PRIMATE UPDATE

HANANYA'S GROUP

By Leanne Waterhouse

It has been a difficult and changing time in the group since the passing of Rocher, the dominant male and the arrival of two new females, Kuki and Zeynep. Hananya took charge of the group immediately and although he is relatively young for a dominant male the entire group is showing him respect in his new position. We are watching closely to see what changes occur in the hierarchy of the group.

Hananya - Growing in a big and handsome male and now looks every bit the dominant leader of this group. He is a quiet lad but since Rocher’s passing he has been responding to all disputes in the group with strong and impressive displays. Hananya is young, but is growing into his new role day by day.

Cherry - Cherry has been showing off her dominance, with a lot of display and stamping around, for the benefit of the group’s new arrivals. However, she is still having fun and has been giving Kuki reassuring hugs from time to time.

PEGGY - Peggy is still very chatty when it comes to carrying Tulay around as if she were a young one. Peggy is getting far too big for this now, but Peggy still enjoys their close bond.

Mona - Due to Mona’s disabilities, she is not as quick or as able bodied as the rest of the group. However, she still has a close relationship with Marjoline and still enjoys playing the “bottom in the air” game. The new arrival, Zeynep, has been teasing Mona, as she is an easy target.

JESS - Jess has always been close to Artur but as the months pass Jess has been forming alliances with the dominant male. Still, she gets jealous when Artur gets attention from the other females.

MARJOLINE - She is not as dependent upon Mona’s reassurance as she grows up. As the mature Marjoline enjoys playing with and protecting Zeynep.

JULINE - Julie has grown in both confidence and stature. She does not often appear interested in the new arrivals, Kuki or Zeynep, but has been coping playing with Artur and happy Tulay.

EVELINE - Eveline keeps herself busy by playing alongside Cherry although she still enjoys Gypsy’s attention from time to time.

SEMAH - Semah loves playing and is always active. She still gets up to his silly antics such as ‘ring hopping’ around and amuses us as well as the others in the group. His friendship with Gypsy is a little strained at present due to both wanting the attention of the new girls.

GYPY - Gypsy has been brilliant from the first day of meeting Kuki and Zeynep. He constantly wants to rough and tumble play with Zeynep and is never far from Kuki’s side.

TIKDO - Tikdo is a quiet but serious lad but can often be seen playing and giving Kuki a lot of attention. Tikdo is always careful to make sure that the dominant male is unaware of his attentions to the ladies.

SIMON - He has been playing a lot more with Hananya and Artur but is always aware of everything that is going on at all times. Simon is growing into a very impressive male.

VALERIE - When Kuki and Valerie first met Valerie was terrified. Over the past months however, Valerie has become a good friend to Kuki.

HONEY - Honey is a tease and is having fun in annoying Kuki and Zeynep but the game is ended when any one of the young lads are present.

TRUDY - Trudy is still growing still but has now realised that she is getting too big for Peggy to carry. Trudy has a strong character and is not shy about letting any of the others know what she is thinking.

AFURU - When Jess is not at his side, Artur occupies himself in the company of Simon, Gypsy and Zeynep playing games.

RUN - Kuki is mixing in with the group very well and has been learning rapidly. Spending more time grooming and following the dominant females. Cherry. She is learning that playing with others of your own kind can be a great fun. Kuki has a lot of support and protection from the group.

ZEYNAP - Gypsy has finally met his match when it comes to play. Gypsy has lots of energy but the constant playing has been wearing him out. Zeynep has been making a close friend of Marjoline and when they are outside together Zeynep almost tries to get on her back when she looks insecure.

BACHELOR GROUP

By Colie Harper

Since the last arrival of a new male (Alberto) to the Bachelor group, the composition of the group has changed as we slowly introduce the 11 strong group together. As all members of this group are large adult males, the introductions are going slowly but Alberto is making progress with his social skills. This group is always active and boisterous. At the time of this A.R.C the group is in two sub-groups, two of which have met Alberto.

Butch - He is still very much in charge of the Bachelor group and spends a lot of time playing with Buzzom.

Buzzom - A high ranking chimp, he gets on well with the other individuals in the Bachelor group but can be very boisterous and intimidating at times.

Saamy - He is easy going and is everyone’s friend. Sammy also likes interacting with our visitors to the park.

Kido - He enjoys his daily milk drinks and gets on well with Rocky.

Rocky - Playful Rocky loves a game of chase and is a sociable member of the group.

Orangutan

By Jeremy Kaye

Our orangutans are now living in three separate groups. Tan is currently with females Ralfie and Ludy and the other females stay with Gordon. Meanwhile, baby Hala-ning is growing bigger every day and we are currently building a new nursery house and enclosure for her and some other infants that may arrive soon. The nursery is along side the large enclosure so the youngsters will be able to watch and interact with the adults.

Tuan - He is presently living with Ralfie and Ludy and appears to be happy with life in general. Tuan has become a star of the veterinary operant conditioning. He now looks forward to presenting his hands, ears, nose, chest, or whatever you ask for in exchange for half a grape.

Roro - She is living up to her reputation of a busy baby. Every morning when she comes outside, she does a march around the enclosure to make sure all is what it should be. While Ralfie does not appear to have any particular close friends, she and Ludy are quite close.

Lucy - From the time that she arrived, you would not recognise Ludy now. She is much bigger and has matured a great deal. Far from being the quiet and shy individual that she used to be, she is now a very single minded young lady.

Amy - Since splitting the group, Amy appears to be more comfortable with the new arrangements. She was not particularly enamoured with Tuan but she is still very close to Gordon and sleeps with him every night.

Hisa-Quai - Hisa-Quai’s pregnancy is now entering the 3rd trimester and she is a typical female orangutan who has become very temperamental. She is having all the normal symptoms of pregnancy and wants everyone else to be aware of it.

Hisa-Leen - She is another independent lady who is happy playing silly games with Gordon or being grown up and mature with the other adults. Hisa-Leen likes staying with other group.
PADDY'S GROUP

By Olle Harper

Paddy's group is the oldest and longest established group in the park. The large group now numbers 23 individuals and it is hard to believe that this tight knit group is (almost totally) comprised of unrelated chimpanzees rescued from a wide variety of circumstances. The two youngsters who were born into this group have brought them together completing the final step in their rehabilitation into a functioning family group.

PADDY - Paddy continues to be an excellent leader and father figure. He is quiet to resolve any problems within the group and is a strong but kind leader.

JIMMY - As Paddy's No. 2, he enjoys his high status but still finds time to play with Hobe and Eddie.

BUSTA - When it gets hot Busta loves to play under the enclosures' new water-meter and he also has fun in the rain! Busta is a friendly chimp that loves to play with anyone who is interested.

MICKY - He spends a lot of time playing with both Hobe and Eddie and can often be seen taking part in a group grooming session. Micky has a quiet but strong character.

GAMBA - Chubby Gamba is still finding his place within the group and is usually in the company of his best friend Paco. Gamba loves nothing better than seeing other higher-ranking chimps.

PACO - He likes the company of the alpha male Paddy who he looks up to and admires.

CINDY - Cindy is a high-ranking female who is good friends with Bixa and Eddie. Together they are often found relaxing with Paddy.

BETH - She is always the first to arrive for the evening meal and the last to leave. Both is a quiet individual but as one of the dominant females in the group, no one messes with her.

ZOE - Zoe is a smart chimpanzee who loves to carry Eddie on her back and go for walks around the enclosure.

EVE - Eve is a good friend of Cindy and Bixa and the girls all enjoy each other's company. She loves to stay out pomping!

BIXA - Can often be found making loud pant hoots at sunset feed time and just loves being in the outside enclosure.

CATHY - She has a close relationship with Cindi and Grizzly. Cathy likes her creature comforts and is often the last to get out of bed in the morning.

CLIN - Clin has always been obsessive about her food and she is also enthusiastic about her afternoon milk drink. She has a strong character and is respected by the rest of the group.

GRIZZY - Relaxed and easy going, Grizzly is a popular individual who enjoys blackouts and toys.

OLYMPIA - Although she has a low status within the group she is a good friend with Athena and always gets a lot of extra treats and attention from the Primate Care Staff. She still has a strong bond with Hobe.

ATHENA - She likes the heavy rubber toys we stuff with food treats. Athena likes to spend time grooming other members of the group.

KAY - She is a sociable chimpanzee who likes to make her next at age in one of the Pavilions high harmonica. Kay can have a hot temper.

LOLA - Enjoys being outside in the summer sunshine and during the winter months often makes her bed against the radiator. Lola is a quiet individual.

PEPPA - She is often found interacting with visitors to the park. Peppa is a bright and intelligent chimpanzee always keeping an eye on anything that might be happening.

SUSIE - She is a caring and attentive mother to Eddie. She will allow others to play with Eddie but is never far away.

EDDI - Eddie is loved by the whole of the group. He loves playing with Hobe, Gamba, Bixa, and Micky while Chatta, Zoe, and Gamba love carrying him around on their backs. Eddie is closest to her mum, Susie and also loves spending time and playing with her father, Paddy.

CHATTA - Likes to sit in the outside enclosure on the high platform. She also loves having her skin oiled.

HEBE - She is growing up fast and is finding her feet within the group as she learns all about the complicated social hierarchy of the group. At age eight she still can be found sitting with her mother, Olympia.

GIBBONS

By Wendy Durham

Zoey and Raffael - Raffael is the newest addition to the gibbon house and has settled in very well. He is still very small but it looks like he and his new lady Zoey are going to be just fine together, that is if he remembers that food is the most important thing in his life. Zoey acts like an old hand at moving new gibbon and has taken the whole thing in her stride. Both Raffael and the introductions have been no problem as they grow up in a family group and are used to the ways of adult females. We have great hopes for this, our newest pair of golden-cheeked gibbon.

Phoebe and Pung-Yo - During the last few weeks Phoebe has managed a lot and has left the care of her adoptive mother Zoey to be passed on to our youngest male gibbon Pung-Yo. They are both still younger so far for the time being their days are filled with play. We have all been watching and waiting for Phoebe to begin her first colour change in her nose, which we know is as if it is beginning. Over the next few months Phoebe will change from a pink-tipped black to a beautiful birdie.

Vieta and Tito - Tito, who arrived last April, has surprised us all and has turned out to be a lovely gentle soul. He first arrived isolating him to Zoey, but he seems to have none of her nature overwhelmed him so we decided to try Vieta as the two seem to have a very soft nature. The pair have not been together long but are doing well and are starting to get used to each other's ways and habits. We are sure it won't be long until they are a fully bonded pair.

Alex (and Jake!) - Alex is currently housed on her own after Pung-Yo left to live with Phoebe. However, we are sure she enjoys the freedom that comes with the change. She is often found playing confidently with all the toys and enquires how she is doing and is prompted by the attention she gets from the Primate Care Staff. Little does Alex know but arrangements have already been made for the new man in her life Jake will soon be flying in from Utah, USA as part of the international breeding programme for this endangered species.

Nike and Ella - The gibbon are going from strength to strength. Their relationship has grown stronger recently and Nike has really got the hang of singing in a duet with Ella. The pair can often be heard in the morning affirming their bond and announcing their territory. Following several operations to remove broken and infected teeth as well as a piece of metal that was lodged in her hip. Ella is now free of discomfort and pain. Now she has developed a steady walking style and often creeps up on Nike to get him into play with her.

Paul and Kinga - We have housed our lone male male agile gibbon, Paul, with young Kitty, the lar gibbon. Even though they are different species, the two enjoy each other's company. They play in fast and carry on for most of the day. Kitty has finally found her voice and is now fully vocal, and boy does she have a lot to say.

Adidas and Dakome - Our pair of filial's gibbon has proven to have the strongest pair bond yet. They spend all of the morning grooming and playing and now focus on each other more rather than looking to people. For these two life just doesn't get any better.

Fox and Nini - Over the last few weeks Nini has reached sexual maturity and can be heard every morning singing across the park. This has not changed his relationship with Fox however, as he always has time for a good game of chase around their enclosure whenever Fox can drag himself away from seeing what's in store for the park. Fox likes to watch people walking through the park.

The Siamangs - Osian has grown into a fine figure of a gibbon and is now nearly as big as his father Sam. The family are as tight as they ever were and in fact Osian now has the strength and speed to get away from Sages enforced grooming sessions. When he does she has to settle for grooming Sam instead, that is unless they gang up on Osian and then he has no chance of getting out of bash time.

WOOLLY MONKEYS

By Melisa Lloyd

At Monkey World we have two groups of woolly monkeys. Our first group consists of six woolly monkeys. With the increasing popularity of the park, these monkeys are now quite a popular attraction. They are very friendly and love to interact with visitors. They are generally very active and love to display their acrobatic skills. They are not afraid of humans and enjoy playing with them. They are very playful and love to play with toys.

Lena, Dominant Female, Beth

Lena is a very intelligent and affectionate monkey. She is very vocal and loves to make sounds, especially when she is happy or excited. She is very good at communicating with humans and enjoys playing with them. She is very friendly and loves to play with toys. She is a very important member of the group and is always there to help with anything that needs to be done.

Mandera, Chica, Kupja and Yenta

Mandera, Chica, Kupja and Yenta comprise our second group of woolly monkeys. They are the most active and noisy of the group. They are very playful and love to play with toys. They are very social and enjoy spending time with each other. They are very intelligent and love to learn new things. They are very friendly and love to play with humans.

DORRIN WILLY

By Olle Harper

Willy is the largest and most dominant male in the group. He is very aggressive and likes to be in charge. He is very protective of his group and will fight if necessary to keep them safe. He is very intelligent and loves to learn new things. He is very friendly and loves to play with humans. He is very vocal and loves to make sounds, especially when he is happy or excited. He is very good at communicating with humans and enjoys playing with them. He is a very important member of the group and is always there to help with anything that needs to be done.
By Jeremy Keepeng

The nursery group is getting quite large now so we are beginning to introduce Ben and Pip to the other members of Sally’s group. As they are growing rapidly, both physically and mentally, we are confident that their full-time residence in the main group is fairly imminent.

SALLY - Sally is due to be in charge which is why she has always been an excellent adoptive mother. At the moment, however, she has to share her authority with Lu and Carli. Sally’s response is to let the others get on with things and only get involved when it matters (i.e., for food and if Seamus needs help). Seamus is still her spotty baby.

LUU - Lu is noticeable, as someone who cares for her on a daily basis. Luu has really settled in now. She has decided that life can be fun and is enjoying every moment of it. From playing, to grooming, to demanding her own way, Luu is now involved with everything.

CARLI - Carli has also found life in the nursery to be a real gas! Carli appears to have found a good level between playing, teasing, and arguing and is thoroughly enjoying his new life. He is not really focused on Tutti anymore and is happy to play with anybody who is interested. Carli also loves to interact with visitors keeping them amused for ages.

SEAMUS - Seamus is still growing up but his body is growing faster than his brain! He is a very kind hearted individual as long as he gets his way. Seamus is still very close to Sally and has now become best mates with Carli.

JOHN - John is a very quiet little boy. He often likes to sit all grown up specially when it comes to looking out for the younger things but really he has a long way to go yet.

TUTTI - Tutti has always been very independent but when she first arrived she quickly attached herself to Carli. The two are still very close but each has started taking an interest in the others in the group.

BEN - Ben is still a happy little boy who finds politics a little too much to cope with so he just follows Pip’s lead. He is truly a nice boy.

PIP - Pip is another candidate for the most independent role. He finds everything a challenge and every challenge must be met!

RINGTAIL LEMURS

By Leanne Huiagoud

The past year has seen a few changes at Malagasy. Our dominant females Tiber and Perky, who previously ran the group together, have had their differences and each has taken charge of half the group. Everyone’s favourite George continues to do well and has made some very good friends of Whispot and Houdini who are now regular sleeping partners of his.

They very playful youngsters still keep us Primates Care Staff on to their toes, especially as many of you know, slippery little Diggery. How many keepers does it take to get 1 lemur to bed...two, three, four? An original “chaos monkey”.

Old ladies Blue and Perky; the nucleated lemurs have also come to Malagasy and have been enjoying the woodland enclosure.

TIBET & DIGGERY

STUMP TAILED MACAQUES

By Leanne Huiagoud

Down at the Stumpy House we have had a great 2004. Last year we moved our old ladies Effie, Erica and Louise with Blazsak’s group of 4 males, resulting in a happy mixed gender group. Tiber and Tita soon formed a very close friendship, spending hours grooming each other. Erica always watches over Blazsak when she is out and pays him down. Everyone has spent a lot more time outside this year enjoying the insects and the natural enclosure. Louise has become skilled in the catching flies, wasps, butterflies and moths and even the odd dragonfly. Blazsak who celebrated his 12th birthday this year has been outside regularly enjoying the sunshine occasionally being the best in the crew.

In the boys group, Fred has lost those last few pounds and now joins most of the others for afternoon “rests”. Scott is comfortable in his top position. Perhaps a little too comfortable as only he, Tim and David have more weight to lose. When watching them it is even hard to believe the poor physical and mental state in which the macaques arrived. Happy, healthy, comfortable and relaxed, it’s a tail-back, peaceful life the stumps enjoy.

SQUIRREL MONKEYS

We have 7 squirrel monkeys, 3 of which are getting quite old. Mamon and Balu the oldest will get extra fruit and insects every day to help keep up their condition. Their favourite thing to do is spend as much time outside as possible especially in the summer when there are lots of insects to catch.

CAPUCHIN MONKEYS

Tom - Tom now gets to enjoy an increased diet that includes extra bananas which he is very pleased about. He spends most of his day keeping an eye over all the other capuchins especially his best friend Tj.

Jerry - As he does not have Tj, Jerry has been let into Garan’s house somewhere with one of our latest members of the group. They are now firm friends and spend most mornings grooming each other.

Terry - Terry is a very happy individual as she can choose who she wants to be with. When she has enough of Tj and his games she sits on the ground and plays. When she makes her boyfriend Tom too much she then sits to go back.

TJ - He is a very clever young male who always wants to play. We have great fun trying to find new toys to keep him occupied.

Favourite new toy is a dipping pot where he has to find sticks to get to the nuggets.

Pepe - He is our latest addition to the group and is a very old man who suffers from arthritis. He has settled into the main group of capuchins very well and loves to groom anyone who is still young enough.

Giame - Giame has spent the last few months since his arrival settling in. He was a bit of a risk when he arrived and did not really get on with any of the other capuchins as he had lived on his own for the previous 15 years. Slowly but surely, though, he has settled down and now has a best buddy Jerry, who he loves to groom.

LOUIS, THE MARMOSET

MARMOSETS, GOELDI, SQUIRREL & CAPUCHIN MONKEYS

By Julie Cartering

MARMOSETS

We have 16 common marmosets, 4 females live with our Goeldi monkey, Oberon. Betty Boo and Oberon are good friends, they even sit next to each other grooming. Our family of 4 common marmosets has expanded to 6 with another set of healthy twins. The male marmosets are now in 3 groups as we have a new addition, Marcel, who will in the next few days be introduced to Leo and Nathan who live next door.

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Hanging baskets. In particular we would like to thank all our adoptive parents and visitors that have sent us copies of photos that they have taken whilst at the park. Some of them are in this AWC and they are very good.

On a sad note, many people who regularly visited the park or were adoptive parents have passed away. Our condolences go to the family and friends of Robert Warren, Eileen Logan, Patricia Bessley, Eileen Catlin, Helen Baker, Mary Cockayne, David Lunn, Ronald Adams, Bill Jenner, Christine Lees, and Tony Eden. Over the summer we had a special visit from Billy and Christine McCann. Christine was very unwell but wanted to come to Monkey World to see all of the monkeys and apes that she loved to watch. Christine passed away not long after her visit and our thoughts are with her family who cared for her so much. They will all be greatly missed.

We have many new projects on the horizon. We have just taken delivery of a new building that will soon be fitted out to become the new orangutan nursery. It is a large building, way too big for just one baby orangutan...! We have just brought in another common marmoset from the British pet trade and we are making final preparations for the arrival of a new mate for Alex, our golden-cheeked gibbon. Jake, the gibbon, is flying in all the way from Utah, USA! By the time you receive this AWC he should be here and have met his new leading lady.

All the monkeys and apes are now receiving extra vitamin C and primrose oil capsules as the cold weather begins to set in. Our Primate Care Staff take special care to make sure that everyone, especially the older and infirm, makes the transition between seasons as gently as possible. We are careful to watch for chapped lips, dry skin, cold, and most will have flu injections. It is hard work at this time of year but it is worth it to see all the monkeys and apes enjoying their comfortable homes.

From everyone at Monkey World, all the best for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ali Cronin
Director

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 are still a couple more individuals that we are hoping to bring to the park and of course improving and redecorating the animal enclosures is something that we do every year.

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 apes, a certificate, and the Ape Rescue Chronicle three times per year.

Help by donating goods such as fruit, vegetables, bread, or redcap baby formula (progress). Any type of melon is good as all the monkeys and apes love them yet they are not too fattening! At present we particularly need small (approximately 1cm) T-cut cup feeders for our monkey section. The T-cut cup feeders are generally used for birds and can be found at most pet shops. For our gibbons, we need more large, wood baskets that are strong. We secure them inside the houses and the gibbons love to sleep in them at night. We can also use thick ropes and heavy-duty dog toys. At the moment we are low on either heavy “feeding balls” or “kong” toys. The keepers fill them with food that the monkeys and apes then have to work for in order to get to 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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