

# APE RESCUE CHRONICLE

*The Magazine of Monkey World, Dorset, England*

## Letter From the Editor:

The response to our first news letter was tremendous. We appreciate your comments and will try to answer all questions in this issue. There were a lot of comments that we should not bother to do the newsletter in a more professional format. This would save money, however, we are planning to sell Ape Rescue Chronicle in the visitors centre this year and we hope to raise enough money to build some more climbing frames for both the chimpanzees and monkeys.

It was pointed out to me that I should be more specific in my use of the terms "monkey" and "ape". This is a common slip around the park because we are called Monkey World, yet we primarily rescue apes. You will find more on this subject in this issue. Many complaints arrived saying that the chimp they had adopted was not mentioned. While I gave news on all of the groups, only some individuals were singled out. In this issue you will find a comprehensive list of all the chimps. Many apologies to all those who were not mentioned!

A lot of you wanted to know what you could do to help us rescue more animals. Inside there is a list of things people could do or donate to help rescue and rehabilitate a chimpanzee. Please let friends and relatives know of our cause.

We, including the chimps, would like to thank the Born Free Foundation (BFF) for their continued support of Monkey World's ape rescue work. There are not many animal welfare organisations who show such dedication to the long-term rescue and rehabilitation of any one species.

Alison Ames, MA  
Scientific Director

## APE UPDATE

All of the chimps are listed below by group. The name of the group is the same as that of the dominant, or alpha male in the group. Find which group your adopted animal is in!

### Paddy's Group:

**Paddy, Sammy, Busta, Jimmy, Mickey, Cindy, Beth, and Zoe.**

This group has been at 'Monkey World' the longest and is the most stable. All of these chimps were rescued from beach photographers in Spain. In the wild chimps are known to hunt for monkeys and over the winter they have been catching wild rabbits in their two acre enclosure. Most of the chimps stayed warm inside of their house when it

snowed, but Sammy was outside throwing snow.

This is a very stable, cohesive group and it is probably a result of Paddy being such a good dominant male. Paddy doesn't bully the others, however, he controls the group with loud, strong displays and minimal violence. Busta, on the other hand, does not really get along with any of the others and is often seen antagonising both chimps and keepers.

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*Clin gets hold of a pumpkin at Halloween*



## Butch's Group:

**Butch, Charlie, Paco, Gamba, Susie, Cathy, Clin, Grisby, Peppa, Lola, Olympia, Cherri, Kay, Athena.**

For a dominant male chimp, *Butch* is quite young at ten years old, and he has been a bit over the top in dominating the rest of the group. During the past couple of months, *Butch* has bit and injured both *Kay* and *Lola*. While the group remains intact, we had to call the veterinarian.

Both *Kay* and *Lola* required stitches but are making a fine recovery. We are now considering moving *Butch* and swapping him for *Rodney*. *Gamba* and *Paco* are approaching adolescence and are starting to spend more time with *Butch*. While *Paco* has a happy go lucky nature, *Gamba* is tough and appears to have ambitions for power. Perhaps one day *Gamba* will become the dominant male. All the rest of the group are well and have been spending most of their time indoors during the cold winter. When

snow fell, the chimps enjoyed playing with it. *Charlie* sat and ate huge blocks of snow, while *Clin* put her chin to the ground and walked along shovelling piles of snow into her mouth. The youngsters, *Olympia*, *Kay*, *Athena*, and *Gamba* all had a good time running and jumping in the snow.

On February 13th one of the chimps managed to break a pavilion window. It was probably done with a rock and luckily only the inside layer shattered. It cost us approximately £850 to replace the high grade window!

## Rodney's Group:

**Rodney, Jesta, Buxom, Kyko, Bixa, Evie.**

*Kyko* has only recently moved into this group. This introduction went quite well with *Rodney* befriending *Kyko*. This meant that if any of the others picked on *Kyko*, *Rodney* would come to his assistance as dominant male. This group gets along well together and the keepers often see *Jesta*, *Buxom*, *Kyko*, and *Bixa* sleeping together while *Rodney* and *Evie* sit quietly grooming each other. We built a new climbing frame and shelter in this enclosure, and the chimps are on it all the time.



Jeremy Keeling with Sally, young Bob and the recently rescued Freddy

## Chico's Group:

**Chico, Rocky, Mojo, Freddy, Mona, Chatta, Peggy.**

There has been a few changes made in this group. In February, *Kyko* was moved out of the group and in with *Rodney's* group. *Kyko* was not very stable with *Chico* and the others and it was decided that it would be best for everyone if he moved. In his place, *Freddy* has moved in. *Freddy* has had difficulty getting along with *Chico* in that he has never lived with adult chimps before.

At first he tried to pick a fight with *Chico*, but *Chico* is double his size and quickly showed *Freddy* who was dominant. *Freddy's* social skills are not very good, and even after the first bruising, *Freddy* had another go with *Chico*. One black eye and

several cuts later, *Freddy* is now learning to keep a wide birth around *Chico*. It will take awhile, but he is beginning to learn chimpanzee politics. Both *Mojo* and *Chatta* have become good friends with *Freddy* and comfort him when he is upset.

## Nursery Group:

**Sally (dominant female), Arfur, Bob, Jess.**

*Freddy* was moved out of this group because he was becoming too rough and aggressive with *Arfur*. It is clear from their behaviour, that all the chimps were glad to see *Freddy* go.

It was *Bob's* second birthday on 27 January and he received over 25 cards and a couple of packages. We gave *Bob* all of his presents and he, and the others, had a wonderful time tearing them apart. *Arfur* and *Jess's* birthdays are coming up soon on the 23 and 24 April. Be sure to send a card and/or a do-

nation and we will make sure they receive their presents. Any donations sent in for their birthdays will go toward remodelling the nursery. The nursery group is growing up quickly. All of the youngsters are coming outside now and enjoying the climbing frame and slide.

## Pets Encounter:

The pets area has been done up over the winter. There is now a central shelter and pathway in the paddock where the goats, rabbits, and guinea pigs live. New arrivals are *Oscar*, the pot-belly pig and *Pedro*, the donkey.

Arriving soon will be a gander, some chickens, and a couple of wild turkeys.





## Orangutans:

### Banghi and Amy.

Amy and Banghi are doing well and although he still has a runny nose, Banghi's sinus problem appears to be better. Ideally we would like to give Banghi physiotherapy to make him cough and work out his lungs, but this is impossible. Instead we would like to modify their house so that Banghi has to climb and work to get his food. This would loosen some of his congestion and help him to feel better. If you would like to help, please send donations to "Banghi's Nose", Monkey World.

Over the past couple of weeks, staff have seen Amy and Banghi mating several times. We are keeping our fingers crossed for a bouncing, baby orangutan. We are still hoping to help rescue some orangutans in Taiwan, however, there are difficulties in negotiating with

local officials. In addition, it would seem that many of the oranges in Taiwan are infected with human diseases and we would not be able to home them here at Monkey World. Negotiations and research into orangutan rescue continues.

## Final Note:

During the cold winter months, we have been giving the apes and monkeys hot jacket potatoes. Everyone loves them and we are always on the look out for any new, interesting, and healthy items to feed the chimps and keep them busy. If you have any ideas, let us know.

# Park Overhaul

Over the winter we completed some much needed renovations to the *Templer Pavilions*. The entrance and exits have been reinforced and tidied. Work is just beginning on an observation tower in-between the enclosure for the barbary macaques and Chico's group. It will be high enough to get a view over most of the park.

For spring we have re-organised the visitor's centre. The shop has been moved and there is loads of new monkey memorabilia and ape accessories. One corner has been turned into an education area with lots of photographs and information about monkeys, apes, and our rescue and rehabilitation work. Come have a look.

Our next project is to build a tunnel connecting Butch's and Chico's pavilions. This will allow the two groups to come together and separate as they like. It would give 21 chimps a total of 4 acres, 3

indoor pavilions, and 16 bedrooms. We believe that such a change would be very good for the animals and we hope to start work on the tunnel shortly.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated; please send to "Tunnel of Fun", Monkey World.



# Monkey or Ape: What's in a Name

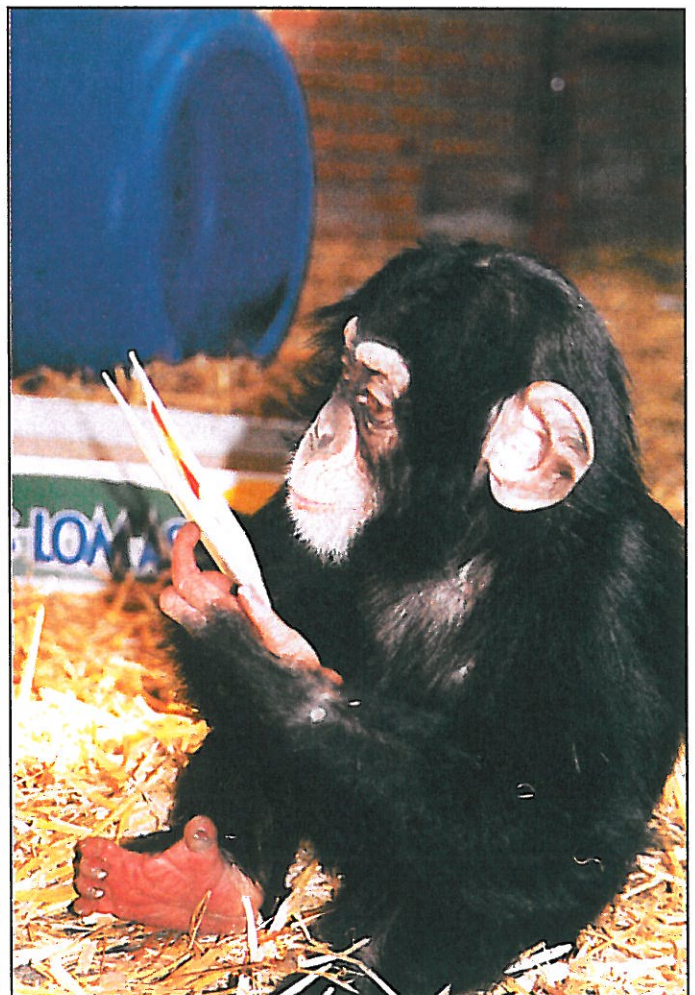
Many people are confused by the differences between monkeys and apes. Both are classified in the 'order' primates, but apes are the animals which are most similar to ourselves. Indeed, humans are apes. There are approximately 170 species of primate (*the exact number depends upon your definition of a primate*). Apes include humans, gorillas, orangutans, chimpanzees, and gibbons and they are often referred to as Hominoidea.

### Apes differ from monkeys in several ways:

- Their teeth are a different shape - apes don't have sabre-like canines and they have five cusps on their lower molars.
- Their brains are larger.
- Their bodies are larger.
- Apes do not have tails.
- Their arms and legs are formed differently as related to the way they move; apes are adapted to brachiate (swing from arm to arm).

The classification of apes varies depending upon who you talk to. It breaks down something like this:

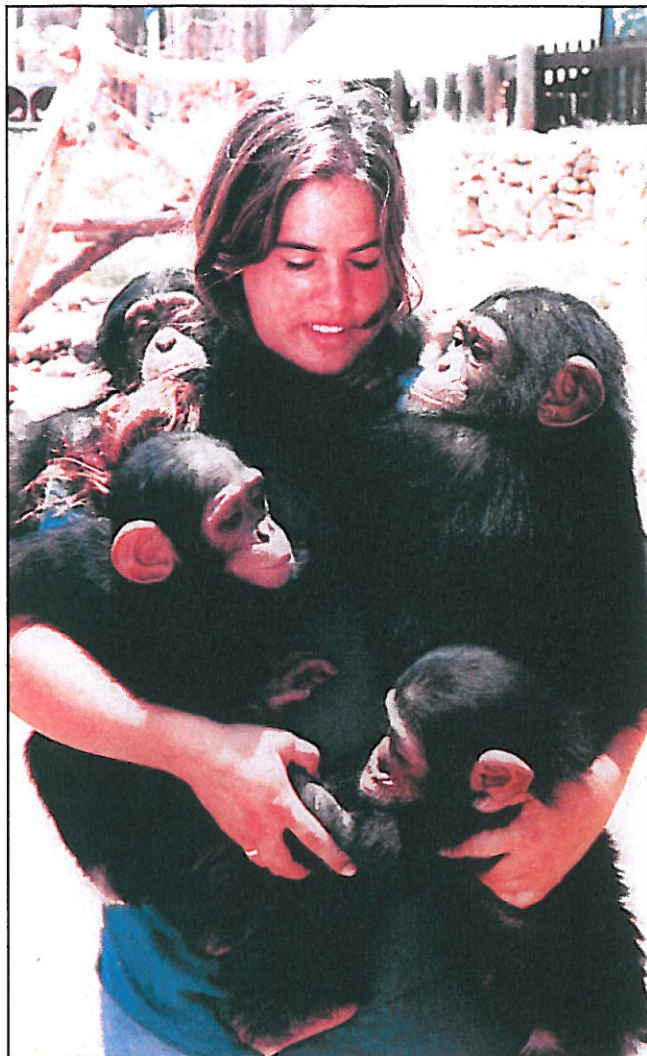
Hominoidea.....	Hylobatidae (gibbons)
	Pongidae (orangutan)
	Hominidae .....
	Pan (chimpanzee)
	Gorilla
	Homo (human)



Bob reading his birthday card



## The Israeli Connection



In April, 1995 three young chimpanzees were confiscated in Israel by the Nature Reserves Authority after being smuggled into the country from West Africa.

Although they have been trying to find a good home for the youngsters, the authorities have been unsuccessful and have requested that Monkey World please help. The letter stated, "we hope that you will be able to offer them a home in your sanctuary, as I was very impressed with the wonderful facilities you have for such misfortunate chimps..." All three babies are male and are approximately 1-3 years old.

We would like to help the Israeli chimps and are currently trying to raise funding to do so. To bring the three chimps from Israel to Dorset will cost approximately £24,000.

**PLEASE HELP!** Any donations will be appreciated and should be sent to "Israeli Connection", Monkey World.

*Left: The three young chimpanzees in Israel*

## Pedal For Primates

On 9 June, 1996, Monkey World will be hosting a sponsored bike ride called 'Pedal for Primates'. There will be a 50 and a 25 mile course with rest/drink stops along the way. The ride will start and finish at Monkey World and the money we raise will go toward rescuing more baby chimps (see *Israeli Connection*).

We have received a great deal of support for the event from local business; thanks to Bovington Motor World, Hollywood Fancy Dress Hire, and E. Hart Tent and Marquee Hire.

If you would like more infor-

mation about 'Pedal for Primates', please phone (01929) 462 537. We are also in need of people to help with the event, handing out drinks, etc.

If you can help, please get in touch soon!

## How You Can Help

There are many ways you can help with ape rescue.

### **Adopt a chimp:**

With an adoption you will receive a year's pass to the park, a photo of your chimp, a certificate, and of course, the Ape Rescue Chronicle newsletter. For more information phone (01929) 462 537.

### **Project donations:**

At present we are trying to raise money for "Banghi's Nose", "Tunnel of Fun", and the "Israeli Connection".

### **Donate Goods:**

Foods such as Complian, rusks, bread, apples, bananas, and vegetables; climbing equipment or cargo nets; vitamin supplements such as primrose oil, vit C, garlic, etc.

### **Memorial Garden:**

Remember the chimps and establish a legacy for their welfare.

### **Next Issue....**

The next issue will be out in July and will include the articles, Personal Primates by J. Keeling and T. Corbin, Saving Simon, and Contraception: to pill or not to pill?.

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