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 are now waiting for the final paperwork to bring an orangutan from the park from the Russian Federation and we have many requests to re-home chimpanzees from around the world. Monkey World has been asked to take 3 chimpanzees in Central America, 2 from France, 3 from Spain, and 2 in Turkey. We would like to help as many as possible but it will be very costly so please help us to help them.

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! Old newspapers and 40 cm x 40 cm pieces of kitchen towel are used while “feeding balls” or “kong” toys keep the monkeys and apes busy trying to get the hidden treats from inside.

As it is the holiday season it might be an idea to check out our gift shop (either on-line or at the park) for special monkey and ape items. New to the shop is a beautiful 2006 Monkey World Calendar that every primate lover should have!

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. Establish a legacy for the long-term welfare of the primates and be remembered in our memorial garden. Help us to help them.
Hananya’s group has been unsettled over the past 12 months following Rodney’s passing but the group are now calming down under Hananya’s leadership. The new arrival, Patricia, has settled in well having come to the park only 12 weeks ago and now there are two new arrivals in the house, Seamus and Tutti. It was time for both of these adolescent chimpanzees to take the next step in their rehabilitation and move from the Nursery to an adult group.

Hananya - He is getting stronger and more confident in his new role but he is still a young adult and can still be seen playing with the others. He is particularly interested in Kuki at the moment and is desperate for her to play alongside him.

Tikko – Tikko is a very serious male. He is maturing into a handsome and calculating individual. Tikko is doing a great job in helping Hananya look after the others but is very quick to have with lessens with the females when Hananya is not looking.

Cheri – As the two oldest females in the group, Cheri and Peggy are quite close. Cheri generally does not welcome newcomers into the house however when Seamus arrived her eyes were riveted on the young lad. Cheri is actually Seamus’ mum but a month after his birth she started putting him down so he had to be removed for his own safety. It was clear from their first meeting that Cheri remembered her boy, even after 6 years!

Peggy – Peggy and Cheri have a very strong alliance and stick close to each other. Their friendship is important as the young males in the group enjoy teasing them – but not when they are a team. Peggy continues to look out for Trudy even though she is all grown up.

Jess – Jess has not looked back after giving birth to Rodders. She did not look after the infant and was not bothered when the Primate Care Staff took him on. Jess and Arfur are still attached at the hip and get uneasy if separated for even the shortest periods.

Marjoline – Marjoline has a close friendship with Zeynep that has developed over the past year. She has a very strong character and enjoys playing with the others.

Valerie – Valerie still has a good friendship with Tikko although she is becoming more independent a strong character within the group. Valerie is growing up into rather a confident young lady.

Honey – Honey has a quiet and strong character. She has given up teasing the new guys these days but she does try and throw her weight around occasionally.

Semach – Semach is still one of the jokers in the group. He enjoys leaping like a frog all by himself which generally draws attention and starts a game with someone else in the group.

Simon – Simon is a great protector of Patricia at the moment, giving her lots of hugs and making sure that no one upsets her. Wanting to stay close with the dominant females, he often looks around for Cheri and will wait until she is in view.

Kuki – Kuki is now a fully integrated member of the group and enjoys spending more time outside. She now enjoys playing with many different individuals but she prefers more quiet activities such as grooming and relaxing with her feet up.

Zeynep – Zeynep has a close relationship with Marjoline. She also enjoys playing with Kuki. Valerie and Patricia and has learnt how to make a very large bed out of wood wool. Zeynep enjoys fishing for treats from the terrarium in their house.

Patricia – Patricia arrived at the park, from Fuerteventura, in July 2005. She is a lovely girl and has already caught the boys attention. Simon and Arfur have become her personal protectors. Patricia’s confidence within the group is increasing and she is now starting to assert herself outside as well.

Tutti – While Tutti is an adolescent female she has a strong and mature character of an adult. We decided it was time to move her into an adult group for the next phase of her rehabilitation. The introductions to Hananya’s group have been going well. We expect she will fit into her new family group quickly.

Seamus – Seamus and Charli started terrorising (in the nicest way) the others in the Nursery group so it was decided that it was time for them to move into adult groups. As Seamus was still young we decided to move him to Hananya’s group at the same time as Tutti. Seamus is settling in well and seems to have latched onto his real mother, Cheri. Seamus is a bit of a job but at the same time a kind little side.

Hsiao-ling – Hsiao-ling has been a very good friend to Hsiao-qua while she figured out how to care for her baby. Hsiao-ling has always been a quiet character avoiding confrontation at all costs so staying with mum and baby has been good for her. She has also enjoyed being around Kai and now is allowed to play with him from time to time. Hopefully this means that she too will be an excellent mother some day soon.

Tuan – Tuan can get upset when his ‘ladies’ are in different houses or enclosures but he seems to accept that those in the nursery are a different group. He does keep a close eye on Hsiao-qua and the others that may be with her and Kai. Even though he is a very forceful male, the females all seem to like Tuan.

RoRo – RoRo can be a quiet individual but lately she seems more relaxed. She too has been enjoying the company of young Kai and we are hopeful that her interest in the baby means that she may care for her new baby herself. It is early days yet... but it would appear that RoRo may be pregnant!

Amy – Unsocialable Amy seems to have finally accepted that all the other orang-people will be staying. While she is not a playful individual it seems as though she is happy living with the others and she has finally made peace with Tuan.

Lucky – All of the sudden Lucky has changed from an adolescent into a mature adult – both physically and mentally. She gets along very well with RoRo and Tuan.

We now have 11 orangutans at Monkey World! They are currently divided into three groups: the Nursery, Hsiao-qua and some females, and Tuan and the remaining females. Basically we want all the adult females to see and watch what a wonderful mother Hsiao-qua is and watch with the other adults. A-mei is now the matriarch of the orangutan nursery and is loving her new group and her position within the group. With this non-challenging social environment she has come out of her shell and now enjoys playing and relaxing with the youngsters. Hsiao-qua continues to be an excellent mother and seems to enjoy her new status as a mother. Everyone, both orangutan and human, are interested in her and her infant. While she is an easy going mother, letting her son climb off her from time to time, she is still very protective of him especially when outside. Hsiao-qua has a very strong personality.

Kai – Kai is developing both mentally and physically and it is quite noticeable now. He no longer looks like a tiny infant as his face is now taking on its own unique characteristics and he is also becoming quite independent for his age. Kai now climbs off of his mother and is allowed to move around the inside houses for short periods on his own. He even climbs onto Hsiao-qua and plays with her.
BACHELOR GROUP

by James (Ollie) Harper

Butch – As the alpha male of the group, Butch has taken on three new members to his group this year. Paco, Carli, and Gypsy have all submitted to his authority and with them under his wing, Butch often defends them during disputes and enjoys playing and getting to know the new arrivals.

Buxom – High ranking Buxom loves the regular donations of blankets. In the evenings he makes huge beds combining several of them with the wool to make what appears to be a very comfortable bed.

Jestash – Jestash is never far away from Butch and Buxom. He loves any type of nut, his favorite being coconut.

Mojo – Mojo is good friend of Kyoko’s. The two can often be seen wrestling and chasing each other around the outside enclosure.

Rocky – Since Paco’s arrival, he and Rocky have become the closest of friends. The two boys are almost inseparable. Rocky loves ice-lollies during the hot summer months.

Sally – Gentle giant Sally is popular with all in the group. He is a great fan of the vitamin bread balls the group gets daily and with his kind nature he is always offering to share with the Primate Care Staff.

Pacito – One of the most humanized chimpanzees we have at the park is Pacito. He enjoys communicating with people and therefore it is not surprising that he does the best with our operand conditioning routines. Pacito is very smart and always keen to learn, as well as play!

Charlie – Charlie will do anything for a milk drink, which he gets daily and loves. He is one of the youngest members of the bachelor group, and he is very playful and caring. He is also very attached to his mother, Susie.

Gypsy – As the youngest and newest member of the bachelor group, Gypsy was very nervous when he first arrived to the Pavilions. However, he and Carli hit it off straight away and has become calmer and happier ever since. It is hard to say if it is his personality or his small stature that makes him popular but even Butch likes hanging out and fussing over this newcomer.

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NURSERY GROUP

by Jeremy Keeling

Sally – Since the arrival of Rodders and Ash in the nursery, Sally has been quite focused on them. She is desperate to help with their care and that opportunity should come very soon. She does not seem to bothered that Carli might have a difficult time settling into the bachelor group as his understanding of chimpanzee politics was so limited. However, he has surprised us all with his confidence, submission, and restraint when it came time to move to the new boys. So far he loves playing with his new friends Paco, Gypsy and Butch and the feelings appear to be mutual. Most mornings he can be seen happily skipping backwards with some of his toes in Butch’s mouth. It is an interesting method to court favour with the boss!

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PADDY’S GROUP

by James (Ollie) Harper

Paddy – Paddy is still the alpha male of the group with no questions asked. He has a very strong relationship with all in his group and can often be seen grooming and playing with Jimmy, his second in command. Still, Paddy is really a big softy and this really shows when he plays with or lets his two daughters, Hebe and Eddi, take food from his mouth!

Jimmy – Well respected in the group as Paddy’s second in charge, Jimmy is quick to support him or join him in displays. He gets on very well with the younger members of the group even though he tries act like a tough guy.

Busta – Water loving Busta has had a special treat this year with the installation of mist systems in the outside enclosure. This past summer was long and hot and perfect for the new chimp babies! Busta could be found rolling on his back in the mist. He is a very playful chap and is always on the look out for the next game or playmate.

Gamba – Often seen at the top of the outside climbing frame, Gamba really enjoys the new cargo nets and certainly has a head for heights. Even though he is an adult male, he is still young at heart and enjoys playing with anyone who is interested.

Micky – Micky is never far if there is an opportunity for wrestling or play fighting. He is one of the most popular members of the group and is very good with the youngsters.

Cindy – Cindy loves hot jackets potatoes to warm up on cold winter days. Cindy has really taken to little Eddie and is often seen giving him a lift around the enclosure.

Beth – Beth is never too far away if there is food on offer. Beth is a great fan of the new puzzle feeder table that was added to the climbing frames and spends a lot of time working on it. Beth is still one of the dominant females in the group.

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Tim

by Wendy Derham

Fox and Nini the Mueller's Gibbons - Nini has matured a lot over the past year and appears a little more sensible as he and Fox are often found having an afternoon grooming session. However, these sessions often turn into a wrestling session and later a full on wrestle to impress females. He does not object too much as long as he gets time off to watch people go past. In the large enclosure outside of the Visitor's Centre, Fox became quite stressed so we decided to swap him and Nini with another from the Gibbon House. They have settled in well and both appear happy to be back.

Violetta and Titus the Golden-cheeked Gibbons - Titus, who was illegally smuggled into France, has come on a long way in a short time. When he first arrived at the park he was terribly neurasthenic but has now grown in confidence to be a well-behaved, chatty fellow with a gentle but determined nature. His newfound confidence clearly comes from Violetta who is happy to play or just relax in a hammock grooming herself contentedly. When in the mood, their duets echo all over the enclosure.

Nike and Ella the Lar Gibbons - There has been a marked change in Ella's behaviour over this past year as she has suddenly discovered what playing is all about. You have to sneak up on her in the trees and if you are not quick enough, you are watching her slyly, trying to look sensible. They grab, tug, tote and giggle like children. She has never been so lar gibbons so happy.

Jake and Alex the Golden-cheeked Gibbons - Jake arrived with us in November 2004 and it appears that Alex approved of our choice for her. Jake grew up in a family group at Los Angeles Zoo and has no time for humans, something he is teaching Alex. It took no time at all for the pair to bond and now they are never more than a couple of metres away from each other unless, of course, it is food time. Not even his love for Alex is enough to keep Jake away from his favourite things. He does not object too much as long as he gets time off to watch people go past. In the large enclosure outside of the Visitor's Centre, Jake became quite stressed so we decided to swap him and Nini with another from the Gibbon House. They have settled in well and both appear happy to be back.

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Unfortunately there have been two sad events in the older group over the past year with the passing of Bazak and Grilli. The fact that they were able to enjoy their retirement for almost two years is a great comfort to us all. Gerald has taken charge of the group and has a strong bond with Elfi. Louise is still causing trouble despite her disability and Erica is enjoying being groomed by Roland. The group has impressed us all by spending most of the spring and summer outside enjoying the sun and fresh air.

Scott's group (the bachelors) are increasingly active, climbing more and improving their insect catching skills. Scott is quite comfortable at the top of the hierarchy but there has been a slight change in leadership. Jake has become dominant over Paddy. All of the boys have been in good health this year although Phil did have another trip to the dentist to have a rotten tooth removed.

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