

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



You may have noticed that on the cover of this edition of the ARC are all of our most recent arrivals. In this issue you can learn about Rodders, Kayla, and Patricia but this might leave you wondering who is the new woolly monkey!! As it happens she was born just a day or so before we went to print so there isn't an article about her yet. Suffice it to say that Yarima's first baby is a beautiful baby girl and both mother and infant are fit and healthy.

Thanks to everyone, over the past few months, who have helped with our rescue and rehabilitation work by donating goods such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, seeds, garlic strands, dried fruit, bread, rice cakes, honey, baby milk, baby bottles, drinker cups, baby oil, vitamins, dog toys, blankets, sheets, towels, vet beds, large socks, D-feeder cups, disposable gloves, un-used stamps, foreign currency, copier paper, large baskets, carrier boxes, plastic bottles, ropes, fire hoses and supermarket vouchers. Knitted jumpers and hand made cards were donated to sell in the shop and several individuals sent chocolate, sticks of rock and beer for the Primate Care Staff. Everything is greatly enjoyed by humans, monkeys, and apes alike. We have received several generous donations and some have raised money by sponsored dress down days, car boot sales, charity barbecues, sponsored silences, donations instead of wedding presents, sponsored walks, change/tip jars, charity children's concerts, Victorian nights, sponsored sweet ban, enterprise days, cake sales, toy sales, fresh egg stalls, and artwork stalls. Your imagination is amazing and very much appreciated!

Special thanks need to be given to **Lisa O'Donnell** who ran the Reading 1/2 marathon, **Patrick Gillen** who ran the Marathon of Britain, **Sandra Presland** of the Childminding Network of Reading Borough Council for donating blankets, towel, and sheets plus a generous donation towards an X-ray machine, the **Pembroke School Special Learning Centre**



for toys and fruit, **Quaker Concern for Animals** who raised money with a plant and toy sale, **Tracy Nahas** who organised 'Pool for Primates' tournament in New Jersey, USA, **Ian McLaren** who donated an ultra-sound machine, the **Screaming Eagles Line Dancers** who organised a line dancing weekend, the **Mayhew Animal Home** who donated toys, and the **Costume Department of 'The Bill'** who sent a generous donation and contributed a load of disposable overalls. We would also like to thank all our adoptive parents and visitors that have sent us copies of photos that they have taken at the park.

On a sad note, many people who regularly visited the park or were adoptive parents have passed away. Our condolences go out to the family and friends of **Mary Anne Snow, Mary Kathleen Simpson**, the sister of **Ann James, Audry Howick, Thelma Bartram, Mr WS Downs, Martin John Barker, Miss J uVeldhuizen, and Brian Robert Gill** who helped us name our siamang gibbon, **Onion**. They will all be greatly missed.

Every year we wonder if we will be asked to rescue more monkeys and apes than the previous year and most years the answer is yes. Sadly, more and more species are being pushed to the brink of extinction and more are being exploited for a variety of reasons. The Monkey World Adoption

Scheme helps us to rescue more monkeys and apes and rehabilitate those that are already at the centre. In 18 years the value of an adoption pack has NEVER increased yet we are facing increased costs. In the New Year we are considering increasing the cost, but only just. We hope you will continue your support so we can give some of our closest living relatives the families that have been taken away from and which they so desperately need and deserve.

Alison Cronin

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**. We have just been asked to take another orphan in our orangutan nursery and at least three more chimpanzees from two different continents! It will be very costly so please help us to help them.

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 strands of garlic. Any type of melon is good as all the monkeys and apes love them yet they are not too fattening! With the new baby, we could use premature baby nappies and pre-mixed yellow SMA. For our older 'babies' we can use pre-made red SMA. Our small monkeys need some small to medium sized baskets that would be good for the squirrel monkeys and capuchins to nest inside. We can also use, sheets, blankets, towels, heavy-duty dog toys, hessian sacks, rinsed out plastic bottles with tops, un-used stamps, and thick ropes. 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 at the hidden treats.

Establish a legacy for the long-term welfare of the primates and be remembered in our memorial garden. Help us to help them.

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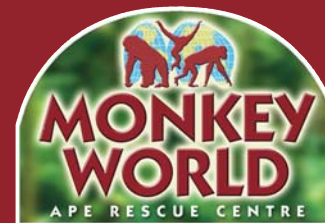
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Patricia! Patricia! Patricia!

By Jeremy Keeling and Alison Cronin



After landing in Fuerteventura, we went to meet Patricia straight away at the home of her owners. We wanted to confirm her size and how she was being kept so we knew what obstacles we were going to encounter when we returned later in the day to get her into the travelling box. Patricia was very happy to meet me and we seemed to bond instantly. That afternoon, Patricia was anaesthetised by our vet, John Lewis, who performed a routine health check, inserted an identification microchip, and placed the sleeping chimpanzee into her travelling box. She quickly recovered and was ready to begin her journey back to Monkey World. Two Guardia Civil officers accompanied us from beginning to end and truly came into their own when sorting out the complicated paperwork at the airport. Our most difficult problem to overcome, from the beginning, was how to transport Patricia to the UK from Fuerteventura. Most airlines only do package holidays to the island but Thompson Airways pulled a rabbit out of the hat and sponsored Patricia's rescue – we are very grateful.

We said goodbye to Ursula and the Guardia Civil Officers and had an uneventful flight back to Manchester Airport that very same day. We arrived at 2.30 am the next morning and were quickly on our way as all of Patricia's paperwork had been completed the night before in preparation of her very early arrival. We arrived at Monkey World just after 7.00am and while I was exhausted, Patricia was bright eyed, bushy tailed, and appeared extremely confident as we settled her into her new home at Hananya's House. We could only hope that this positive attitude would continue as she began to meet Hananya's group of 17.



We left Patricia to settle in the day of her arrival and decided to start her introductions to her new family the following day. After 7 years living on her own we were not sure how Patricia was going to react to others of her own kind. Hananya's group numbers 17 and they can be a fairly intimidating crowd so these introductions would have to happen slowly. For the first few days we simply brought individuals, such as Arfur, through into a bedroom along side of Patricia. It was interesting to see whom she liked and disliked just from appearance. Arfur was ok, Gypsy was not ok, and Hananya was clearly large enough that he demanded caution and respect. Patricia clearly had strong opinions about everything.

By the 27th we decided it was time to open the slide between Arfur and Patricia. This meeting went well although not much happened. Arfur tried over and over again to approach the new female and Patricia would quietly move away. It was not much but at least she accepted another chimpanzee in her presence which was a start. Introductions through the mesh in the bedrooms continued with Hananya and Semach while each day Arfur would spend an hour or so with Patricia until he would want to return to the others. On the 5th of July we decided it was time to take things further and we let Patricia into one of the large playrooms. Over the next few weeks we began the slow process of bringing individuals in to spend time with the newcomer. Kuki got on very well with Patricia; probably because she is not that social herself and therefore was not too demanding. After a couple of days with Kuki, Patricia was grooming, and being groomed, and making a wide variety of chimp noises. It was time to bring another chimp into the mix so we tried Valerie. What we had not realised was how selfish Patricia really was. She was happy to meet Valerie or any of the other younger females but if they even acknowledged anyone else in the room, human or chimp, she would explode with anger and lash out. Patricia wanted all the attention but this was not surprising having lived on her own for so many years!

A new plan of attack was called for as it was not going to be easy to just keep adding individuals to Patricia's group. We decided to put Kuki back with the others and let Patricia spend the day with different individuals all on her own. This seemed to work as she was happy with one on one meetings. Zeynep was the next chimp that she befriended



and they had a wonderful time playing loudly together – the question was would she be happy to accept Kuki back and play as a group? It took a couple of days for her to understand that everyone could be together and that she did not get all of the attention all of the time. This was a key moment for Patricia's integration into the group. She had to learn about the social hierarchy and that it was important to make a wide circle of friends. By the 18th of July, Patricia was living full time with both Zeynep and Kuki and appeared happy in both their company. Now it was just a case of adding new faces to the mix but not too many as to overwhelm Patricia.

As it happens, most everyone likes Patricia and some of her best friends include Valerie, Marjoline, Arfur, Simon, and Hananya. She still gets teased from time to time but it is nothing serious and her five best friends are always very quick to jump to her defence. It is a long way from the patio cage in Fuerteventura but Patricia is now enjoying a larger home with a two-acre enclosure and a new family to go with it. She still has a lot more learning to do to fully understand everyone's position in the group but she is a smart chimpanzee and it will only be a matter of time before Patricia has then all eating out of her hand.



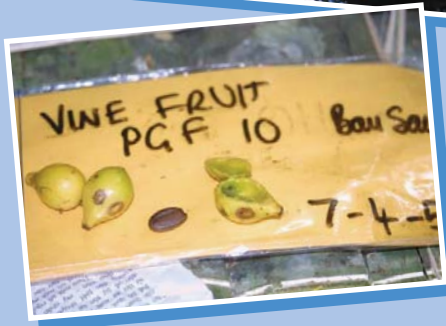
Field Work in Vietnam

by Wendy Durham

Spending any amount of time in a tropical forest is difficult. There are far too many things trying to eat you or your equipment and it's hot, so hot that even when sitting still you cannot help but drip with sweat. The chances of getting lost and disorientated are high so one might wonder why I would choose to spend six weeks in Vietnam under these conditions? Well that's easy to answer; there is no greater joy for me than sitting in the forest at the break of day and listening to the sounds of the daytime forest coming alive. On this journey however, I had a specific goal; to assist a fellow member of our Primate Care Staff, Marina Kenyon, in studying and collecting data on the behaviour and ecology of wild golden-cheeked gibbons.

On the 16th March 2005 I travelled to Southern Vietnam, Saigon, to meet up with Marina who was working in Cat Tien national park. Marina is working towards a PhD and has four main study areas in the National Park. Each area has a character of its own: Da Mi is flat and has a large number of mature trees, Bau Sau is located on a large hill that is topped with good forest but surrounded by bamboo and rattan, the headquarters site is busy with researchers and close to human habitation, and Ben Cue is probably the worst gibbon habitat out of all of them as it has very little forest and is surrounded by bamboo and a vast cashew nut plantation. However, Marina's research has shown that each of these sites is home to numerous gibbon groups.

Each day we started early, up by 3.30am and out on the trail by 4.00. It is vital to be in the forest, settled, and quiet at the chosen listening post by 5am as the gibbons sing at dawn and hearing their song is the only way to locate them. Once they sing you have to decide if they are the family you are looking for and if they are close enough to run to or are they too far away. The average duration of the morning duets we recorded was 15 minutes so the group must be close enough for you to track them down in that time and it is not as easy as it sounds. Every day we followed the gibbons for as long as we could. They tended to give us the slip as soon as we came to an area where the forest floor was full of dry leaves as we made a huge amount of noise no matter how hard we tried to keep quiet. After the gibbons had shaken us off their trail, we would generally go to work on phenology plots. In each gibbon territory Marina had



set out 9 randomly placed plots measuring 40 x 60 meters. In each of these plots all the trees over 10cm in diameter had been tagged and numbered and each tree had been measured in height and canopy width. Every month, for a full year, each tree had to be checked for leaf growth and for fruiting, in the end this data will build up a much better picture of the seasonal fluctuation of the forest, what the gibbons were eating, and where to find the gibbons if trees were in fruit. None of this detailed fieldwork would have been possible without the help of the Kiem Lam, or forest rangers, whose knowledge of the forest was incredible.

Vietnam is renowned for being one of the hardest places to see wildlife and I was beginning to see how it got this reputation. It was coming to the end of my stay in Vietnam and although we had seen and heard gibbons, they had always been just that little bit too far away to get a good view. I was getting worried that they would allude me this time round until David's group, in Da Mi, gave me the perfect morning. There was no song on this occasion and as Marina and I sat waiting quietly in the early light of dawn we heard them moving directly over our heads! The group were moving to a fruiting tree but Dee, the adult female, was carrying her infant and was moving more carefully than normal. She was very reticent about leaving the branches of one tree and going to the next as the gaps were just a little too big. This gave us the most incredible view of Dee and her family as they waited for her. She had spotted us and was none too pleased about our presence but she was not going to take any chances with her infant by fleeing too quickly or coming down to threaten us. It was the perfect sighting.

I have left Marina and the gibbons in the forests of Vietnam but have brought a part of them all back with me that I will never forget. They not only gave me the experience of a lifetime but a greater understanding of the needs and behaviour of the gibbons at Monkey World.

A Nice Surprise Makes 59!

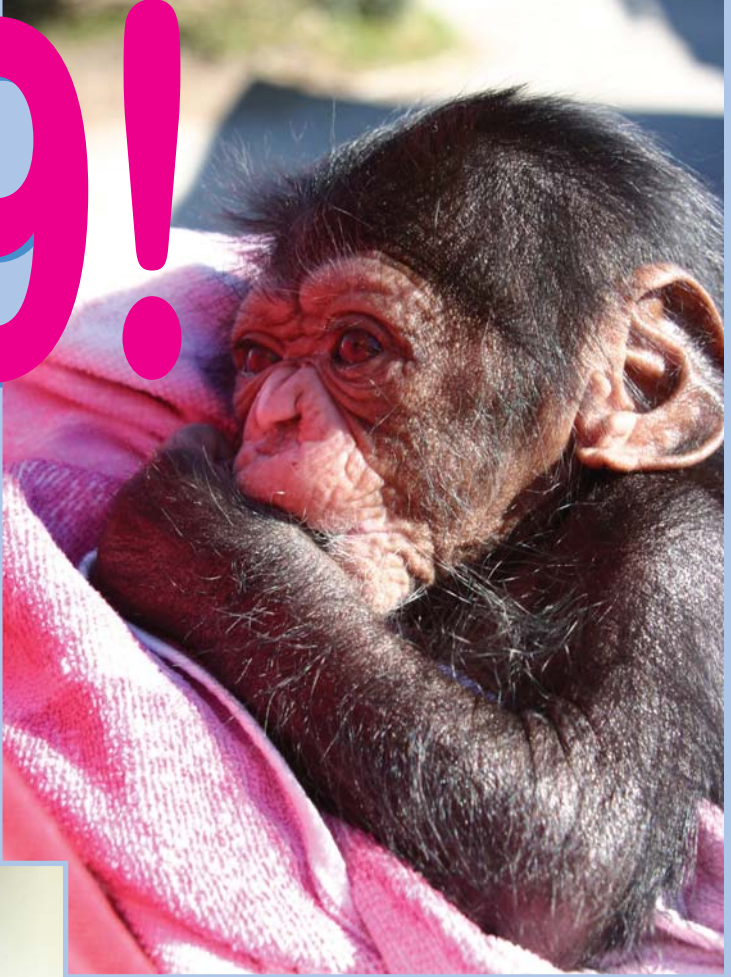
By Emma Lintern

On the 3rd August Primate Care Staff arrived at the park to find a surprise in Hananya's House. Jess, one of our adult females, had given birth during the night to a healthy baby boy! As Jess has always been reluctant to take her birth control pill it was decided to give her a contraceptive injection every 3 months. Chimpanzees are pregnant for approximately 255 days or 8.5 months and sure enough by counting the number of days back, we could confirm that Jess conceived one month after her 1st birth control injection.

While Jess had cleaned the baby and responded a little bit when he cried, unfortunately she showed no more interest in the infant and hid the baby under the bedding. Arfur, Jess' closest companion, was very attentive to both Jess and the baby. He hovered over both of them and when Jess finally decided to walk away from the baby, Arthur thought that HE would take it with them! Reluctantly, we decided that we would have to step in and take care of the baby otherwise it's survival would be at risk. As the alpha male Rodney had passed away many months ago, we decided in his memory to name the baby Rodders.

Rodders is very similar to a new-born human baby and he needs lots of love and attention which includes two hourly feeds, night and day, nappy changes, and play time. At birth he weighed 1.4 kg and three weeks later Rodders was tipping the scales at 2.38kg. He is developing quickly and has a lot to say for himself. If he is not held or put down in the most comfortable position, he lets you know. During the day Rodders lives in a bedroom within Sally's nursery group and at night he goes home with either Mike Colbourne or me. Although we had all hoped Jess would have looked after Rodders it is a privilege to help care for him and watch him progress, despite the sleepless nights that come as part of the deal!

We hope that in the coming months Sally will be able to join Jeremy in feeding Rodders and that soon thereafter he will be comfortable enough with Sally that he will happily cling to her as if she were his real mother. We know Sally is keen because when she first saw Rodders in the Nursery room she started spinning in circles with excitement. I am sure she can't wait for the day she can help look after him and then young Rodders will have his own chimpanzee family again.



Keeping the Old...

Over the past few months Monkey World has been building new enclosures, new facilities, as well as making improvements and changes to old houses and enclosures. As our monkeys and apes grow and mature, so do we, so the park is constantly evolving to improve the lives of our primates and visitors alike.

For visitors to the park we have been repairing paths and creating new ones. Our woodland walk has been repaired and developed to include signage about native birds and wildlife in the area as well as a variety of bird feeders, nest boxes, and bat boxes. It is truly a beautiful area. As part of our efforts to make the park as accessible to as wide a range of people as possible, we have just installed a couple of wheelchair swings as well as other pieces of less-abled play equipment. They are a huge success and it is great to see the looks on the kid's faces. The most frequent request we get from our visitors is to create access to the Bachelor's enclosure. So be it! The path has been made and the viewing area prepared and now we are just waiting for the glass to arrive.

On the animal side of things we have been doing even more. In the woolly monkeys, the squirrel monkeys, the marmosets, and in Paddy's Pavilion, we have relayed and sealed the floors. This makes cleaning

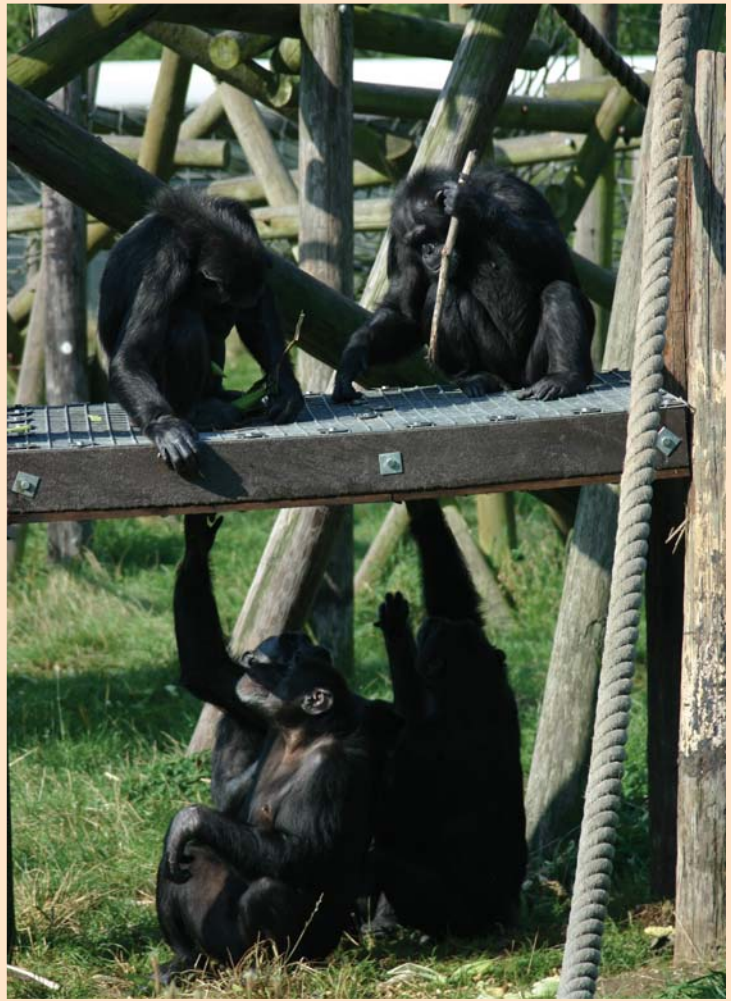


...as Good as the New

easier and more efficient and at the same time we were able to re-due all of the ropes, hoses, beds, and shelves in all of these houses. The monkeys and apes as well as the Primate Care Staff are very happy with the changes.

At all of the chimpanzee enclosures, at the orangutans, and in the Great Ape Adventure Playground, we have installed large misters that cool the whole place down on very hot days. Probe Industries of Tyne-n-Wear were very helpful on getting all of this equipment to us to improve the lives of our primates and visitors. The Primate Care Staff have all been working very hard re-doing all of the monkey ape enclosures. In Paddy's enclosure, a huge puzzle-feeding table has been made that keeps the whole group occupied for hours. Food gets scattered on top and the chimps have to move the food through a maze underneath a mesh panel. They use sticks to push tasty morsels to holes in the bottom. With the success of the first table we are now planning to make more the rest of the chimps and orangutans.

Probably the biggest development in the past months has been the orangutan nursery enclosure. While it is not as large as the adult enclosures it does have a huge climbing frame that allows the apes to climb 8m up with platforms, hoses, and swings. Gordon was the first to brave the new outside world, followed quickly by Aris, then eventually A-Mei, and an hour or so later Hsiao-ning. It is great to see the whole of nursery group enjoying the fresh air, sunshine, and huge climbing frame.



Petition Against the UK Pet Trade



For many years Monkey World has been rescuing monkeys from the **LEGAL** pet trade in Britain. These unfortunate monkeys come to us often in terrible physical and mental condition have been keep in tiny, indoor cages, in solitary confinement. Some of the worst conditions we have ever rescued primates from have been in the UK. This trade is legal however, as long as the monkeys are born in captivity breeders are able to sell the offspring at high prices asking up to £600 for a marmoset, £1000 for a squirrel monkey, and up to £3,500 for a capuchin monkey.

Sadly there is little in the way of legislation protecting the welfare of these wild animals. Breeders often sell monkeys, telling unknowing buyers that the animals do not have any special needs and that they will only live for a couple of years. Both statements are untrue but without any legal standards of care the monkeys are left to suffer in terrible conditions. You may remember Sinbad the capuchin monkey came from a Manchester pet shop that looked like a bomb-sight, Betty-Boo the marmoset lived for years in a bird cage in a Southampton sitting room, Arthur the elderly capuchin that live in a garden shed, or Gismo the capuchin lived in an Ipswich garden shed and due to the poor conditions amputated part of his own tail. These were all **LEGALLY** approved pet monkeys in the UK.

We have approached the government time and time again to re-consider the laws governing the keeping of monkeys as pets but up until now we have not had any luck. However on July 30th the Biodiversity Minister, Jim Knight, came to Monkey World to



launch a public consultation on the keeping of primates as pets. The consultation period runs through September and we are asking all our visitors and supporters to sign a petition telling the government that this is a terrible trade, causing suffering to hundreds of captive monkeys, and that you do not support the current legislation.

Monkey World is still being asked to take many different monkeys and we cannot keep up with all of the requests. Just a couple of weeks ago we received another marmoset called Kayla. She came from a very caring owner who now realises that Kayla needs companionship of her own kind and specialist care. Please help by signing our petition and getting in touch if you are able to help with collecting more signatures.

ACTION!
Help to End the Cruelty of the Primate Pet Trade
Contact us to get forms in order to collect more signatures for the public consultation period.
Email
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