

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

WOW!! What an amazing response we had to our requests for help with a petition against the legal primate pet trade in Britain. **In two months we collected more than 56,000 signatures!!** These were delivered to the **Biodiversity Minister, Jim Knight**, at the House of Commons at the end of the public consultation period on October 25th. We are hopeful that your opinions will matter and changes will be made to the laws that govern the keeping of primates as pets in Britain. We will keep you posted.

Over the past few months, many people have helped with our rescue and rehabilitation work by donating goods such as fruit (especially pumpkins over the Halloween season), vegetables, nuts, seeds, dried fruit, bread, baby milk, baby bottles, drinker cups, baby oil, premature nappies, vitamins, basketballs, dog toys, dog biscuits, blankets, sheets, towels, hessian sacks, D-feeder cups, un-used stamps, foreign currency, stationary, a ladder, large baskets, pet carrier boxes, plastic bottles, ropes, fire hoses, cutlery, and supermarket vouchers. Several individuals sent chocolate, cakes, biscuits, and drinks for the Primate Care Staff. As ever, we really appreciate everyone's help and assistance and every item is used and enjoyed. We have received several generous donations and some have raised money by sponsored activities such as silences, tea-total stints, coffee mornings, and walks. Other fund raising activities included Autumn fair stalls, E-bay auctions, fresh egg sales, toy sales, donated DVDs for our shop, and remainders from clubs closing down. Thank you all so much; your contributions are a big help.

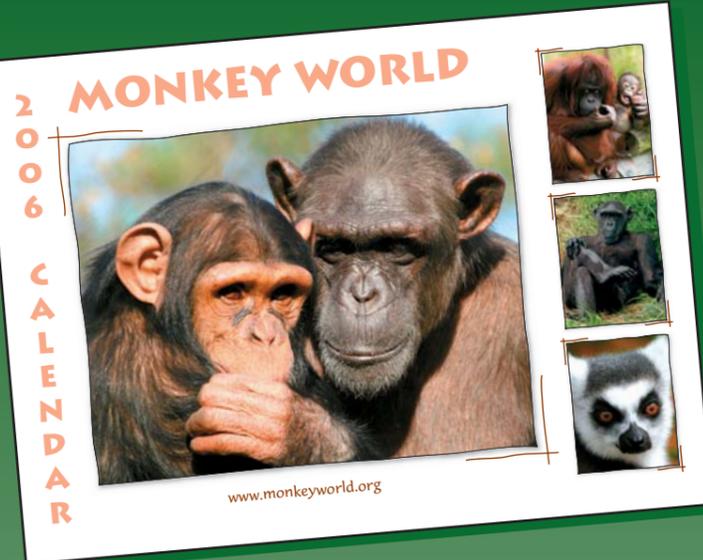
Simon Kendal ran the Great North Run for Monkey World while **Barbara Smith** ran the Hydra Women's Challenge, and **Deirdre Cobley** completed the Flora Women's Challenge. Well done! Special thanks also should be given to **Gareth Wilson** and the **Quarter Master's Department at Tidworth** for a huge number of wonderful blankets, the **Greggs Trust** for a staff giving programme, the **Metropolitan Police** for abseil ropes, and **Ryvita, Poole** for three van loads of crisp bread. 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 – quite a few are included in this issue of the Ape Rescue Chronicle and in our new 2006 Calendar. 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 **Frances Johnson, Hilary Wood, Audre Gwillim, George Van Sant, Jacques Besse, Alan G Grayer, Paul H Bergin, Violet I White, Martyn S Filder, Sharon Gleeson, and David Single**. 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 the last issue of the ARC it was mentioned that in 18 years the value of an adoption pack has NEVER increased. In the New Year we are considering increasing the cost by £5 on all types of adoptions. We would like to know what you think about such an increase – please let us know!! 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.

From all the monkeys, apes, and humans here at the park,

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Simon 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 are now waiting for the final paperwork to bring an orphan orangutan to 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! With the new babies, we could use premature baby nappies and yellow SMA. For our older 'babies' we can use 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 but they need to be quite robust! We can also use more, sheets, blankets, and towels. The monkeys and apes simply love them and we can never have enough. Heavy-duty dog toys, hessian sacks, un-used stamps, and thick ropes are always 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.

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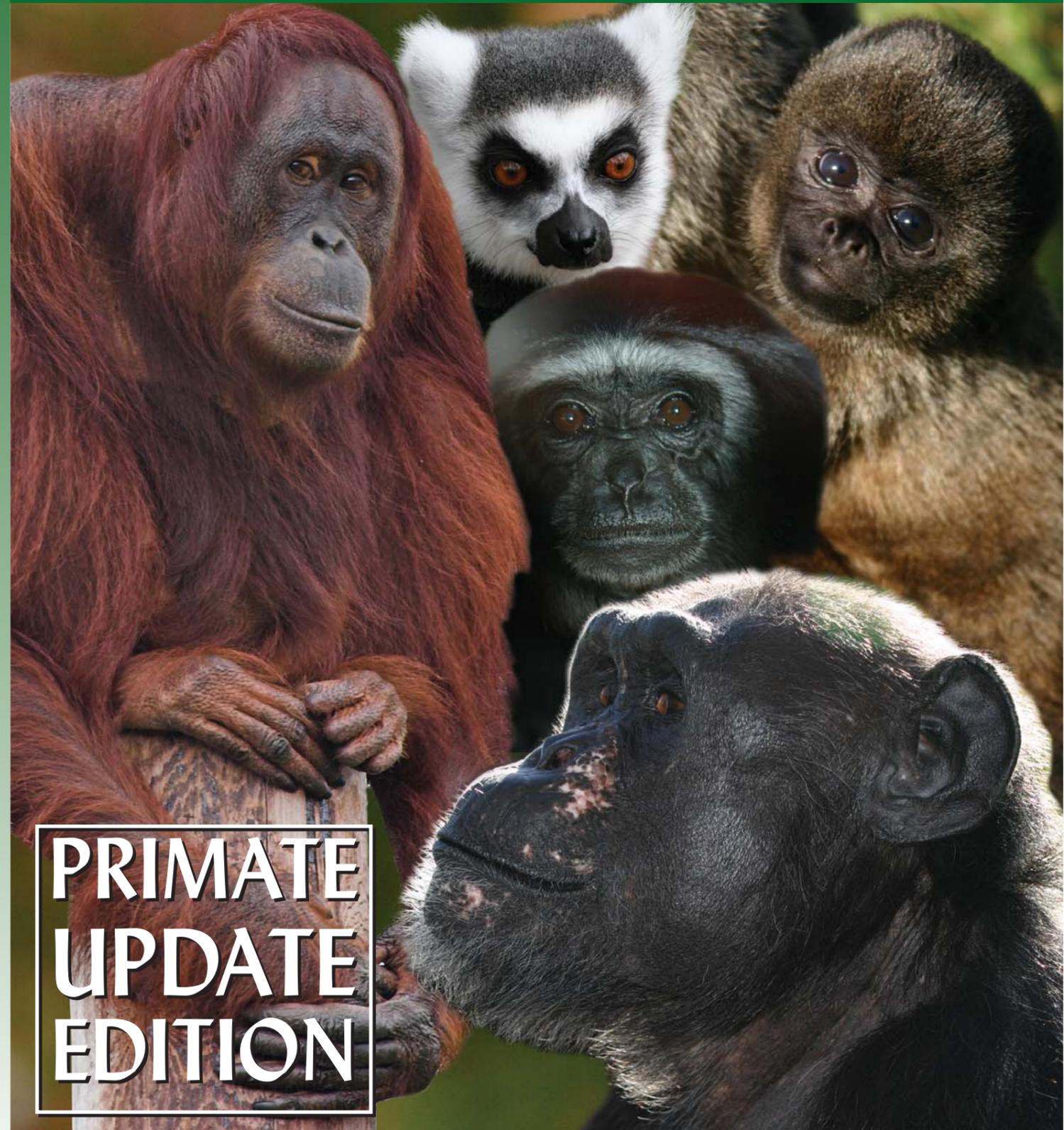
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PRIMATE UPDATE EDITION



HANANYA'S HOUSE

By Leanne waterhouse

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 lesions with the females when Hananya is not looking.

Cherri – As the two oldest females in the group, Cherri and Peggy are quite close. Cherri generally does not welcome newcomers into the house however when Seamus arrived her eyes were riveted on the young lad. Cherri 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 Cherri remembered her boy, even after 6 years!

Peggy – Peggy and Cherri 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 Kuki 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 but strong character. She has given up teasing the new girls these days but she does try and throw her weight around occasionally.



Arfur



Marjoline enjoys an ice-lolly

Trudy – Trudy is not being carried by Peggy any more, but at 9 years old she is way too big for such childish behaviour. Even though she is an adult now, Trudy still looks to Peggy for support and comfort.

Arfur – Arfur is full of life and having a wonderful time playing with all of the new young ladies in the group. He is a good ally to the new arrivals and is having so much fun he can be seen laughing and playing most of the time.

Joline – This not so "little girl" is growing up fast and has become more self-assured. Hananya is very interested in Joline which undoubtedly has helped with her confidence. She has a lovely character that is starting to blossom.

Eveline – Eveline is a shy individual but is starting to have lots of fun with Zeynep. The only close relationship she has is with Cherri and it is ONLY Cherri whose attention she accepts.

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 Cherri 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 termite mound in their house.

Patricia – Patricia arrived at the park, from Fuerteventura, in July 2005. She is a lovely girl and has already caught the boy's 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 and the introductions to Hananya's group have been going well. We expect she will fit into her new family group quickly.

Seamus – Seamus and Çarli 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, Cherri. Seamus is a bit of a yob but at the same time a kind little sole.

ORANGUTANS

By Jeremy Keeling



Aris



Hsiao-quai and Kai

We now have 11 orangutans at Monkey World! They are currently divided into three groups; the Nursery, Hsiao-quai 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-quai is with Kai so they are rotated between Tuan's and Hsiao-quai's groups.

A-mei – A-mei is now the matriarch of the orangutan nursery and she 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. She is far more sociable within this family than she was with the other adults.

Gordon – Gordon is also more sociable within this nursery family. It took him a while to understand A-mei's standoffish behaviour but now that he know not to push her too far, they enjoy playing together from time to time. Gordon is also great with the two little ones and has been enjoying the tall climbing frame in the new enclosure.

Hsiao-ning – Hsiao-ning has been slow in coming out of her shell both socially and in terms of exploring her new outdoor enclosure but finally it has happened. She is now very active, pushy, and opinionated. She like playing with Aris and Gordon although she is more conservative when it come to playing with adult A-mei. Hsiao-ning is now very close with Aris.

Aris – Aris has one of the most endearing characters in the park. He is a lovely little lad but can be very determined when he knows what he wants. He is very tough and can hold his own in rough and tumble play with Gordon.

Hsiao-quai – Hsiao-quai 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 of her from time to time, she is still very protective of him especially when outside. Hsiao-quai 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 sort periods on his own. He even climbs onto Hsiao-lan and plays with her.

Hsiao-lan – Hsiao-lan has been a very good friend to Hsiao-quai while she figured out how to care for her baby. Hsiao-lan 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-quai 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 quite a stern 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 next baby herself. It is early days yet...but it would appear that RoRo may be pregnant!

Amy – Unsociable Amy seems to have finally accepted that all the other orange 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.



A-mei and Aris



RoRo gets groomed by Hsiao-lan

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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, Çarli, 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 wood wool to make what appears to be a very comfortable bed.

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

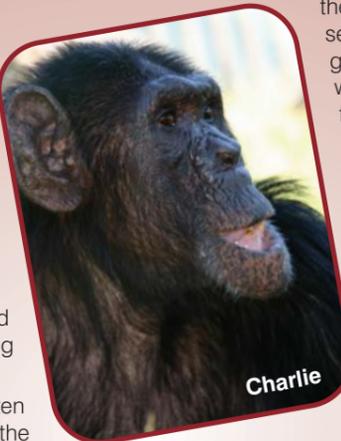
Mojo – Mojo is good friend of Kyko's. The two can often be seen wrestling and chasing each other around the outside enclosure.

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.

Sammy – Gentle giant Sammy 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 operant 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 to keep his bones strong and his weight up. He loves soft summer fruits and is a huge fan of pumpkin. This past autumn we had a lot of pumpkin donated so he has been a very happy boy.



Charlie



Sammy

Kyko – At the bachelor enclosure we have just put in a visitor viewing area for the first time. Kyko loves sitting in front of the new windows, checking out all different clothes and accessories, and interacting with visitors as they pass by.

Freddy – Freddy and Pacito often team up to cause the most mischief in the group! It is never anything serious and it is a good thing that the rest of the group understand this as they often get carried away with themselves. They are good friends but often forget when they get excited and it turns into a free for all – that is until Butch asserts his authority!

Paco – Paco has settled in well to bachelor life and has started to form strong bonds with Rocky and Butch. Paco loves any of the extra activity feeds that we give to the group and makes sure every bit of a scatter feed is eaten.

Çarli – We were all a bit worried that Çarli 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 meeting the 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 curry favour with the boss!

Gypsy – As the one of the newest and youngest members of the bachelor group, Gypsy was very nervous when he was first moved to the Pavilions. However, he and Çarli hit it off from the start and he 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.

PADDY'S GROUP

by James (Ollie) Harper



Paddy's group get a fallen tree

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 mister systems in the outside enclosure. This past summer was long and hot and perfect for the new misters. When ever they we on, 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 – She loves hot jacket potatoes to warm up on cold winter days. Cindy has really taken to little Eddi and is often seen giving her a lift around the enclosure.

Beth – She 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.

Zoe – Zoe loves the summer maize crop that we bring in by the truckload. She is always the first to grab hands, mouth, and feet fulls! Zoe was one of the first chimpanzees to arrive at the park and is starting to show her age.

Susie – Susie has been an excellent mother to Eddi and is now starting to take a backseat as Eddie is becomes more independent. However, she is never too far away in case she is needed.

Eddie – She is becoming much more independent and is an extremely precocious youngster. Eddie is spending longer periods of time away from Susie, playing with other group members. She is still great friends with Hebe.

Evie – Evie is never far from Bixa's side. Both females have developed a taste for sunbathing on the grassy hills and both are dedicated to Paddy.

Bixa – Bixa is always one of the first chimps to make a nest at bedtime. She uses all the materials she can get her hands on including wood wool, cardboard, blankets and maize leaves.

Grisby – Grisby loves coconuts and summer fruits, and is always one of the first to arrive for a scatter feed. Incidentally, she is also one of the last to leave following a feed!

Cathy – In general Monkey World does not breed chimpanzees as there are so many to rescue, however, from time to time we let a female have a baby as it is good for the welfare of the group. As Cathy had problems with the birth control we decided to let her try for a baby. In September she gave birth to Ash and was an OK mother for the first week. She was interested in the baby but carried her very low on her stomach which made feeding difficult and infrequent. After a week the baby was crying constantly and Cathy made her feelings clear by setting the baby down, covering it over in bedding, and poking it. It was time the Primate Care Staff to take over.

Clin – High ranking Clin is never shy to complain if she feels hard done by. She loves the donated blankets and towels and often carries her favorite around. Clin has an obsessive compulsive nature.

Peppa – Peppa is one of the most intelligent chimps at the park. She loves playing with visitors through the viewing windows especially when there are video cameras to look into.

Chatta – When the chimps get dry skin they allow the primate staff to spray them with corn oil. This is especially important during the winter months when the heating and the cold can cause chapped dry skin. Chatta can't seem to get enough of the oiling routine and is never satisfied until every part of her is shiny.

Kay – Kay really enjoys the kong toys and hessian-sack treat bags. She clearly enjoys a challenge when it comes to food and will spend a long time working on the occupational feeds.

Athena – Athena has become very close to Hebe this year. They spend hours grooming each other and often share a nest at bedtime.

Lola – Lola gets on very well with Eddie and often gives her a lift around the outside enclosure. This is great as it gives Susie a break and gives Lola the chance to gain a bit of status in the group.

Hebe – She is starting to find her place in the group as she is no longer a baby. She has many friends and protectors but as an adolescent now has to learn to wait her turn when treats, or anything else, is given out.



Evie carries Eddi

NURSERY GROUP

by Jeremy Keeling



Ash

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 be bothered with the departure of Çarli or Seamus especially now that there are new babies to care for!

Lulu – Lulu is a very happy and relaxed chimpanzee, especially since the two boys have moved. They used to tease her as she was an easy target. Now there is nothing to do but enjoy the youngsters and look forward to the next activity or treat. Lulu likes her blankets and enjoys running around displaying with them.

Johni – The moment the boys left the house, Johni was obviously relieved. She gets along well with Sally and Lulu and she has always been good with youngsters.

Ben – Ben enjoyed Çarli's company but even he does not seem bothered that Çarli has moved. Most important to him is Pip. They are attached at the hip.

Pip – Pip is a very clever young lady and is far more observant and opinionated than Ben. Ben and Pip are inseparable.

Rodders – Rodders is doing great and seems to appreciate having Ash along with him. Both babies have been constipated but it has been kept under control with the assistance of paediatric doctors. As of the third week of November Rodders weighs 4.07 kg and has 5 teeth.

Ash – Ash is a bright and beautiful little girl. She is half the size of Rodders weighing 2.92 kg and is just teething. Both of the babies call back and forth with the others in the Nursery.



Johni & Sally

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Gibbons

The Siamang Family love the trees



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 mad-caped swing around. Fox 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 pair from the Gibbon House. They have settled in well and both appear happy to be back.

Vietta and Tito the Golden-cheeked Gibbons - Tito, who was illegally smuggled into France, has come a long way in a short time. When he first arrived at the park he was terribly neurotic but has now grown in confidence to be a wonderful, cheeky fellow with a gentle but determined nature. His newfound confidence probably comes from Vietta who is happy to play or just relax in a hammock grooming him contentedly. When in the mood, their duets outdo any of the others as Tito is a very accomplished singer.

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 them to see it and if they think you are watching they stop and try to look sensible. They grapple, tugging toes and giggling like children. I have never seen our 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 mangos.

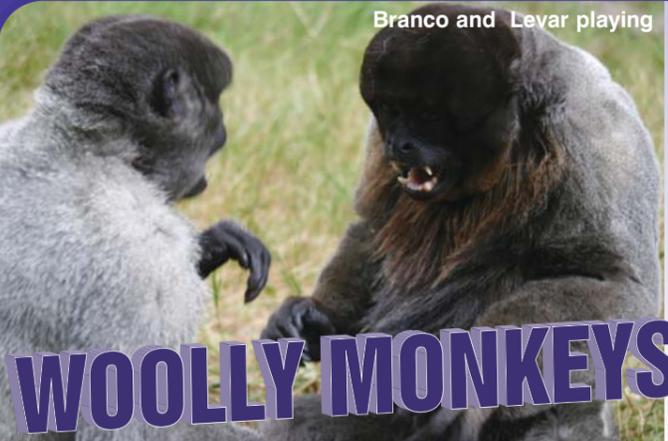
Paul and Kitty the Agile and Lar Gibbons - Paul and Kitty remain the firmest of friends and still romp around their enclosures at full speed in some of the silliest play to be seen. Kitty is reaching sexual maturity bringing with it a touch of teenage angst - not knowing if she should play more or be more serious. Paul on the other hand, is more concerned about indulging his greatest passion - a good old singing session.

Peanut and Pung-Yo the Golden-cheeked Gibbons - Great changes have come this year for these youngsters. Peanut is unrecognisable as she has nearly finished going through her final colour change and sports her new blonde look with style. Pung-Yo is still immature compared to Peanut and wants nothing more than to play and mess around. He has found his singing voice and is now heard joining in with Peanut. His voice is still a bit squeaky and he misses a few notes now and then but it is another step towards being all grown up. Still, play sessions with Peanut are never far away especially if there is a sock close to hand!

Adidas and Dalumie the Mueller's Gibbons - Adidas and Dalumie have moved into the new large house at the edge of the forest and although Dalumie has taken the move in her usual stoic way, Adidas has been a little un-nerved. Slowly but surely he is getting used to the extra space and the new view move and he is settling down to a new routine. We are all very excited waiting for spring when we hope to have their forest enclosure finished. It will be great to see them flying through the trees for the first time since they were both stolen from their mothers in Borneo.

Zoey and Rafael the Golden-cheeked Gibbons - Over the past year Zoey and Rafael developed such a close bond that they were chosen to be one of the first pairs to move into our new gibbon house. This luxury apartment offers them fantastic space and a view into the forest that will soon become their new outside enclosure. An acre stand of trees awaits them. The move has been a great success for Zoey and Rafael, as they have settled into their new home and can be heard singing across the park announcing their new territory to their old neighbours. The next step for them; the pitter-patter of tiny swinging hands!

Sage, Sam and Onion the Siamang Gibbons - Onion has found his voice this year and can be heard singing along with his parents. Even with this newfound maturity, he still loves to play and is often seen goading either Sam or Sage into silly games. Sam is a push-over when it comes to mucking about and as Onion likes a challenge, Sage is often the target! This family remains close and contented and life in the trees is as good as it gets.



Branco and Levar playing

WOOLLY MONKEYS

by Leonie Seymour

LEVAR'S GROUP

Levar - As the leader of the group you can often see Levar throwing his weight around the enclosure to display his dominance or to frighten people he may perceive as a threat to his troop. This behaviour helps to maintain the respect the group has for him. For a dominant male he is a very quiet, gentle and playful individual.

Branco - The permanent expression of concern on Branco's face tells you that he is a delicate soul who tends to take on the group's worries. You can often see him playing wildly with Levar on the ground, both shaking their heads from side to side and gently nipping each other. Branco spends much time in the grass looking for various invertebrates to eat and is a champion lizard catcher.

Xuzy - Xuzy's favourite subject is eating and at 33 years old this year she is the oldest woolly monkey on record! She spends the majority of the day inside and occasionally ventures out, but not far. You can often see her asleep on the top shelves in the playroom during the day.

Willy - As an ex-pet Willy loves attention from people and will sometimes curl up into a ball and snuffle towards passing members of the public as a friendly gesture. Willy is used to being a loner but seems to be spending more time with the group and with Lena in particular.

Lena - Lena is the youngest member of the group, but is growing up fast. She has always got on with Branco very well and tends to see him as a big brother. She relies on him for moral support and as a regular playmate. At times she is even quite a handful for Branco and will sometimes get a heavy handed swipe from him telling her it is time to stop.

BUENO'S GROUP

Bueno - Bueno arrived in May this year and was introduced to sisters Kuna and Yarima. He is a gentle male and both girls adore him, although Kuna seems to be his favourite. He has accepted Yarima's baby without a second thought even though he was not the father. His favourite foods are grapes, chicken and weetabix.

Yarima - The younger of the two sisters gave birth on 28 August to a little girl. This is her first baby and she has taken to motherhood extremely well. She spends more time sitting with Bueno, presumably feeling the need for the baby's protection. Yarima loves her food and can be quite aggressive about it.

Xingu - At a couple of months old, Xingu is quite active. She reaches out to touch things and clammers all over her mother's body. She has good control over her tail and has many front teeth already.

Kuna - Kuna is the liveliest member in this group. She enjoys displaying around the enclosure by collecting items in her tail as she goes. Kuna spends much of her time in the grass looking for insects or just sitting with her sister fussing over the baby.

Yarima & Xingu

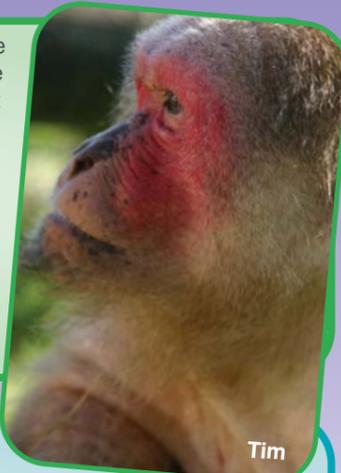


STUMP-TAILED MACAQUES

by Penni Hancocks

Unfortunately there have been two sad events in the older group over the past year with the passing of Bazak and Griff. The fact that they were able to enjoy their twilight years here at Monkey World is a great comfort to us all. Gerald has taken charge of the group and has a strong bond with Effie. 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 still sitting comfortably at the top of the hierarchy but there has been a slight change with Jonathon becoming 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.



Tim



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Houdini

Ringtail Lemurs

By Penni Hancocks

There are 17 ringtail lemurs in Malagasy. They are currently in 3 different groups. There is the main group of nine, a subgroup of five, and an elderly group of three. The three older lemurs, including a female named Rosie, were pushed out by Rosie's daughter, Poppy! The older lemurs are happy relaxing and getting extra food to maintain their condition. This means that they do not have to put up with the chaos that is the breeding season. During this time the females become even more dominant than usual and this is why the subgroup of five were made unwelcome. Hopefully after everyone's hormones have dropped the two groups will get back together again. We have not replaced any of the birth control implants over the past three years so there may be some babies in 2006.

SMALL MONKEYS

by Julie Cutting

Capuchins - Tom and Terri have enjoyed the summer relaxing in the sun. Terri has spent most of her days pottering around looking for tasty insects whilst Tom has been lazing around watching the world go by. Although Tom's diet has been going well he still needs to keep up the good work; even if Terri likes him just the way he is! We keep the capuchins active and busy by using a wide variety of puzzle feeders so that they have to work at getting their food. These include 'lucky grab' boxes and 'pipe' feeders where the monkeys have to reach inside or spin the pipes around to find their next snack.



TJ works puzzle feeder

Meanwhile, TJ and Gismo have been living together for the past few months and their friendship is getting stronger. There have been many male bonding sessions with plenty of rough and tumble play and some rather intense grooming sessions. Gismo's progress has been good but we know that he is a sensitive chap and things with him take a little extra time.



Harry the female Marmoset

Marmosets - We have a new addition to our female group, Kayla, who is a 4-year-old common marmoset. She was donated to us a couple of months ago from the British pet trade. She is settling in and has made friends with one of our younger females Gaby. Marmite our Geoffroy's marmoset, has established himself with the female

group, which also includes our male Goeldi's monkey, Oberon. Whilst the females all try to impress the very handsome Marmite, they find it difficult to keep up with this youngster.

Hazel, Henry, Laurence and Ludwig in the family group have all grown up and take after their mum, Harry, with her feisty character. This family, along with their father, Louis, keep the Primate Care Staff on their toes.

Finally, the boys. Not much has changed with our male group. Taz is still his cheeky self always on the look out for a tasty bite to eat. Billy, Matthew, Leo and Nathan are the playful ones while Marcel requires a little extra TLC as he came to us from the pet trade and has fits from time to time. Marcel gets his extras throughout the day in order to maintain his weight and he particularly loves nuts, meal worms, and sharon fruit.

Squirrel Monkeys - All seven squirrel monkeys have spent most of the summer outside hunting insects, playing, and sun bathing. The three old girls, Mamore, Balsa, and Alien, have been getting some extra attention from the Primate Care Staff. Every evening they are separated from the rest of the group to give them some extra goodies, such as banana and avocado, which helps to maintain their condition. On the other hand Joey, the dominant male, who is a little overweight manages to convince them to pass some extras through the mesh so he gets some of the tasty extras too!



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