

More Marmosets Arriving from the British Pet Trade

Following the recent arrival of Harry the pet marmoset, Monkey World rescued three more common marmosets (*Callithrix jacchus*) over the summer. Their names are

Betty Boo and Bonnie & Clyde. We were first contacted about Betty Boo in May when her elderly owner, who had seen some of the Monkey Business TV programmes, decided that her marmoset should have companionship of her own kind and a natural outdoor environment.

For the past 7 years Betty Boo lived in a small cage in the sitting room of a Southampton house and was allowed out to run around and sit with her owner. While her previous owner loved Betty Boo, she was never told that captive marmosets have specific nutritional requirements – especially if they do not go outside. As a result Betty Boo did not get all of the vitamins she required and developed one of the worst cases of rickets, or nutritional bone disease, that we have ever seen. Further, Betty Boo had never been with other marmosets since the day she was removed from her mother.

On May 22nd Jim and Alison Cronin collected Betty Boo and brought her back to Monkey World for rehabilitation. While it was unlikely that anything could be done for her crippled limbs, the veterinarian Dr John Lewis, was called in to assess the marmoset's condition. Betty Boo's poor diet had not only affected her bone growth but it also had a terrible effect on her teeth – many of which were crooked and/or rotten. John removed only a couple of teeth to begin with and checked her general condition. Betty Boo was also given a large dose of vitamins to see if we could reverse some of the bad effects of her bone condition. Then it was time to work on her mental fitness. The keepers set up one of our old monkey houses with loads of climbing frames, ropes, leafy branches and nest boxes. Betty Boo settled in well and was soon scurrying around her new home. The following day we brought down the smallest, and least

Betty Boo lived in a sitting room for more than 7 years.



intimidating, of our female common marmosets hoping that Betty Boo would take a shine to her. Connie had also been rescued from the British pet trade and like Betty Boo her diet had not been good leaving her very small and a bit stiff. The keepers were over the moon to see Betty Boo and Connie calling back and forth to each other. By the second day together the two ladies were inseparable and slept together inside one of the nest boxes. There are still two more females, Gabi (from a UK laboratory) and Mystic (from the British pet trade), to introduce to Betty Boo. This will take time but all the signs are good that Betty Boo will have the family and outdoor life that her previous owner wanted for her.



Betty Boo the common marmoset.

And just when we thought everything had gone quiet, we got a phone call on July 15th from a very upset lady in Bournemouth, who had just paid £700 for two marmosets. She bought the frightened marmosets because she had been told by friends that if a buyer was not found they would be drowned the following day. She agreed to meet "the dealer" in a local park and exchange the money for the animals but

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Bonnie and Clyde arrived in a tiny cage.



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when she got them home she realised that she did not know what to feed them or how to look after them – so she called Monkey World. On July 16th the two sad marmosets were brought to the park in a filthy tiny cage. The local vet, Mike Nathan, was called in to examine them to see if they were physically fit and if we could shed any light as to where they had come from. It turned out that they were a male/female pair of adult common marmosets, that were in pretty good physical condition, but that did not have any identifying microchips. The female had a swelling on her top right eyelid and both marmosets had their



Betty Boo enjoyed the company of Connie (peeking out from behind the rope).

top incisors (front teeth) and canine teeth removed. From all the information we had, it appeared that the pair of marmosets had probably been stolen. The female was put on medication for her eye, the local police were called, and the couple was named Bonnie and Clyde due to their criminal background!

Over the next couple of weeks, Bonnie and Clyde were cared for in a separate building as we currently have two groups of marmosets – a female group and a bachelor group. By keeping our marmosets in single sex groups we are able to introduce new individuals as they are rescued. If the males and females were all together they would fight each other until a dominant

pair prevailed and then no others would be allowed to enter the group. Common marmosets are very territorial. As we expected, it turned out that the marmosets had been stolen from an agricultural college in Berkshire. After lengthy discussions with the college as to why the animals were missing their teeth and why they had not been microchipped, it was decided that the conditions at the college were pretty good.

At the college Bonnie and Clyde had large indoor and outdoor enclosures, a professional wildlife veterinarian, and a team of students thinking up new and interesting ways to keep the small monkeys interested and occupied. Bonnie and Clyde were returned to the college on August 5th complete with microchips so that can be identified forever more.

Yet again Monkey World has been called to pick up the pieces of a thriving exotic pet trade that exists in Britain today. Time and time again we see that it is a cruel trade where animals suffer terrible abuse or neglect and unscrupulous people make a lot of money.



Bonnie had an injured right eye.

Alberto Meets Butch and Jestah

Our most recent chimpanzee arrival, Alberto, has proved to be quite a handful with other chimps. You may recall that Alberto arrived in February and we began his introductions to the bachelor group slowly as he had lived on his own for 15 years. During initial meetings through the mesh Alberto made it clear that he thought he was the toughest chimp of all and that he could take on all 10 of the boys at once! So we began the introductions slowly knowing that his rehabilitation could take a year or two. Monkey World has previous experience of this long-term rehabilitation as it took both Freddy and Pacito more than a year to find a place in the group and settle down.

As Butch is the leader of the bachelor group we decided to stick with him for the initial introductions to Alberto. Most days the two boys were put together either in the bedrooms, the large playroom, or in the outdoor enclosure. In order to try and avoid any confrontations we expanded and developed the boy's climbing frame to include many different levels, screens, tunnels, and huts so that they could get out of each other's way and have easy escape routes if necessary. This tactic seemed to work as both Butch and Alberto would chase each other around until they were exhausted and then relax to catch their breath on the maze of pathways and platforms. When pressed, Butch would get the upper hand and see off the newcomer but it was hard work and neither of the two boys was going to let the other win outright. It was time to move on so we brought in Jestah, a very tough male that almost always has his way. These introductions were very similar to those with Butch so we have now begun to put all three boys together at the same time. This tactic appears to be working as Alberto is not so confident to confront two chimps at once and therefore he does not come sprinting through to have a punch up anymore. Finally, Alberto is learning that in chimpanzee society it is more important who your friends are rather than how much brute force you have. Alberto is a clever lad so we are hopeful that he will soon start making friends rather than trying to take on the bachelor group single-handed.



Tough guys Butch (top) and Alberto meet for the first time.



The climbing frame in the boys enclosure has been expanded.

Ben and Pip move to the Nursery



Ben

For those of you who have visited the park in the past year, you will have seen Ben and Pip in the Nursery enclosure off to the side of Paddy's group in the pavilion. They are now 1 years old, eating quite a lot of solid food, and beginning to get to grips with running and climbing. With all of that in mind it was time for the two babies to make their next step – moving in with an older group but one that is not so intimidating as Paddy's lot. On the 4th of July Ben and Pip were moved from their room in the pavilion to the Nursery Group where they were to meet Sally's group of six.



Pip

As the babies had never been with larger chimps before, even though they had seen them in the pavilions, we began by introducing them to Johni, a smaller female that has been very affectionate to new arrivals. The first meeting went incredibly well and it appeared that their time along side of Paddy's troop had prepared them well as they were not frightened of Johni at all. The three young chimps spent a couple of hours together chasing and playing together. A few days later the next step was to bring in Seamus, a four year old boy, who is very kind but can be a rowdy handful. Ben and Pip were not so sure of him but after a few minutes they were joining in with his rough and tumble games. Then it was Tutti's turn, the young female that was rescued in Saudi Arabia, to meet the new arrivals. While she was nice to Ben and Pip, she was far more interested in getting back to Çarli who she has grown very attached to.

The next big step for the two youngsters came on July 21st when Sally was brought in to meet the babies for the first time. Over the previous weeks Sally had waited patiently for her turn so when the door was opened, she was through like a shot. Ben and Pip were stunned to see such a large chimp come into their area

and they sat quietly clinging to each other. Being the professional adoptive mother that she is, Sally knew just what to do to make the babies feel at ease. She walked in and turned her attention straight to Jeremy and started grooming him. This immediately put the babies at ease, so much so that Pip plucked up the courage to move forward to see what Sally was doing with Jeremy. Sally was then able to slowly turn her attention to Pip. While Ben was still shy, Sally was more than happy to focus on Pip and get to know her. The two ladies spent an hour playing chase and grooming each other and Ben just sat and watched.



Jeremy groomed Sally to get the little ones interested, Ben watched intently.



Then Sally groomed Jeremy and Pip became very interested.

On August 11th Ben, Pip, and Sally went outside together for the first time. In a very short period of time, the babies have come a long way. In a couple of weeks they have made new friends, learnt how to deal with adult chimps, and come to grips with a world of "scary" things in their outside enclosure. While neither Ben or Pip's mothers gave them the best start in life, we are now confident that Sally will take the babies under her wing and they will be cared for by their new adopted family.

"Shop Talk"

Over the summer our gift shop manageress, Pat Swan, retired. For approximately 10 years Pat has been stocking the shop full of monkey and ape items. We are sad to see her go but know that she will keep in touch – especially to see Gordon who she baby sat in his early days.

Over the summer Monkey World's artist, David Dancey-Wood, has drawn the



images of two of our most charismatic chimpanzees – Charlie and little Eddi. They are beautiful pencil drawings that look incredibly lifelike! Charlie has been through so much in his life, being stolen from the wild, having his mother killed, beaten up, teeth pulled, and drugged and yet he remains a caring and friendly chimp. David has managed to capture all of this from his physical scars to his caring nature. Eddi's print has captured a special time in her life when she is just gaining her independence and has started to wander off from her mother Susie. Coming up to two years old, Eddi is a beautiful baby – albeit with big ears!

These prints are limited editions so be sure to order yours now. Charlie's print will be £52 and Eddi's £32 please add £6 for P+P. You can either contact the office directly or look on our website for details.



To date Monkey World's Dancey-Wood collection contains prints of Tuan and Gordon the orangutans, Paddy the stump-tail macaque, and now Charlie and Eddi.

Also in the shop now has stationary made exclusively for Monkey World. There is writing paper, cards, envelopes, note pads, and bookmarks all with the images of Amy, Tuan, Tutti, Freddy, a ring-tail lemur, and a squirrel monkey. Writing paper to gift sets range from £1.99 to £5.99.

Letter From the Editor

Rescuing and rehabilitating monkeys and apes uses a lot of resources and with no financial support coming from any governments, we are reliant upon your support. For example, last year Monkey World spent more than £76,500 on animal food. This includes things such as fruit, vegetables, bread, pellet, insects, meat, baby milk and vitamins/minerals. Over the past few months we have received many donations and collection boxes and for these we are very grateful. People have also sent in fruit, vitamins, baby bottles and milk, heavy-duty dog toys, cargo nets, towels, blankets, and figurines to be sold in our shop.

Several individuals have been very creative in their fund raising efforts. There have been feather sales, book sales, people have requested donations instead of birthday presents or payments, and people have sent in their left over holiday money. Special thanks go to **Katie New** who sold lemonade and biscuits, **Kathleen Tapp** who donated an insurance claim, **Lee Frank** that organised a car boot sale, **Tracy Hay** who sold biscuits at work, **West Suffolk Hospitals** that collected donations from smoking cessation clinics, **Abbey Wellman** who suggested that **Ondeo Nalco** give us a company sponsorship, **Magnox Electric** who donated a large number of rubber gloves, **Safeways, Poole** who donated a large shipment of bananas, and **Pamela Turner** of **The Dolphin Centre** who organised a collection at the centre. On a sadder note, we would like to send condolences to the families of **Mr J Palmer**, **Ms Anne Trinder**, and to **Anne Eke** and her family.

Over the past few months we have been watching RoRo and monitoring her condition. All appears to be well so far and we are still expecting the new arrival in September. It is her first pregnancy so we are all hoping that she knows what to do with the new arrival. While the weather has been good, we have been taking the opportunity on some days and many evenings to get inside some of the chimp enclosures and expand their climbing frames. The bachelor group's climbing frames has more than doubled and in Rodney's high level platforms are being secured into place. Many of the monkey enclosures are also being redecorated, having ropes replaced or tightened and feeding platforms relocated.

Thankyou for all of your help and support.



The Ones We Hope to Help



Zeynep was found chained to a boat.

A lot of you may be aware that for the past couple of years Monkey World has been trying to rescue a female chimpanzee named Kuki from Turkey. Jim first found her in 1999 tied to a boat in Bodrum harbour. It was clear at the time that Kuki was growing up, getting out of control on the boat, and would need to be found a new home. But then a huge earthquake hit Turkey and we lost track of Kuki for a couple of years. Then in 2001 we managed to track Kuki down in Istanbul where she had been sold to a new family. They treated Kuki with great kindness but she still was unable to live with others of her own kind and she was slowly becoming more boisterous and dangerous. The family knew that she would need a new home some time and were happy that she should come to Monkey World some day soon. Now in the summer of 2003 we have been contacted by Kuki's "parents" again who now believe that it is time for her to start a new life with other chimpanzees. We are still ready to receive Kuki but there is still a great deal of bureaucracy to get through prior to us being able to move her.

we found an article in a Turkish newspaper with a photo of Zeynep chained to a boat. We managed to track down her Bodrum owner and through interpreters he has agreed that Zeynep should come to Monkey World and have a more natural life. As with Kuki we now have to be patient and see how things go organising all of the paperwork that is necessary to move her to Britain.

And finally we have found another chimp in Spain. While on holiday in Fuerteventura, a family that supports Monkey World and our goals, saw out of the back of their apartment a chimpanzee kept in a cage on the patio of a neighbouring complex. They took photos and sent them to us to see if there was anything we could do for the chimp. While it is early days yet, we have had colleagues check up on this chimpanzee and it turns out that it is infamous on the island. The chimpanzee is owned by a family that are very secretive and aggressive so not a lot is known about the ape. Now we are having people check up on where the chimp came from, if it is legal, and if we can do anything for him or her.

All three chimpanzees need the companionship of their own kind and a more natural environment and we will be doing everything we can to make it happen.



This young chimp was found in Spain.



Kuki needs a home with other chimps.

At the same time that we were getting reports about Kuki living in Bodrum, we were also receiving reports about another chimpanzee named Zeynep (pronounced Zaynip). She was a similar age to Kuki and was also seen around the harbour but most often in cafes and bars where she was offered for photographs. At first we were not sure that Zeynep and Kuki were not the same individual but everything became clear a few weeks ago when



LIFAW AWARD

On July 18th Monkey World received the national Animal Welfare Award from the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare. We were presented the award from Dr Robert Hubrecht of UFAW and Jim Knight, MP, SSP for our new Macaque Rehabilitation Centre. The building was specially designed for the rehabilitation and care of 16 stump-tailed macaques (*Macaca arctoides*) that were rescued from a British medical research facility. For up to 20 years the macaques had lived in solitary confinement in small cages. Once at Monkey World they were rehabilitated into three social groups with large playrooms, bedrooms, and natural outdoor enclosures. The stump-tails' rehabilitation has been a tremendous success, largely due to the design of the building.

Nick the Stumptail macaque.



News Flashes



HOSPITAL PETITION SUPPORT

During June Monkey World contacted all adoptive parents from Dorset to let them know that we were having difficulties with the local Purbeck District Council in regards to a planning application for a new hospital. The Council had deferred their decision twice, asking for more information, such as a map with less detail than the one they had already been given. We wanted to thank everyone who took the trouble to write to the Chief Executive, your response was unbelievable! In Dorset alone we received copies of 375 letters of support for our new hospital that were sent to the Council. On June 26th planning permission was granted and we even received a special message from Rolf Harris congratulating us on getting approval for the new primate hospital.

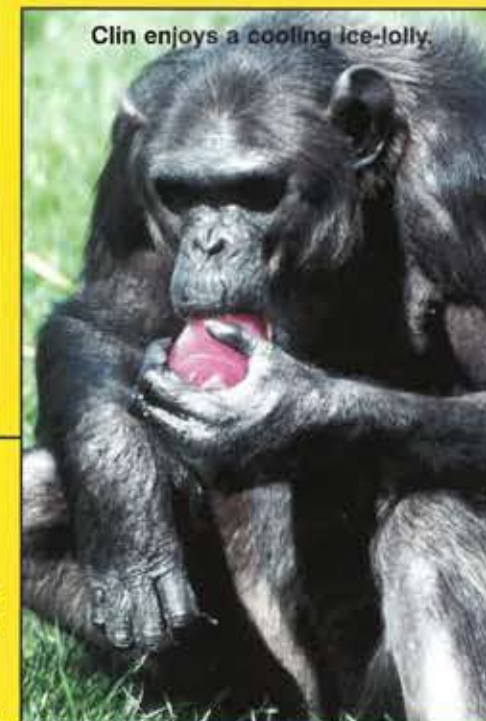
HALFORDS RETRACTION

Over the past couple of months we have received many letters from people concerned about the new advertisement from Halfords that uses chimpanzees. We have rescued a couple of chimpanzees from the entertainment industry and we know that they suffer terribly when forced to "work". They are made orphans at birth when they are taken away from their mother's, they are forced to work often by means of starvation or physical abuse, they are kept in solitary confinement, and spend the vast majority of their time shut away in small cages. Many individuals including ourselves have complained to Halfords and to the Independent Television Commission about the advertisements in which chimpanzees feature. Halfords have succumbed to public opinion and have issued a statement to Monkey World:

"Halfords has reviewed the advertising campaign, which is still running, and decided not to use chimpanzees in its advertising once the current campaign is finished. The company will not therefore be involved in any further filming with chimpanzees."

Well done for all of you who took the time to write and complain!

Clin enjoys a cooling ice-lolly.



How You Can Help

There are many ways in which you can help Monkey World - Ape Rescue Centre to rescue and rehabilitate more primates. All donations go into a 100% fund (we are not a registered charity) and

NO ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ARE REMOVED.

There have been some delays getting the new orangutan complex started, but we are still moving ahead and hope to break ground shortly. This complex will be one of our largest projects to date and as such we are still trying to raise as much funding as possible. There are several orangutans in Taiwan, that were rescued by the Pingtung Rescue Centre, that we would like to re-home, but we will not be able to bring them until the new complex is finished. The new complex would be a state of the art ape building covering 8-acres. Please help us to make our dreams come true.

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, vegetable, or bread. Any type of melon is particularly good as all the monkeys and apes love them and they are not too fattening! The primates also need vitamins and minerals such as Primrose Oil, chewable Vitamin C, and Acidophilus. We can also use thick ropes and heavy-duty dog toys. At the moment we are particularly low on either heavy "feeding balls" or "kong" toys. The keepers fill them with food, and then the monkeys and apes have to work to get the hidden treats.

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

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