

APE RESCUE CHRONICLE

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Letter From the Editor:

Over the past couple of months I have been inundated with letters asking questions, making comments, sending chimps presents, and most of all thanking us for the newsletter. We also received a lot of donations for our projects and for the rescue work. Monkey World has now set up a 100% fund for all of the donation and adoption money we receive. This means all your help goes to the animals with no administrative costs taken out.

We received support from a number of schools and organisations and also from children who raised money in a number of ways; shaking tins, sponsored silence, bike rides, swimming, eating only fruit, or putting out tins for the change at lunch time. All donations help, and inside are the details of how it is being put toward ape rescue and rehabilitation. We also received a very generous donation, from a person who wishes to remain anonymous, helping us with the funding to rebuild and expand the pig-tail enclosure. The Vier Pfoten organisation continues to support ape rescue with donations and reports from abroad of animals who need our help. A big thank you comes from Arfur, Jess, and Bob who received a special gift from Elizabeth Hurley.

There were many questions about the reasons for moving animals into different groups. I have attempted to respond to all queries, but it is not easy. The only aspect of the chimps' behaviour which is steadfast, is that they are all individuals and have very different temperaments and natures. In "Personal Primates" you will get an idea of how Jeremy Keeling and his keeping staff work with, and understand, individual chimps. The main rule of thumb with the chimps, is that there are no rules!

Alison Ames, MA
Scientific Director

SAVING SIMON

We are now planning for the next arrival at Monkey World. 'Simon' was confiscated in Valencia, Spain on 13 October, 1995 by our "lady in Spain" with the assistance of the Spanish authorities. The young chimp was found chained to a post at a petrol station and will have been taken from his mother in Africa and smuggled into Spain. We estimate he is approximately three years old, which means he will fit in with the nursery group when he gets to Monkey World.

The day the young chimp was confiscated was also the birthday of Simon Templar, the man who along with his wife, Peggy, started chimpanzee rescue in Spain, in 1978. It seemed only appropriate that the young chimp should be named 'Simon'. His rehabilitation has begun at Simon Templar's half way house and the final arrangements have been made for his transfer

to Monkey World.

We are always enthusiastic to rescue and rehabilitate monkeys and apes who need our help, however, we have a more important job. **Monkey World helps to conserve wildlife in Africa by helping governments to stop animal smugglers.** For nine years, we have provided foreign governments (Spain, France, Austria, Greece, and



Britain) with a place to send illegal animals so that national authorities are able to enforce their own laws. In 1987 it was estimated that over 200 chimpanzees were being used on the beaches of Spain as photographers props, but what was the Spanish government going to do with this many chimps? Monkey World provides foreign governments with a lifetime home for primates so that the animals can be confiscated and smugglers prosecuted. Last summer, Jim Cronin and Alison Ames followed up on some reports of beach chimps in the south of Spain, and were happy to find that chimps are no longer being used on the beaches!!!

Left: Simon at our halfway house in Spain.

PERSONAL PRIMATES

- part 1 by Jeremy Keeling and Tracy Corbin

There are now 39 chimps in the park, all with very different backgrounds. In this issue we will cover the Nursery group and Rodney's group and in the winter edition all the rest of the chimps will be covered.

Nursery

'Sally' - A female, ex-beach chimpanzee from Spain. She arrived at Monkey World on 10/11/93 and we estimate she was born during 1989. She is brownish and the largest in the group. 'Sally' had been in 'Butch's' group but she did not get along with the others. On 15/04/95 she moved into the nursery and since has proved to be a very good and caring adoptive mother for the three babies. 'Sally' is a very good role model for the younger chimps and encourages them to play outside. 'Sally' carries 'Bob' as if he were her own. Her personality is adventurous and mischievous. While most chimps dislike water, 'Sally' regularly bathes in the water trough during the summer.

'Arfur' - A male from Windsor Safari Park. He was born on 23/04/93 and arrived at the park on 31/05/93. 'Arfur' has a pale face and greyish hair. His mother is 'Bixa' but he had to be removed from her due to a lack of milk. 'Arfur' was a nervous chap, always staying close to 'Jess', but now he is the most outgoing of the infants with a boisterous and

confident character.

'Jess' - A female from Windsor Safari Park. She was born on 24/04/93 and arrived at the park on 31/05/93. 'Jess' is the biggest of the infants with a pale face and black nose. 'Evie', her mother, rejected her when she was at Windsor. 'Jess' gets on well within the group and is very close to 'Arfur'. She is less confident than the others and enjoys playing by herself.

'Bob' - A male who is the only chimp that was born at Monkey World. 'Bob' was born on 27/01/94 and is the smallest chimp in the park. His face is pale with black markings and he has a very hairy fringe around his face. His mother, 'Jane', came from Windsor Safari Park pregnant, but wasn't looking after him properly. 'Bob' is growing up fast and is a bright natured chimp. He is a lot more outgoing than either 'Arfur' or 'Jess' at his age. 'Bob' looks upon 'Sally' as his mother and knows that she will always come to the rescue if needed.



'Banghi', the male orangutan being prepared for a chest x-ray

FUTURE RESCUES

Monkey World has been requested to rescue another eight chimpanzees! The animals come from:

-  Spain
 1. **'Simon'**, a three year old male
 2. A nine year old male
-  Israel
 3. **'Semach'**, a two year old male
 4. **'Tikko'**, a two year old male
 5. **'Hananya'**, a two year old male
 6. **'Gypsy King'**, a two year old male
-  Germany
 7. **'Baby'**, a eight year old female
-  America
 8. **'Candy'**, a 30 year old female.



Monkey World has agreed to take 'Simon' and the four babies from Israel. The paper work for the transfer of these animals is currently with British authorities and we hope that all of the chimps will be with us soon. The second chimp in Spain, 'Baby', and 'Candy' are illegally owned by individuals who are currently not cooperating. *We will keep you posted.*

Rodney's Group

'Rodney' - A male from Windsor Safari Park. He arrived at the park on 31/05/93 and we estimate that he was born during 1968. 'Rodney' has a black face, a grey back, is bald on his shoulders, and is the oldest chimp in the park. He is the dominant male in the group and as he is older, most of the others respect his position. 'Rodney' is a good natured chimp and while he has only just been moved into this group, he has befriended all members and rules with force only when absolutely necessary.

'Charlie' - A male, ex-beach chimpanzee from Spain. He arrived at the park on 05/09/89 and we estimate he was born during 1980. He is a large male with a drawn face, due to loss of teeth, and pointy ears. 'Charlie's' history is traumatic. When he arrived he was a drug addict, had a broken jaw, cataracts, and only seven teeth. 'Charlie' has a very strong character and is often seen displaying both to other chimps as well as to passing tanks on the road. While appearing to be older both mentally and physically, he is probably only in his teens.

'Gamba' - A male, ex-beach chimp from Spain. He arrived on 24/04/92 and we estimate he was born during 1991. 'Gamba' is the smallest male. He has a pale face with dark markings around his nose. He was rescued before being used on the beaches and was confiscated along with 'Paco'; the two have

remained good friends. 'Gamba' is confident and ambitious and is always in the thick of things. He has great prospects for being a group leader, but he is still young and enjoys having fun.

'Paco' - A male, ex-beach chimp from Spain. He arrived on 24/04/92 and we estimate he was born during 1991. He has a triangular shaped head, a long pale face, and buck teeth. 'Paco' was rescued along with 'Gamba' before being used on the beaches, they were spotted at the docks of Alicante by a Spanish boy named Paco. 'Paco' the chimp remains a silly, acting the fool character. Since the introduction into a large group, 'Paco' has become less dependent on 'Gamba'. 'Paco' spends most of his time playing with the younger females.

'Grisby' - A female, ex-laboratory chimp from France. She arrived at the park on 24/04/90 and we estimate that she was born during 1981. 'Grisby' has a dark, wrinkly face, prominent eyebrows, freckles on her chest, and three nipples. When she first arrived she was very thin, weak, and had very little muscle; she could hardly climb a ladder. Like most animals kept in small holding facilities, she needed acclimatising to larger areas and greater freedom. 'Grisby' has settled in to the group well and is toward the top of the dominance hierarchy. She is keen to interact with the youngsters, especially 'Athena'.

'Cathy' - A female, ex-labora-

tory chimp from France. She arrived at the park on 24/04/90 and we estimate that she was born during 1981. 'Cathy' has a dark, smooth face, prominent eyebrows, and a greyish lower back. Like all laboratory animals, she has a tattoo on her inner thigh which was used as an identity number. She has settled in well within the group. 'Cathy' has a young, mischievous streak, never taking anything seriously, and she enjoys playing with the youngsters. She is close to 'Gamba' and shares food with him.

'Clin' - A female, ex-laboratory chimp from France. She arrived at the park on 24/04/90 and we estimate that she was born during 1981. 'Clin' is brown in colour, has prominent eyebrows, and is blind in her right eye. The three lab chimps were captured in the Congo region of Africa and their eyebrows and lanky bodies are typical of this region. 'Clin' is a high ranking female in the group even though she is one of the smallest adult females. No one dares to get on the wrong side of her, particularly at feeding time when 'Clin' collects as much food as possible into a pile for herself. No body dares to steal from 'Clin's' pile!

'Susie' - A female, ex-beach chimp from Spain. She arrived at the park on 22/09/94 and we estimate she was born during 1980. She has a round head, piercing eyes, and a round bottom. 'Susie' was evacuated from our half-way house in Spain as bush fires got out of control. She had a notoriously bad temper, but as she was introduced to the group, she surprised us all. 'Susie' found her niche looking after the youngsters and is often seen carrying 'Athena' around on her back. She is a high ranking individual.

'Evie' - A female chimp from Windsor Safari Park. She arrived at the park on 31/05/93 and she was born during 1971. She is a big female with a round bottom and a brown face. 'Evie' gave birth to 'Jess' at Windsor, but did not look after her. She is not particularly bright and seems to blunder through life without a care. She is close to 'Rodney'.

'Bixa' - A female chimp from Windsor Safari Park. She arrived at the park on 31/05/93 and was born during 1977 at Port Lympne Zoo. She is a greyish colour, squints her eyes a lot, and has a lopsided face. 'Bixa' is the mother of 'Arfur' but was not producing enough milk to feed him. She is bad tempered

towards humans but gets on well within the group.

'Peppa' - A female, ex-beach chimp from Spain. She arrived at the park on 10/11/93 and we estimate she was born during 1987. She has a dark face, a birth mark on her top lip, a torn right ear, and golden eyes. 'Peppa' arrived with 'Sally' and 'Lola' and after a bit of turmoil, she has settled into the group. She gets on well with the other females but as a subadult chimp, she is at the bottom of the pecking order and is usually sitting on the fringes of the group.

'Lola' - A female, ex-beach chimp from Spain. She arrived at Monkey World on 10/11/93 and we estimate she was born during 1988. She has a dark face and scarring on her top lip from what was either a split lip or hair lip. 'Lola' has always been a nervous character, not always aware of how to behave around other members. Like 'Peppa', she is a low-ranking subadult and they are close friends.

'Cherri' - A female, ex-beach chimp from Spain. She arrived at the park on 24/11/92 and we estimate that she was born during 1991. 'Cherri' has a black, wrinkly face with a grey chin. On arrival we noticed she had difficulties eating and found that she had a broken jaw. The vet operated in order to free 'Cherri's' trapped teeth. As a subadult, she is low ranking but she has a good friend in 'Kay'.

'Kay' - A female, ex-beach chimp from Spain. She arrived at the park on 24/11/92 and we estimate she was born during 1991. 'Kay' is a small female with freckles on one eye brow, and serious side burns. On arrival, she behaved abnormally and would rock back and forward; probably a result of being removed from her mother at a young age. 'Kay' still does this occasionally, however, we believe that it is a habit rather than a problem now. Quite often, she rocks in anticipation of food. 'Kay' tends to stay out of trouble and enjoys playing with others.

'Olympia' - A female, ex-circus chimp from Greece. She arrived on 11/12/93 and we estimate she was born during 1991. She has a pretty face, a lanky body, and prominent muscles. 'Olympia' arrived with 'Athena' and bonded with her when introduced to the rest of the group. She was very shy and nervous and tended to eat on her own. While she is approaching subadult age, she is at the bottom of the hierarchy but fully integrated within the group.

'Athena' - A female, ex-circus

SUMMER ICE

During the hot summer months, the monkeys and apes love to get specially made ape-ices. We mix a variety of flavours from Complan and other nutritious mixes, some including whole fruits and vegetables.

In 'Paddy's' group we give them large ices which are approximately 6 litres. As well as enjoying their treat, the large blocks help to promote the social hierarchy of the group. When we first arrive with the ice, the chimps come running, hooting and shouting. 'Paddy' generally gets hold of the large block and carries it away and the others follow him, begging for bits and pieces. This type of behaviour mimics the feeding routine of wild chimpanzees.

With 'Rodney's' large group, we generally give individual ices frozen in cups. Extras have to be made because 'Charlie' and 'Clin', in particular, gather as many as they can hold, generally 4 or 5. We try to get an ice

to all of the chimps, but sometimes 'Lola' or 'Cherri' have theirs stolen and a huge tantrum follows. Life is not always fair in chimpanzee society.



Amy, the orangutan enjoys her ape-ices.

CONTRACEPTION; to pill or not to pill?



One of the most common questions people ask is do the chimps have babies? Sadly the answer is no. Because of our rescue and rehabilitation work, we must save what space we have, for individuals who need our help. We put all of our females on contraceptive implants which stop their reproductive cycles.

Female chimpanzees have reproductive cycles just like humans; they menstruate approximately once a month. Prior to ovulation, a female chimp's bottom becomes large and swollen. Chimps are often described as "coming into oestrus" because the increase, and decrease, in the hormone oestrogen is associated with the swelling and then ovulation. The implants we use are smaller than your little finger and they are put between the animals' shoulder blades, just under the skin. They last for two years and stop the hormone changes in the females.

The implants have several effects upon the animals. Firstly, the large groups of chimps we have remain socially stable. When females come into oestrus, they behave very differently, and are often more temperamental - chimpanzee PMT!

When a female is ready to be mated, there will often be fights among the males who try to mate her. The dominant male has priority for mating, but subordinate males will try and sneak a mating. With contraception, the social groups remain more stable and of course we do not have a population explosion. This is critical with 20 female chimps at the park.

During the past couple of months, several of our females have either removed their implants or they are running out. 'Clin', 'Cathy', and 'Cherri' have had swollen bottoms and 'Rodney' has been mating 'Clin'. When ever they get a chance, 'Gamba' and 'Paco' have also been mating receptive females. Our vet will be in shortly for some planned parenthood counselling.

chimp from Greece. She arrived on 11/12/93 and we estimate she was born during 1992. She is the smallest in the group, has a pale face, and is always frowning. 'Athena' first joined the creche with 'Arfur' and 'Jess', but she proved far too out going for them. We moved her to 'Rodney's' group where she set-

tled in well and has become the favoured baby. Being the youngest is an advantage and up until recently 'Athena' has always had her own way. But things are changing as she gets older. The adult females often carry her around and she is well known for clapping her hands.



All monetary donations are greatly appreciated, however, there are many ways you can help rescue an ape.

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.

Ongoing Projects:

Banghi's Nose - help to build a new orang house.

Tunnel of Fun - help to connect to large groups of chimps.

Israeli Connection - help to bring four more babies to Monkey World.

Saving Simon - help to bring 'Simon' to Monkey World.

Donate Goods:

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

Memorial Garden:

Remember the chimps and establish a legacy for their welfare.

When people donate money for ape rescue and rehabilitation, 100% of the money goes to just that.

Over the past three months, we have used donations for **some** of our expenses:

Steel (tunnel of fun)	£1118.94
Netting (to replace old)	£ 352.50
Poles (new climbing frames)	£3923.53
Workmen	£3500.00
Veterinarian	£2000.00
X-Ray Service	£ 120.00
Vet. Supplies	£ 101.50
Animal Transport	£ 300.00
Heating	£1000.00
Fruit and Veg	£6192.25
Straw	£ 180.00

Next Issue...

The next issue will be the Christmas edition and will include the articles, 1997 Birthday List, Personal Primates-part two, and Monkey Business.

APE RESCUE DIARY

- 10 April** The Bournemouth Cherries football club came to visit their adopted chimp, 'Cherri'.
'Gamba' was seen mating 'Clin'.
- 11 April** 'Peggy' was operated on for a lump on her gums. It was removed and biopsied and found to be benign.
- 22 April** 'Banghi' the male orangutan had a chest x-ray to try and identify if his sinus condition was related to his lungs. The x-ray showed his lungs were clear.
'Peggy' had the remaining work on her gums done, and a broken tooth removed.
- 7 May** Work began on the 'Tunnel of Fun'.
- 15 May** We confirmed with the Israeli government that we would take the four babies.
- 20 May** We began work on a new climbing frame for 'Paddy's' group which includes a greenhouse area.
- 23 May** 'Freddy' is out of quarantine and is moved from 'Chico's' group into the Templer Pavilions with 'Rodney's' group.
- 3 June** A homeopathic specialist is brought in to treat 'Banghi's' sinus condition.
- 5 June** We began work on expanding the climbing frame for 'Chico's' group which will include a greenhouse area and bungee cords.
- 9 June** 'Pedal for Primates' sponsored bike ride was a big success with approximately 150 riders.
- 12 June** 'Freddy' is moved out of 'Rodney's' group and in with the bachelors.
- 19 June** Work began on the orang enclosure to create a climbing frame which moves like trees in the rainforest.

Q: Following 'Kyko's' move into 'Rodney's' group, why were 'Rodney' and 'Butch' swapped, especially after 'Rodney' had befriended 'Kyko'?

A: It was important for 'Kyko' to become friends with the dominant male, 'Rodney', and once settled into the group, he quickly became friends with all of the others. 'Rodney's' steady character and experience was most needed in the large group with vulnerable youngsters. All the chimps are now settled, and happy in their new groups.

Q: Why build a tunnel connecting 'Chico's' and the larger group? Won't 'Chico' simply start bullying 'Kay' and 'Lola' as 'Butch' did before?

A: Good question! We are not sure whether we will put the two groups together or not. At present 'Chico's' group is getting on brilliantly and it would be a shame to disturb them. If the two groups went together, 'Chico' could be tried in with the whole group as well as 'Rodney', but another option which we are considering is to keep the two groups distinct yet swap them in and out of enclosures. This would give both groups of chimps a totally new environment to explore without social chaos.

NEWS FLASH!

There are new photos available for: 'Paddy', 'Rocky', 'Paco', 'Gamba', 'Evie', 'Susie', 'Mona', 'Kay', and 'Cherri'.

New photos will be sent with every renewal, but if you would like to purchase one ahead of time, they can be ordered from: The Secretary, Monkey World for £1.

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