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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Since the last edition of the ARC, a lot has been happening at the park. As you will probably know, we have been campaigning and fighting to ensure that Trudy is allowed to stay with her adopted family here at Monkey World. The final hearing, when her previous owner will be sentenced for 12 charges of cruelty, is on 9 April. Ironically, this is also Trudy's birthday. Many people have donated to the Trudy Defence Fund and we are also grateful for the tremendous response we had had with petitions. Jim and I intend to deliver them to the Government personally. Special thanks go to Mr Robert Vince of Ideas International Ltd. Who organised and had all our petitions done for free. We have also moved many chimpanzees in order to find the correct group for each individual. I have included a brief rundown on all of our chimpanzee groups so that everyone is up to date

and also because I have received some letters asking why particular chimpanzees were not mentioned in the last edition. As we are asked to rescue more and more primates, it is difficult to include everyone in each issue, but be assured that we always keep adoptive parents in touch with any relevant news.

Because many of the primates we rescue come to us in such a poor condition, we are developing our hospital facilities. The list of medical equipment we need is lengthy but Dr Bob Gilson of Gilson Inc. has helped us to secure much needed equipment. Robert McCue of Ohmeda has provided retired anaesthetic machinery and we are now developing plans for a new hospital.

Over the winter we have been remodelling and improving the primate's enclosures. We always try

to change and expand climbing frames, etc. every year so that life is that much more interesting for the tenants. Steve King of Southern County Access Ltd has been a great help with scaffolding and crew for the improved enclosures.

Donations help with some of this work and there have been some very creative fund raising ideas. The primates have been helped with sponsored fasts, vegetarian pledges, carol singing, and school shops. We have also received donated vitamins, fruit and vegetables, heavy dog toys, and SMA milk. We would like to thank all those who have helped to rescue and rehabilitate some of our closest living relatives.


Scientific Director

TRUDY, TRUDY, TRUDY

On January 18th, Mary Chipperfield was tried on 12 counts of cruelty against Trudy at Andover Magistrates Court. The case took over a week to hear and Jim Cronin was called to give expert evidence about the conditions and the treatment Trudy suffered at the Chipperfield's winter quarters. On January 27th Mary was found guilty on all 12 charges of cruelty and then claimed that Trudy was not her personal property but property of her company, Chipperfield Promotions Ltd. Since the company was not convicted of cruelty, Mary said that Chipperfield Promotions Ltd. wanted Trudy back.



Trudy riding on Jess' back

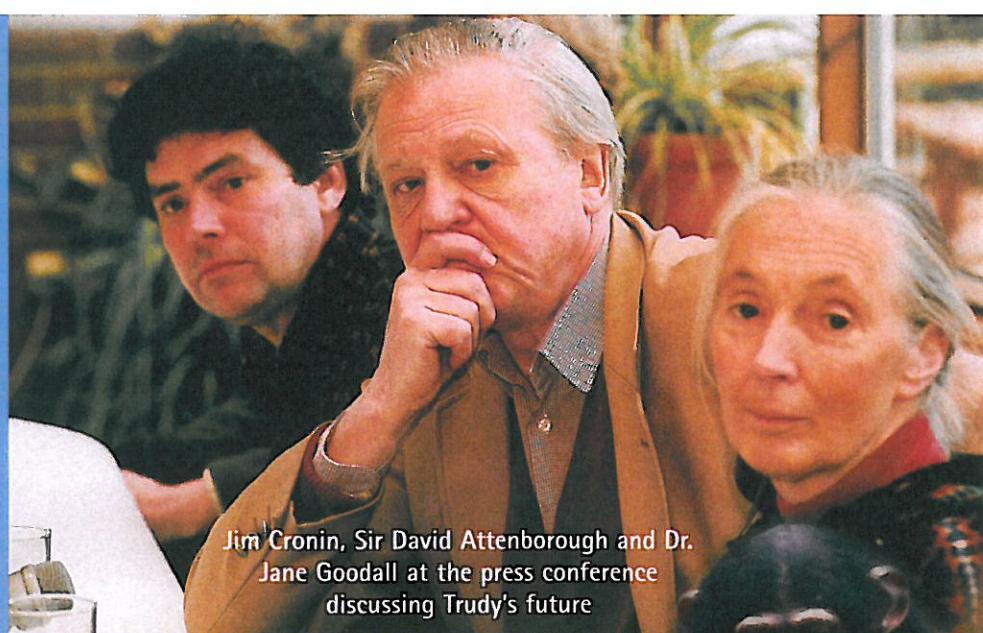
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At this, the public in the courtroom went wild and the Crown Prosecution Service objected, as they had been lead to believe by Mary Chipperfield that she owned Trudy. The magistrate hearing the case refused to proceed with sentencing until he was able to hear arguments from the Prosecution and Defence as to who was the owner of Trudy. The date for this hearing and sentencing was set for April 9th which was also Trudy's birthday.

Since then Trudy has become a National Icon with the press all wanting to know how she is and what will happen to her now. Trudy has been adopted by a group of eleven. She has an adopted Mum, Peggy; a father, Rodney; two aunts, Mona and Cherri; six brothers, Simon, Arfur, Tikko, Semach, Hananya, Gypsy; and one sister Jess. Both Peggy and Jess carry Trudy on their backs while Rodney and all her brothers enjoy playing with her throughout the day. As a baby, Trudy is the favoured member of the group and is spoiled rotten.

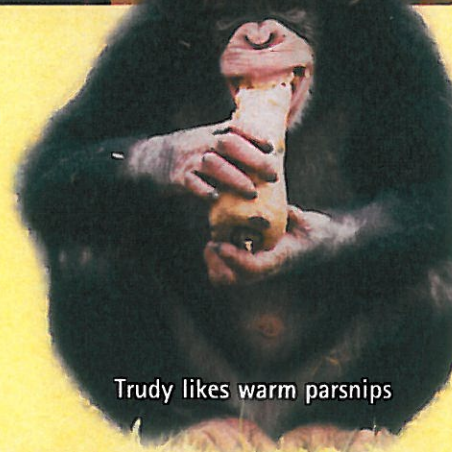
On February 6, we organised a committee of five independent primate experts to come and assess Trudy and her new family. They included Dr Jane Goodall, the World's leading chimpanzee expert, Sir David Attenborough, conservationist and zoologist, Dr Phyllis Lee, Head of Primate Behaviour at Cambridge University and President



Jim Cronin, Sir David Attenborough and Dr. Jane Goodall at the press conference discussing Trudy's future

of the Primate Society of Great Britain, Dr John Lewis, International Zoo Veterinary Group, and Mr Douglas Richardson, Curator of Mammals of London Zoo. The committee observed Trudy and came to the unanimous decision that it would be an act of cruelty to remove Trudy from her adopted family.

While we are sure that the British public and all of our supporters would do everything possible to stop Trudy from being returned to Mary Chipperfield, or any associated companies, we will continue our campaign to keep Trudy where she belongs - with her adopted family of chimpanzees.



Trudy likes warm parsnips



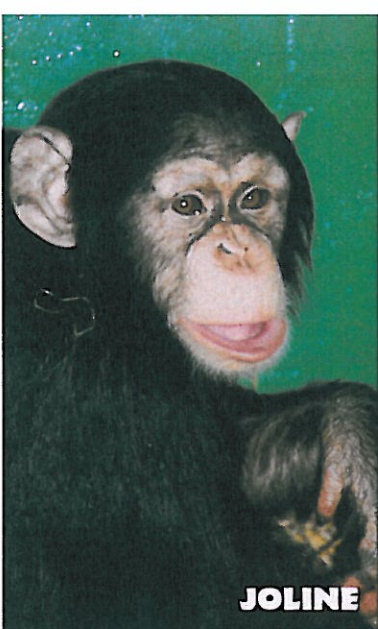
ISTANBUL EXPRESS UPDATE II

Since the last edition of the ARC, a lot has happened in Turkey. We have communicated with the Turkish Government who have decided to try and set up their own centre for the confiscated chimpanzees. While we would have liked to ensure the chimp's wellbeing at Monkey World we are happy to support the Turkish Authorities with their enforcement of wildlife laws.

Thanks to all the support we have received our non-stop campaigning seems to have worked. Over the past few months, another 3 chimpanzees have been confiscated! We understand that one is a 7 year old female but we do not know the details of the other two yet. We will be providing the details, and assistance if necessary, for the confiscations of a further 15 illegal chimpanzees in Turkey. All the details of our investigative work are currently being documented at the request of Interpol who have a special wildlife branch. We are hopeful that with the backing of the Turkish Government and Interpol all the illegal chimpanzees will be confiscated and the smugglers will be caught and prosecuted.

Our offer to assist with confiscations and to rehome the confiscated chimpanzees remains. We will continue to work in cooperation with Turkish Authorities to ensure the smuggling from Africa stops.

You can help by letting us know if you see any chimpanzees being used for photographs or sold as pets in Turkey. Write all details down; where they are, how many there are, who owns them, etc. If possible candid photos of the chimps and their owners would also be a great help.



JOLINE



MARJOLINE



VALERIE



EVELINE

FOUR MORE RESCUED!!!



Eveline and the others lived in a small cage at the laboratory

On 12 February Jim and Alison Cronin arrived back at Monkey World with four more baby chimpanzees. While the journey had not been a long one, the preparations for this rescue have been under discussion for over a year. The four little girls, named Valerie, Joline, Marjoline, and Eveline, were rescued from a laboratory in Holland, which has decided to reduce the size of their chimpanzee colony.

The rescue was organised in cooperation with the Biomedical Primate Research Centre (BPRC). They are showing their commitment to reducing the number of chimpanzees they house, by initiating the retirement programme with four young females. In terms of breeding and research, Valerie, Joline, Marjoline, and Eveline would have been extremely valuable to any primate research facility.

The four youngsters had lived in very small cages with others of their own age. The first night at Monkey World we put them into the nursery where they had a lot more freedom with climbing frames and fire hoses to play on. The little girls were a bit nervous when they first entered their new home and Sally who was in an adjoining bedroom to the nursery closely monitored their every move. Sally was desperate to

meet the new arrivals, but we decided to hold off until the following morning when everyone was a bit more comfortable. On the morning of the 13th, we let Sally in with the four babies and the response was amazing. All at once the littlest, Eveline ran to Sally and jumped onto her belly. Sally embraced Eveline and has never let go; she found a new mum! In fact, Sally has adopted all four and the new Nursery group is settling in well. We will keep you posted of their progress.

We are hopeful that our joint project with BPRC will continue and that all the chimps will be retired at Monkey World - Ape Rescue Centre.

Joline peers out of the box before her journey to Monkey World

Since the last edition of the ARC, there have been a lot of changes to the chimpanzee groups. Monkey World's success in rehabilitating unrelated chimpanzees is unparalleled and we believe that a great part of this success is the result of finding the appropriate group for each individual. All chimpanzees are different; just like people, so we make decisions on where each individual would best fit in based upon their unique character.

1 Moves started in September when Chatta was moved from Charlie's group to Paddy's. She was aggressive towards the youngsters but has fit in very well with Paddy's adult mob. Jimmy helped her to settle in by protecting her during the introductions.

2 As Pacito displayed too often, usually upsetting the group, he was moved into the bachelor group but the boys proved to be too rough for him. We moved him back to the temporary facilities with Charlie until little Seamus is ready to meet them.

3 Charlie was also moved into the temporary facilities while the outside enclosure was being remodelled. All of his displays indoors just upset the females and youngsters.

4 Rodney was moved from Paddy's group to Charlie's group when the 14 females decided that Paddy was the dominant male and it was time for Rodney to retire.

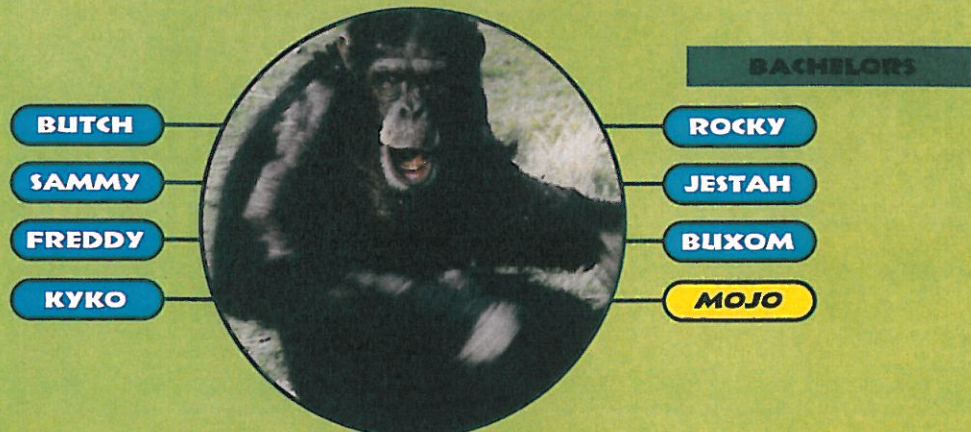
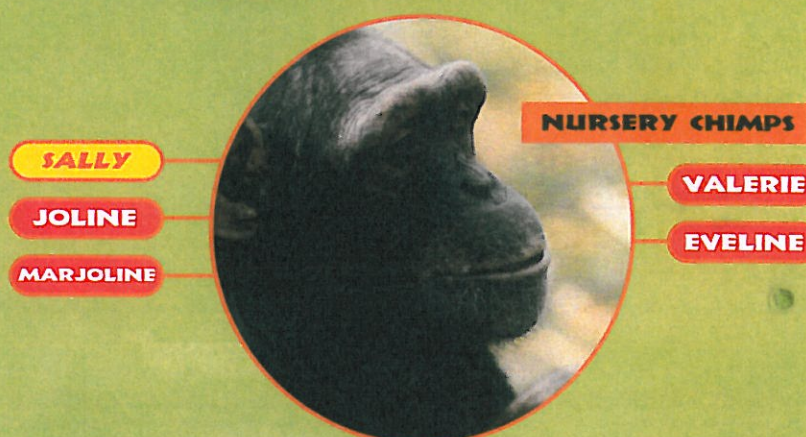
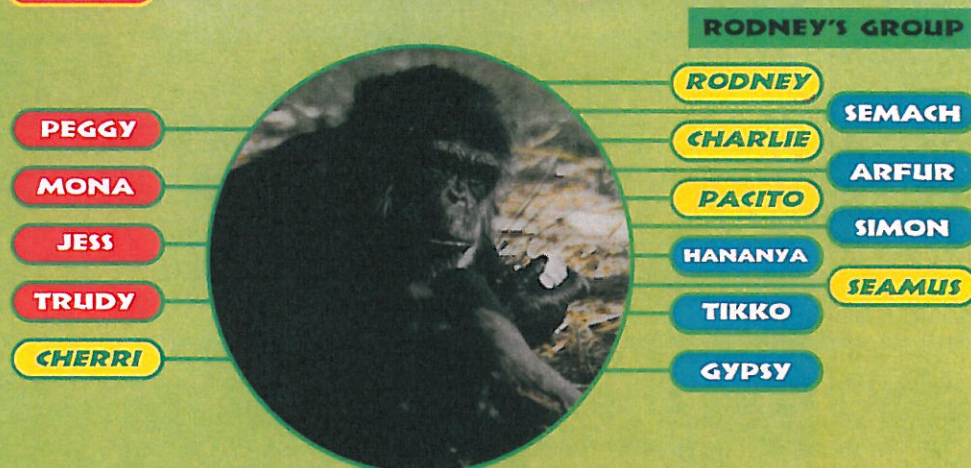
5 Mojo was moved in with the boys and took to all of them instantly. A true hooligan.

6 Sally was moved to the nursery prior to the arrival of the new babies. She is clearly happiest mothering young ones and perhaps more importantly being in charge!

7 And finally, Cherri was moved into Rodney's new group when we were certain that she was very pregnant. As a young, subordinate female, she did not stand a chance of looking after her baby in the big group. Mother and baby are doing well.

WHO'S WHERE

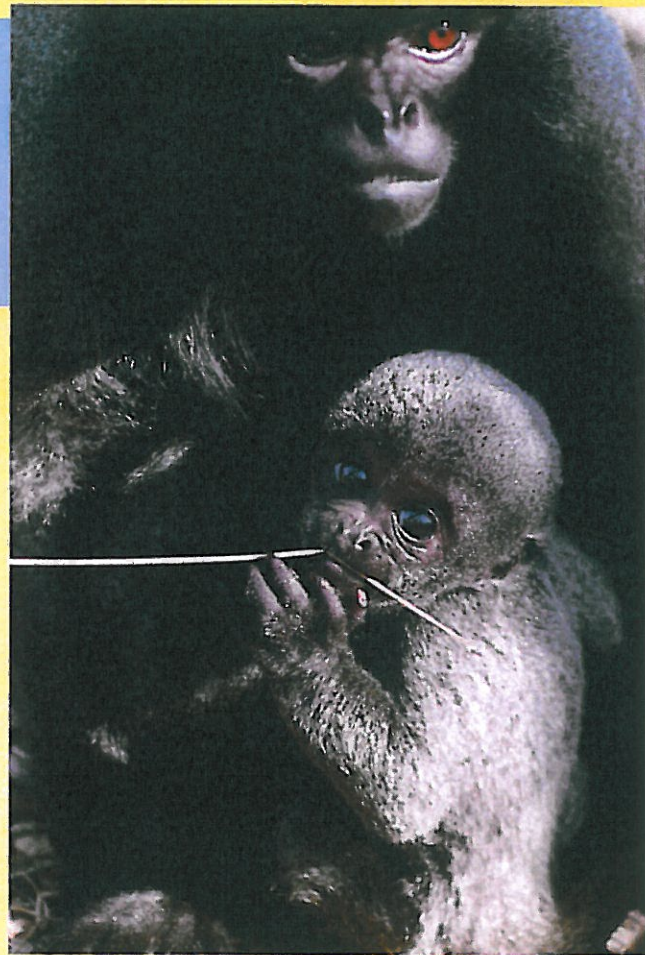
AT PRESENT THE GROUPS ARE LIKE THIS:



MONKEY WORLD'S FIRST WOOLLY MONKEY BABY

By Mike Colbourne

On the 5th June I saw Tsjika mated by the dominant male of the woolly monkey group, Kismo. This was no surprise as female woolly monkeys come into season every 22 days. What was a surprise however, is that a couple of months later I noticed that Kismo had not been showing any interest in Tsjika for a very long time. Ever hopeful, I began to suspect that she might be pregnant. As the months progressed, Tsjika started drinking and urinating more than normal; another sign that meant we could expect an addition to the group. Coupled with mood swings, we were confident that Tsjika would give birth around Christmas, as the gestation period is approximately 7 1/2 months. I began to check Tsjika's urine every couple of days for protein. Often pregnant females excrete protein in their urine, just like some pregnant women. Our specialised diet for the woollys appeared to be doing them well as she never showed any protein in her urine throughout the pregnancy.



Three weeks prior to Christmas I began checking the group each night before retiring to my own bed as Tsjika had a history of problems at the birth. On 5 January 1999 at 10.00 PM I checked the woollys and Tsjika proudly came over and showed me her new baby clinging tightly to her stomach. Quickly establishing that mother and baby were alive and well, I closed the house up for the night. Monkey World had had its first Woolly Monkey baby!

Next morning both were fine, the little girl named Rosa, was gripping mum's hair tightly with hands and feet, her eyes wide open, but her tail was fascinating. It resembled a pink, hairless

rubber snake, whipping about. Even Tsjika was not sure what to do with it when walking about, in case she trod on it. After a couple of days the tail would begin to grip mothers body, darken in colour and eventually grow hair.

It has to be said Rosa did resemble ET, but Tsjika loved her. Father, Kismo, and our young male Branco, kept well away but Xuzy, our old female and Milagra, Tsjika's first daughter were fascinated. By 12 January Rosa was riding on mum's back, instead of hanging onto her belly and by 3 February she was climbing away independently of mum. Mid February, Rosa's teeth were through and she was trying to pick up and

eat solids. By the 8th of February, Xuzy was allowed to stroke Rosa's head.

On 1 March Rosa tried to climb onto Milagra's back, who rolled into a ball, teeth chattering a friendly welcome. Tsjika just sat and watched. Milagra will soon be able to play with and hold Rosa, which is an excellent and natural learning process of motherhood skills for when she becomes pregnant herself. Everything is moving as planned towards a large breeding group of these protected, endangered monkeys.

PS. Pronunciation of Tsjika = Cheeka and Xuzy = Susie.

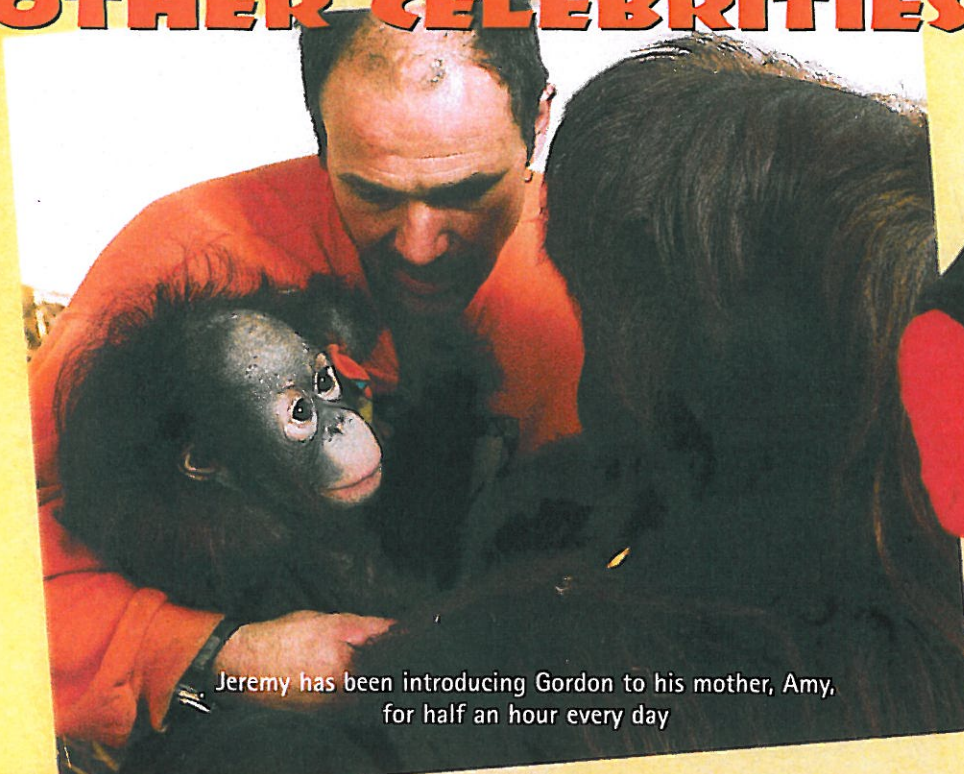


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CHERRI GIVES BIRTH TO BABY BOY ON MARCH 2ND

As we believe that Paddy is the father, we have decided to name the little boy Seamus. Mother and son are doing well and there will be a full report in the next edition of the ARC.

GORDON MEETS AMY & OTHER CELEBRITIES



Jeremy has been introducing Gordon to his mother, Amy, for half an hour every day



Gordon meets Esther Rantzen

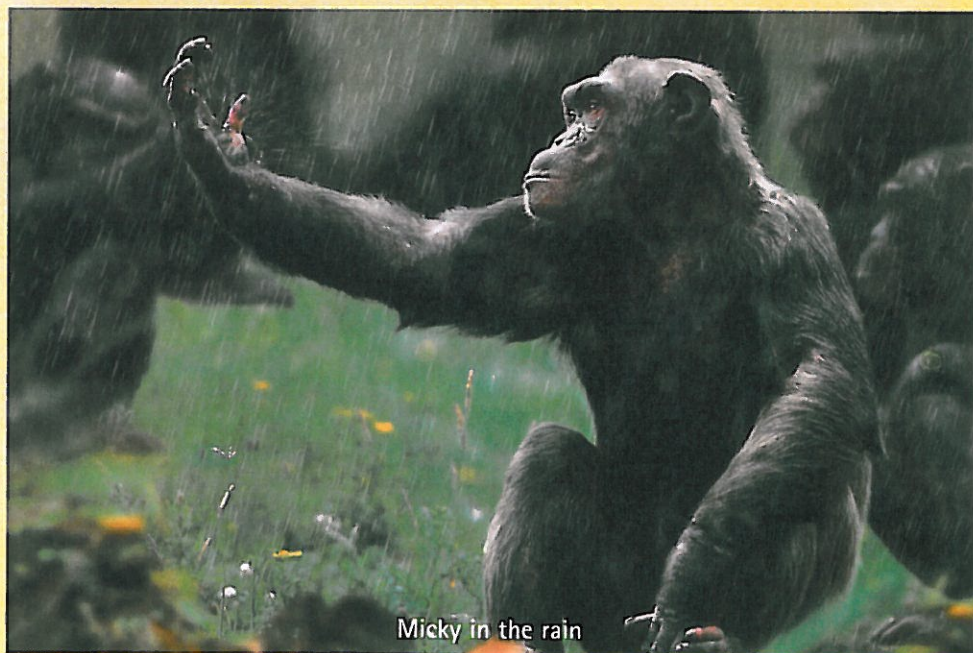
HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are many ways which you can help Monkey World to rescue and rehabilitate more chimpanzees. All donations go into a 100% trust fund which means that every penny goes to the animals; NO ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ARE REMOVED. Our negotiations are continuing in order to rescue more Turkish babies and we will continue to provide homes for retired laboratory primates.

If you are on holiday and see monkeys or apes for sale or being used as photographers props, write down the details and let us know. Candid photos of the primates and their owners would also help. Any bit of information could be valuable in stopping the trade in primates.

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



Micky in the rain

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 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.

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