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 jaccus*) 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, ladders, 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 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.

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...
Ben and Pip move to the Nursery

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 year 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 into an older group but one that is not so intimidating as Paddy's lot.

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Alberto Meets Butch and Jestead

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 group slowly as he had lived with a male chimpanzee for 15 years. During initial meetings through the mesh Alberto made it clear that he thought he was the strongest 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 Pat and over a year to find a place in the group and settle down.

As Butch is the leader of the 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 boys' climbing frame to include many different levels, stairs, tunnels, and ladders so that they could get out of each other's way and have easy 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 edge of pathways.

When pressed, Butch would get the upper hand and see off the newcomer but it was hard work and neither of the boys was going to let the other win against. It was time to move on so we brought in Jestead, 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 shooting 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 group single-handed.

The climbing frame in the boys enclosure has been expanded.
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 rehabilitilitating 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, Safeway's 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.
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.

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