort and security of the inside enclosure he surveyed his new domain and then launched a plastic bottle and a couple of carrots out of the door and walked away in disgust. In the mean time, Mojo's group was also outside and on the other side of a dividing fence in Charlie's enclosure. Everyone was very excited and showed submissive signs to Charlie. Charlie was as friendly as ever, his hand outstretched in a submissive gesture. Pacito was not impressed by the whole show and continued to launch carrots out the door.



▶ Charlie plays with Tikko

▶ Dave watches Peggy as she recovers from a general anaesthetic

25 JULY

The doors were opened at 9.00 and everyone except Pacito followed Sally and Charlie outside. Mojo's group were very surprised to see the new, large group of chimps next door but they did not appear to be aggressive towards Charlie and his new group. After an hour, every inch of the new enclosure was being investigated, yet Pacito still would not come out. The youngsters discovered an ant nest forming in one of the fallen trees, which proved to be a great source of entertainment. Later in the afternoon Hananya was seen throwing a large rock through the dividing fence between the two groups. It appeared Mojo was the intended target.

30 JULY

Today we attempted to introduce Chatta to Charlie's new group. The dividing gate between the two enclosures was opened so that she could run through into Charlie's house. Charlie, Sally and Simon were chosen to first meet Chatta. Chatta gave Sally a hug, and when Charlie could not get

near to Chatta, he waved his hand in frustration. Sally started grooming her. Semach, Bob, and Tikko were the next three to meet the new arrival. Chatta started presenting herself to all the babies, and after 10 minutes she was still unsure of Charlie. Pacito, Hananya, Gypsy, Jess and Arfur were next. Jess started a fight which escalated. Chatta was grazed on the left thigh but not seriously. After 1/2 an hour things were mostly quiet; Chatta being followed by a whole procession of chimps. Chatta gives Arfur a hug.

Pacito on the other hand does not know how to behave as Charlie has been his only role model. His behaviour is somewhat confused and gives all the wrong signals. Chatta starts becoming more and more self-confident as she realises she is not going to be challenged by Sally, Pacito is a scaredy cat, and Charlie just wants to be everyone's friend. Furthermore, none of the youngsters are going to tangle with a female who is larger than Sally.

Then it happened, Chatta, without cause, walked over to Simon and hit him. Unchallenged she then chased Jess and a few of the other young chimps. It was a serious game, which if left, could have become a serious matter. Taking everything into consideration it was decided to abort the introduction to another day and another chimp. Chatta was separated from the group.

20 AUGUST

An eventful morning as Pacito comes outside for the first time. He didn't look stressed and sat with everyone else to eat his breakfast.

24 JULY

Today we introduced the Nursery Group to Charlie and Pacito. They had spent the night in the right-hand bedroom with the Nursery group next door and both males had been banging the partition door, getting an excited response from the other side.

Sally's group were brought into a side bedroom, just off of the main left-hand enclosure. Charlie was then brought into the main room and the slide was opened for him to meet the entire Nursery Group. It is very difficult to write about all that went on, as there was so much happening. Fortunately, it was all filmed for the next series of "Monkey Business", so you will all have to watch! In a nutshell, Bob surprised a lot of us, and instigated the bonding process between Charlie and the group. Pacito's introduction was very similar, and at the end of the day, all the chimps were together.

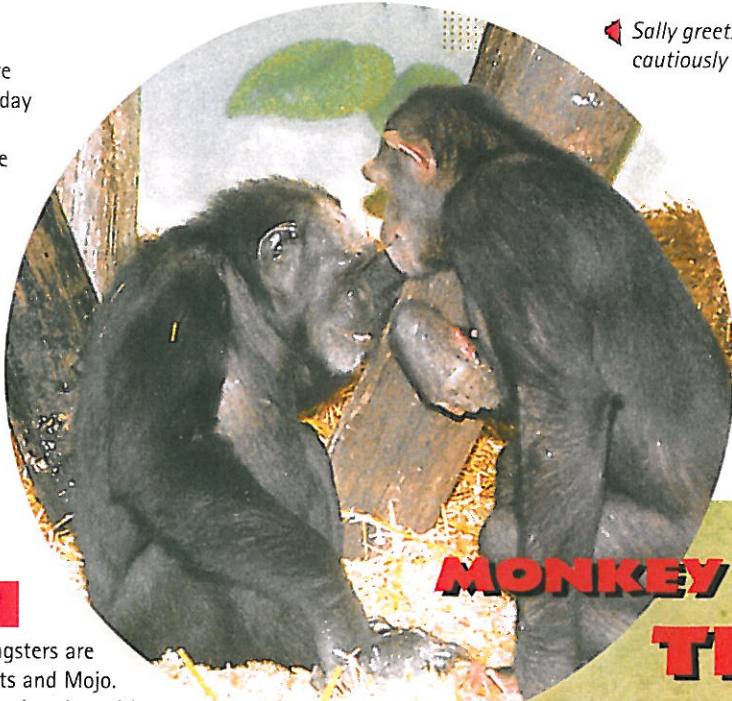
26 AUGUST

We decide to try more introductions again. Mojo is anaesthetised and moved into one room of Charlie's House. After he recovers for a couple of hours we move ahead and let Charlie in with him. Charlie makes a big display and then they decide to ignore each other. After 1/2 an hour we let Sally through who gives Mojo a big hug. Soon Mojo realises the best way forward and hugs both Charlie and Sally. After 15 minutes Pacito is let in. Pacito tries to hit Mojo and Sally stops him. End of Round 1 and it's time for some food. Mojo is desperate for something to drink but is too scared to come down. After an hour Mojo is seen grooming Charlie.

While the adults are kept inside for the day the youngsters are let out. Without the supervision of the adults there is a lot of unruly behaviour. Meanwhile Mojo sticks with Charlie while Sally and Pacito hang back and watch. They are left together overnight.

introductions, Tikko remains a star and on this occasion walks up to Mona and bends over submissively. Hananya and Tikko both investigate Peggy. Simon then makes the rounds hugging all the newcomers.

Then when everything looks good, Charlie decides to display and knocks everyone in his way flying. Eventually both Charlie and Pacito are taken with Peggy. Charlie mates her. By the end of the day everyone, including the keepers, look exhausted. The chimps have their dinner and spend the night together for the first time, all 15.



◀ Sally greets Mona cautiously

29 AUGUST

The doors are opened at 08.30 and the group has access to the entire outside enclosure. Sally was first into the new enclosure, which used to be Mojo's. Meanwhile, Mojo and Mona decided that they would explore the other side where Charlie's group had been. The youngsters were quick to spot Sally in the new enclosure and followed her lead. The feeding of ice-lollies at 13.00 went surprisingly well. Even Charlie was good and only chased 1 youngster in order to get his 6th lolly!

With the introductions Mona has become young again. She is seen running around and playing with most of the youngsters who play as rough with her as they would each other. All is going very well. Pacito continued to display without cause so we have decided to move him into the Bachelor Group. He will fit in better here and not be a continual disruption to the women and children.

NOVEMBER 1998

Now it is a couple of months later and Charlie's Group is holding together well. We are pleased with the progress we have made at integrating all of these unrelated chimpanzees as they can now live a more natural life as they would have in the wild.

27 AUGUST

First thing the youngsters are let in with the adults and Mojo. Mojo shows his apprehension with a fear grin and runs for the top of the climbing frame. Arfur and Semach try to hit Mojo while Bob tries to make friends. Pacito continues to make unnecessary displays and noise. After about 20 minutes the young males are all playing with Mojo. He is still very nervous. By 08.30 we give the chimps loads of food and drink. By 11.00 all is quiet, Mojo has been resting alongside of Pacito and the youngsters all want to play with the new lad.

28 AUGUST

Peggy and Mona are anaesthetised and moved into Charlie's House. By 09.05 the girls are wide-awake and we let Charlie in to meet them. No problem and Charlie relaxes on the floor. Then it's time for Sally. While there are no major troubles, Sally does not like Mona very much. Then it's Mojo and Pacito's turn. Peggy and Mona greet Mojo and Pacito launches into more unnecessary displays. Everyone ignores him.

We left all the adults for an hour and then let in the youngsters. While there was a lot of screaming there were no serious fights. Throughout all the

MONKEY WORLD RECEIVES THE 1998 ANIMAL WELFARE AWARD



Dr Jane Goodall (left) and Dr James Kirkwood (right) present the 1998 UFAW Animal Welfare Award to Alison Cronin and Mike Colbourne for the Woolly Monkey Habitat.

A VOLUNTEER'S VIEW

By Brenda Longman

I first visited Monkey World in September 1996 whilst on holiday. Following the television series "Monkey Business" my interest was fuelled by encounters with the TV stars Charlie, Paddy, Rodney, Jimmy, Pacito, and the babies. It was wonderful to recognise the animals, watch their behaviour and get to know the animals by sight and by name. It was not long before I started working as a volunteer educator at Monkey World. After many hours of watching the animals, I feel I have a unique insight into their personalities.

Feeding time can vary from a sedate and quiet forage through the long grass for sunflower seeds to wonderful mayhem when the arguments break out. On seeing some foods such as oranges, the chimps in Paddy's Group hoot or bark with glee and start hugging each other for a minute or two, congratulating themselves on finding wonderful food. One day, Jill, the keeper on duty, threw oranges to them, watching to see that each chimp got a share. When Paddy and other dominant animals were chewing happily, Jill called to Peppa, a low-ranking female, sitting on the outskirts well behind a small mound and threw her an orange. As she moved to catch it, a hand came up from behind the mound as a hidden chimp leapt up and intercepted the fruit causing the audience to cheer enthusiastically and clap like a crowd at a cricket match after an amazing catch.

I always laugh when French bread is on the menu. Many chimps, and Rodney in particular, seem to be able to grab more than they can carry in their two hands and mouth. A chimp's foot has a big toe rather like a thumb allowing it to climb with ease. Rodney uses his left foot to hold a half a French loaf, forcing him to run away hopping on his remaining empty foot, and the side of the left, trying to escape from marauding chimpanzees. Inevitably the others are faster than he is. However, in chimp protocol, it is prohibited to steal food from a higher-ranking chimp; although some do. Envious chimps sit with their eyes about two centimetres away from the mouth of their feeding friend. To drop the food accidentally invites immediate theft of the morsel and a quick getaway for the culprit.

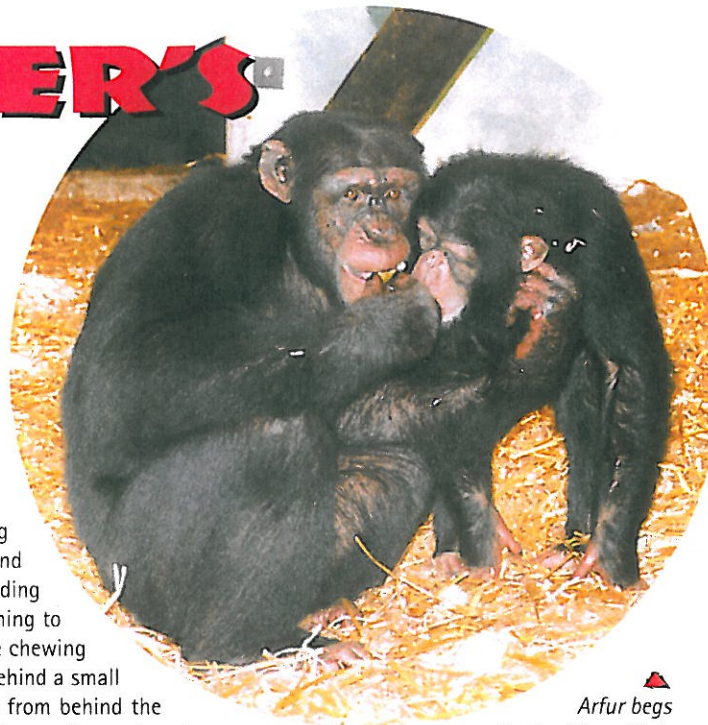
Other incidents stick in my mind. Whilst letting a group of visitors know about the keeper talks, I mentioned the big chimp talk of the day at the Templer Pavilions. One small boy asked me "Who gets them to talk?" Charlie always draws a lot of attention, as he is our film star. I heard a little girl no more than seven, pull at her mum's sleeve and say "He looks just like nanny on a bad hair day".

Moving the Nursery Group to Charlie's House on 23 July was a big day for everyone, chimps and keepers alike. The babies in the Nursery were sedated by the vet one by one and carried by Jeremy to the nearby Charlie's House. It must have been stressful for them to see their mates taken out one by one, not knowing where they were going. Sally, the babysitter was left to the last, to comfort the remaining animals and also because she was more cunning at avoiding the vet's needle than the younger ones. The introductions between Charlie, Pacito and the Nursery Group went well and nobody was hurt. It took all day and the staff kept going until the job was done. They

must have been very tired. A visitor who watched the whole proceedings asked me "Do they move the chimps around like this every day?" An hour or two after the introductions, when the public were let into Charlie's House, I saw Charlie lying flat on his back and Bob sitting on his face. Bob thought Charlie was wonderful.

Introducing Mojo to Charlie, Pacito, and the Nursery Group was done on the kitchen side of Charlie's House. It was a very busy day and the Meridian TV Crew were filming the whole event. I helped out by talking to the public and keeping the visitors from climbing over a barrier which was put up for the introduction. As I talked to the visitors about the proceedings, we could hear screams and banging, but could not see what was going on next door. The young chimps, who we were watching, could also hear the noise as the adults were introduced. At one time Hananya, Simon and Gypsy were perched half way up the dividing metal door, hanging on with their fingertips, peering through a one centimetre gap, trying to see the action. They were obviously excited as their hair was standing on end, they had open fear grins on their faces, but they were very interested. By the time the visitors were allowed to see the adults there was some semblance of normality. Mojo's displays caused Charlie and Pacito to scream, bark and display back but they were all settling down.

As we watched, Sally, who was in season at the time, did the occasional slink past the males, stopping craftily with her bottom close to Mojo's face, distracting him from the tension. Her long shapely legs and body seemed longer than usual and she knew she was beautiful and irresistible! She has been a peacemaker in the past and I wonder whether she had this in mind at the time or was it just her hormones speaking? Mojo is a handsome male after all,



Arfur begs for food from Mojo

bigger than Charlie and Pacito. A while later, I saw Sally pirouetting around the floor on her own, obviously a very happy chimp.

A day later it was evident that Tikko and Bob were fascinated by Mojo. They both tried to get close, looking at his rear end, trying to smell him. Mojo, still disturbed, was hooting and barking high up on a diagonal beam, with the little ones below him. Bob climbed up to meet Mojo, standing below and reached out to Mojo with his right hand, in a gesture of reassurance and friendship. They held hands for a few seconds, a quiet moment of understanding and then the shrieks and displaying all started up again.

I do admire the keepers and staff at Monkey World for their absolute dedication. They only have the animals' interests at heart, trying to make their lives as natural and happy as possible. When accidents or illness occur, as they do, or the state of a new arrival, battered, abused and neglected, it must be terribly difficult to cope with. Years of time and love are invested in an animal and must be faced when nothing can be done to save an individual. Keepers lose good friends and we should realise this. However, they just keep going on, rescuing new animals year after year when no one else will. When we, the public see the contented animals, it is easy to just take it for granted, not thinking about the caring, hard work that goes on behind the scenes trying to make good what mankind has done to our closest living relatives in the past. I wonder whether the primates ever forget the cruelty and starvation of their lives before Monkey World? In view of the terrible beatings he received, the drugs he was shot up with, and the abuse of having his teeth knocked out by his beach photographer owner, perhaps Charlie's brain damage can be seen as a blessing in disguise, if he is able to forget the past.



ISTANBUL EXPRESS

Following the last issue of the ARC, we have been overwhelmed by the public support for our mission to rescue the illegally held chimpanzees in Turkey.

Our progress is as follows:

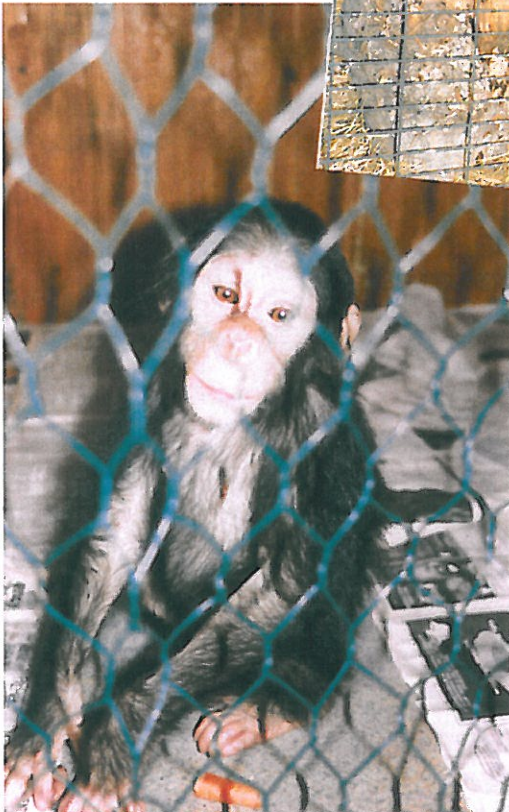
5 AUGUST - Jim and Alison fly to Ankara to meet with Government Officials to discuss the possibility of confiscating smuggled chimpanzees. The meeting is a huge success and the Government Officials suggest that we begin confiscations the following Monday in Istanbul!

8 AUGUST - Our veterinarian, Mike Nathan, flies out to assist with the confiscations.

10 AUGUST - Assisting the Ministry of Forestry, Jim and Alison split up with Government Officials and Police and head to the known locations of the illegal chimpanzees. Jim heads to the Asian side of the city where he and the Police confiscate Romeo while Alison and Mike head to the bazaar on the European side

Romeo and Garip while they were together in the dog kennels

The little girl without a name or a mother



and confiscate Garip. Sadly, the little girl without a name is no longer at the bazaar. The police raid a farm on the outskirts of the city that they know is owned by the same man who was trying to sell the little girl without a name. The baby is nowhere to be found.

The two chimps are transported to a temporary holding facility outside of Istanbul and are left in their travelling boxes overnight. They get fed and watered.



11 AUGUST -

Alison and Jim prepare two dog kennels to temporarily hold the baby chimps. The kennels are cleaned out as they previously held birds and are still soiled and Jim and Alison fill them with straw, logs, and ropes. Garip and Romeo are let out into their cages. The staff at the centre, do not know how to feed or look after the babies so Jim and Alison start training them. Garip and Romeo are both given Wormer as their

bellies are big and they are started on dilute baby milk, porridge, fruit, and bread.

13 AUGUST - Alison and Jim put Garip and Romeo together for the day and they get along fine. Romeo is a bit stronger than Garip and teases him a bit. Monkey World offers to send a keeper over to continue looking after the babies as Alison and Jim must return to England. The Quarantine Centre refuses the offer.

15 AUGUST - When we check with the Quarantine Centre they say they have separated Garip and Romeo so they are back in solitary confinement.

20 AUGUST - We are now concerned about the future of Garip and Romeo and the other chimps who need to be rescued. We are a long way away, the Quarantine staff do not really know what they are doing with the baby chimps, and the future of the rescue operation is questionable.

Jim and Alison fly back to Istanbul and hold a major international press conference to let the Turkish media know of our progress and background. Reports follow in many of the national newspapers and on the national TV station, ATV. International reports are published and broadcast on CNN, Sky TV, GMTV, The Express, The Sunday Times, and the LA Times.

23 AUGUST - The Turkish Government is sent letters from Dr Jane Goodall of the Jane Goodall Institute (JGI), Dr Shirley McGreal of the International Primate Protection League (IPPL), and from the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), Switzerland, all recommending that the confiscations should go ahead and that the baby chimps should be sent to Monkey World.

UPDATE - Since then, the British Government have taken the extraordinary step of issuing import permits for 8 chimpanzees from Turkey in order to encourage the Turkish Officials to export Garip and Romeo and to proceed with enforcing the wildlife laws which make it illegal to smuggle chimpanzees from the wild. We are concerned as winter is coming in Istanbul and the dog kennels where Garip and Romeo are held do not have any heating.

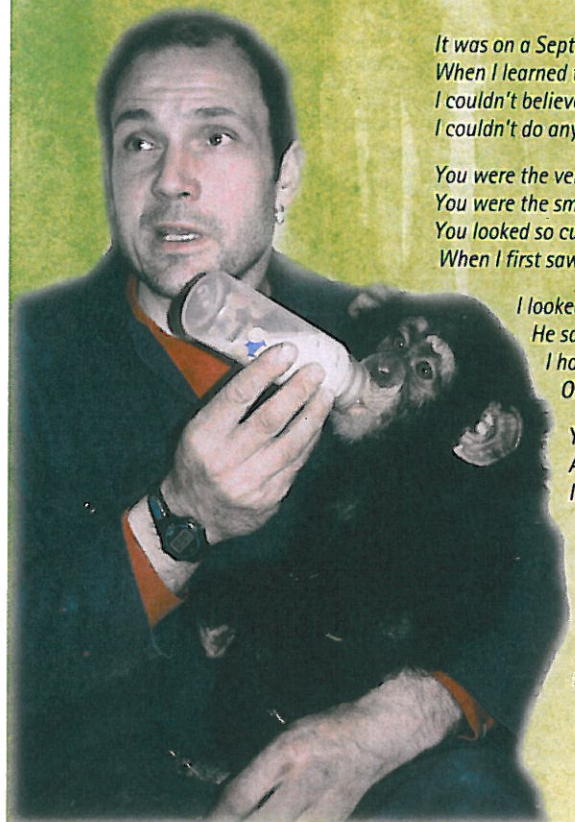
To make matters more complicated, we have had additional sightings of baby chimpanzees in Marmaris, Bodrum, and Ankara. As always, we have told the Turkish Government that we will rehome and rehabilitate any baby chimps they confiscate but we must wait for their initiative. We have been faxing many officials and we are hopeful that they will respond soon. We have also been sending all of your petitions to the Turkish Ambassador, one by one. To date we have sent over 4,600!!

HELP!

Monkey World and the baby chimps could use your help again. This time we would like you to personally write, fax, or phone the Turkish Ambassador asking of the future of Garip and Romeo and all of the others who are still being smuggled from the wild, into Turkey, for the illegal pet trade. His name and address is: Ozdem Sanberk, Turkish Ambassador, Turkish Embassy, 43 Belgrave Square, London, SW1 8PA.

They need your help!

MY VERY SPECIAL FRIEND



*It was on a September morning Bob,
When I learned that you had died,
I couldn't believe what I was reading,
I couldn't do anything; I just sat down and cried.*

*You were the very first chimp that I adopted,
You were the smallest in the Nursery by far,
You looked so cute and so cuddly,
When I first saw you I could say nothing but Aah!*

*I looked on as Jeremy fed you,
He sat you down upon his knee,
I had only one thing on my mind at that time,
Oh how I wished instead of Jeremy, it was me.*

*You were such a curious little chimp,
Always mischievous, always up for a dare,
I will always remember you clearly,
Those big brown eyes, that tufty black hair.*

*You teased and tormented the others,
You got away with it; you had the charm,
And you knew that no matter what you did,
As long as Sally was around, you'd come
to no harm.*

*I watched as you played in the Nursery,
You would always fight to win,
But there was something that you hadn't thought of
You weren't quite big enough to get out of the bin.*

*You were often caught being naughty,
You didn't often do right,
You were seen throwing stones with Simon,
And with Semach you started a fight.*

*I counted the days till I could see you,
Special friends like you are so rare.
I have already planned my next visits,
But this time, you won't be there.*

*I have only one thing to be thankful for,
And that's the staff, your sisters and brothers,
For it's with them that you were to end your days,
And not abused on the beaches like so many others.*

*Your life it was so precious,
It came to a very abrupt end,
But you will be in my thoughts forever Bob,
So rest in peace now My Very Special Friend.*

**Saira Robertson
Leeds, West Yorkshire**

HOW YOU CAN HELP

First and most importantly, please write a letter to the Turkish Ambassador as soon as possible.

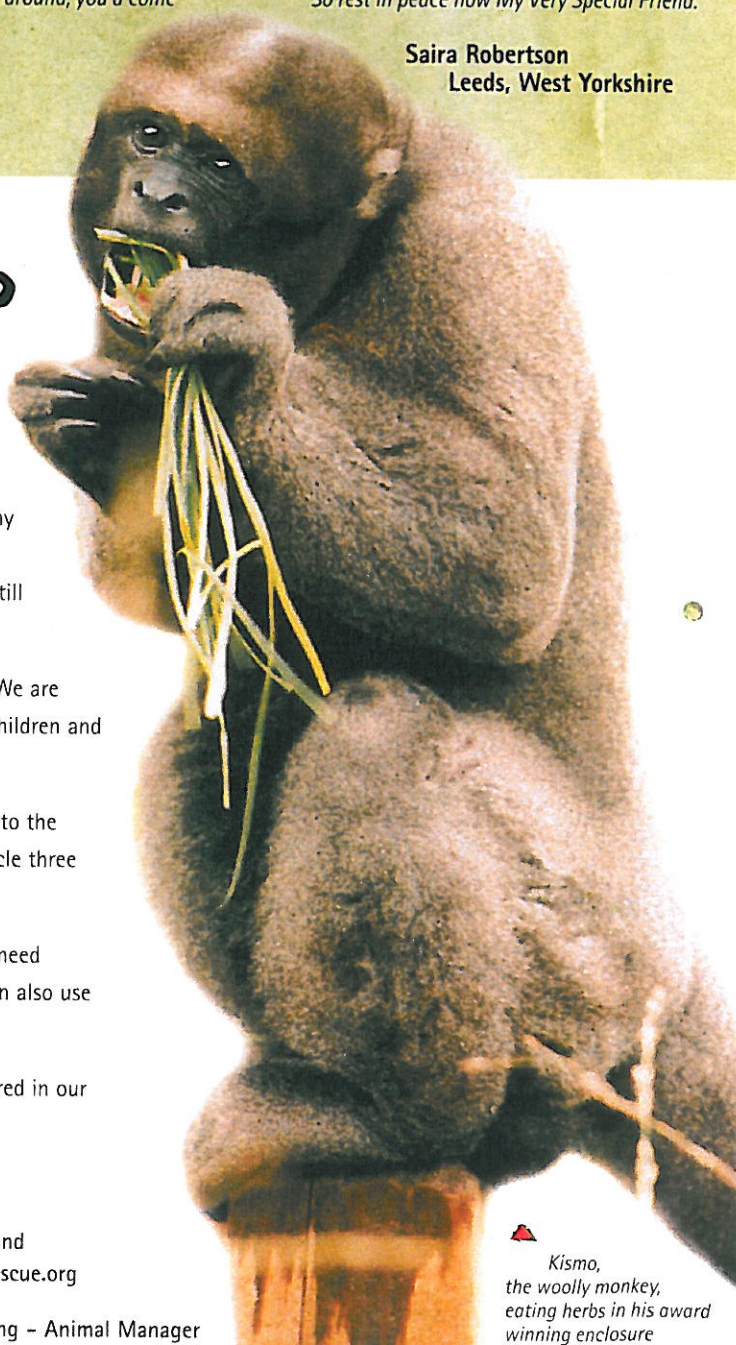
There are many ways which you can help Monkey World to rescue and rehabilitate more chimpanzees. All donations go into a 100% fund. Every penny goes to the animals; **NO ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ARE REMOVED.** Our negotiations are continuing in order to rescue the Turkish babies and we are still after the very last beach chimp in Spain. Please help us to help them.

Monkey World is also raising money for the Laurie Parkin Education Centre. We are planning to build a multi-media centre at the park that will help to educate children and adults to the plight of primates around the world.

You can help by adopting a monkey or ape and you will receive a year's pass to the park, a photo of your monkey or ape, a certificate, and the Ape Rescue Chronicle three times per year.

Help by donating goods such as fruit, vegetables, or bread. The primates also need vitamins and minerals such as cod liver and primrose oil and vitamin C. We can also use thick rope and heavy-duty dog toys.

Establish a legacy for the long-term welfare of the primates and be remembered in our memorial garden.



Kismo,
the woolly monkey,
eating herbs in his award
winning enclosure

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