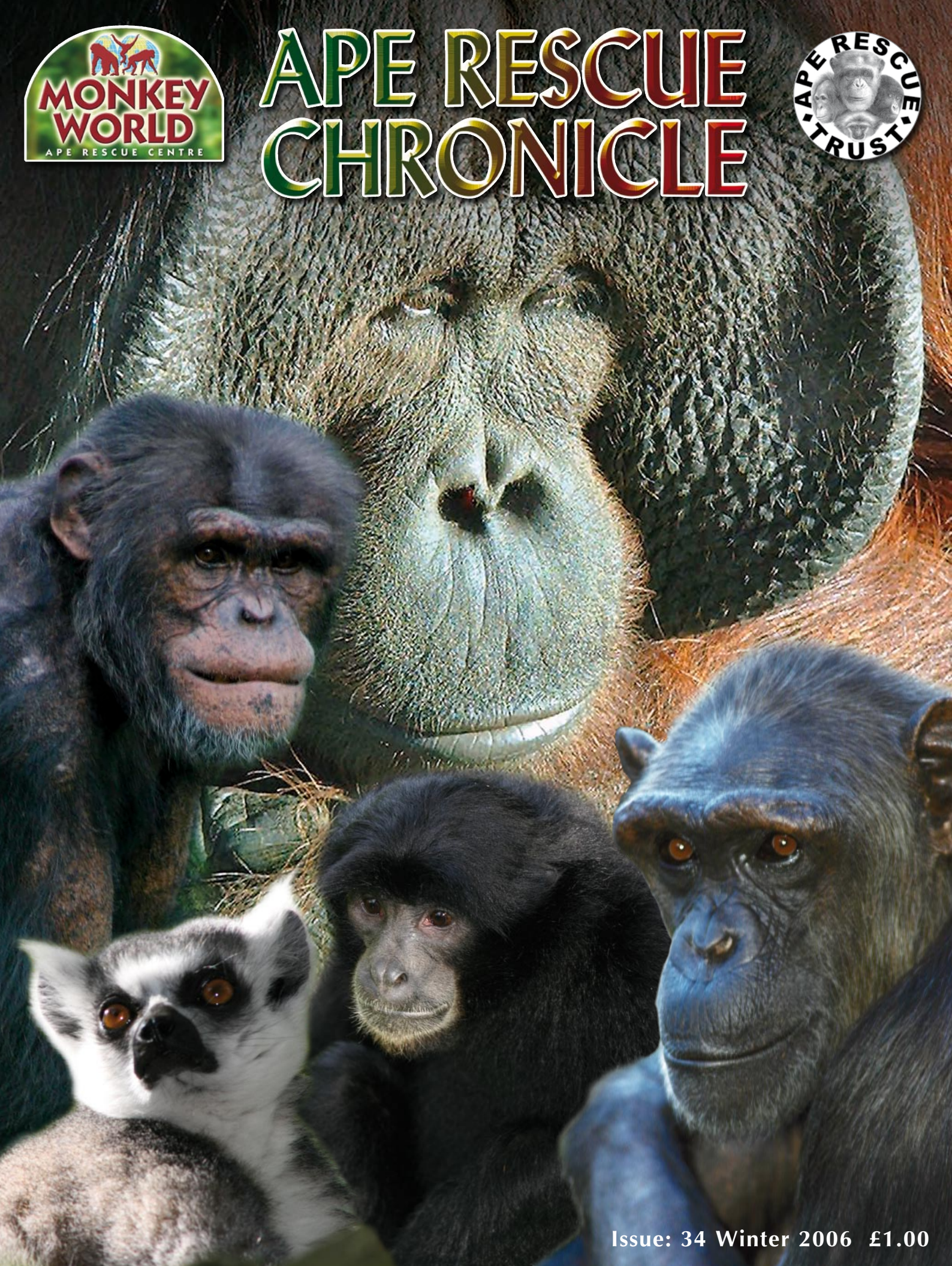


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HANANYA'S GROUP

By Cara Buckley

Hananya's group have enjoyed a long hot summer, including a period of 24-hour access to the outside enclosure as both indoor play-areas were completely renovated. They have a new pond, new indoor and outdoor platforms which add new height to the outdoor enclosure. The addition of a large net, a wooden rope bridge and long pieces of hosing have been enjoyed by the whole group.

HANANYA - Although Hananya has now been the leader of this group for two years, it is still a learning curve for the young male. He still finds it hard at times to discipline his closest friends and is focusing some unwanted attention on Patricia. However, Hananya has a gentle, sweet nature and we believe he has all the right attributes to become the perfect leader.

TIKKO - Being Hananya's right hand man, Tikko has gained a lot of respect from the rest of the group. He is quite a quiet individual and likes to have time to himself. Hananya and Tikko have a strong bond and will often be seen grooming each other. Tikko is a clever chap and will seize an opportunity to liaise with the females when Hananya's back is turned!

CHERRI - With four young females being introduced to the group over the last few years, Cherri has had her work cut out retaining her dominant position. Although she does not always take kindly to newcomers; Cherri now has a good relationship with all the new girls. The younger members of the group look up to Cherri and she is proving to be a fantastic role model.

PEGGY - As with Cherri, Peggy is also right up there in terms of the female hierarchy. Food is always at the top of Peggy's agenda but if Cherri decides not to come in for tea, Peggy always stays out with her. Peggy continues to look out for Trudy and they still nest together at night.

SEMACH - He is the entertainer of the group and is a fantastic individual to watch. He has known Hananya for many years and there seems to be nothing he can't get a way with. He loves winding up the young females but also has a sweet natured side to his personality.

SIMON - While Simon is probably the naughtiest and most acrobatic of the group, he is also one of the most clever and has great problem solving techniques. He loves the new additions to the outdoor enclosure and can often be seen swinging on the new hoses or leaping onto the new nets.

JESS - Jess and Arfur still have a close bond; although it appears Arfur wears the trousers in this partnership. They sleep together every night and when Jess comes in for dinner, Arfur is always hot on her heels!

ARFUR - Although Arfur is still one of the more nervous characters of the group, his confidence has grown in the last year and he will now spend short periods away from Jess. His unusual grey coat, makes him one of the most recognisable members of the group.

MARJOLINE - She is a very confident and astute individual. When there are disputes between other members of the group, she is always quick to jump to the defence of the innocent party. She enjoys playing with all the other females and is a big fan of blankets.

VALERIE - She is another confident member of the group and when treats are given, she always makes sure that she gets her fair share. At bed time, she always makes herself a huge nest, often twice the size of Hananya's!

JOLINE - She is one of the most sensitive characters in the group, and seemed very unsettled by all the work that was going on over the summer. However, she has adjusted well and is now enjoying the new apparatus as much as the other members of the group. Recently Joline has had dermatitis on her head and neck and is now receiving treatment for her condition.

EVELINE - She was always one of the shyest individuals but now has grown in confidence over the last year, especially in her relations with the staff. She is still close to Cherri and will always wait for her before coming in for dinner.

HONEY - She has a strong nature and has become a very established member of the group. Honey is another individual who likes to build a large nest every evening. She also loves browse and is a big fan of the termite mound.

TRUDY - is still one of the smallest chimpanzees in the group but she has a very big personality! While obviously comforted by Peggy's presence in the group, she is becoming more independent and is thoroughly enjoying life in Hananya's group.

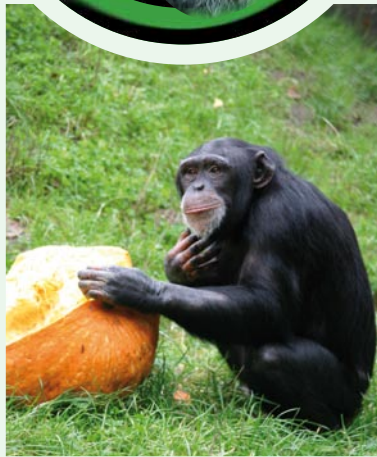
KUKI - is now spending increasing amounts of time with the group and interacting well with the other chimps. However, she is still very interested in the primate care staff - it you are preparing an activity of treats for the chimps, you can guarantee that Kuki will be watching!

ZEYNEP - She is a lazy chimp and is often the last to get up in the morning. Her immediate popularity within the group meant that she lost a lot of hair during grooming sessions. Her hair is starting to grow back now but she still takes blankets outside, whether it's to shelter from the sun or the cold.

PATRICIA - When Patricia first arrived at the park, she found the great outdoors very daunting. This summer she got over her fear and can now be seen on the high outdoor platforms with the other chimps. She is still learning about the dynamics of group life and is struggling to accept all of Hananya's attention.

TUTTI - She is an exceptional chimp, who made the transition from the nursery group to Hananya's group with relative ease. She is ambitious, seems to enjoy the politics of a larger group, and loves the attention from older chimps. She still loves water, so the new pond was a big hit with her.

JOHNI - Johni has grown in confidence over the last year, both around other chimps and with the staff. This made her transition into Hananya's group, so far, very easy. At the time of writing this Johni has already met 10 group members and has become particularly good friends with Marjoline. She has experienced a recent growth spurt and is becoming a tall, good-looking lady.



WOOLLY MONKEYS

By Sam Richardson

LEVAR'S GROUP

LEVAR – He has proved how friendly he is by welcoming two new members into his group, Kuna and baby Julio. However, even though he is the dominant male he regularly shows his sensitive side by soaking up the one on one attention the Primate Care Staff gives him. Of course Levar keeps his cool, does not show how happy his is to receive the special attention, and usually keeps his back turned – that is until you stop and get an outraged look in return!

BRANCO – He has been doing very well this year and has put on some weight. Branco is proving to be a fantastic influence on the group; always ready to play or come to their defense. He is more confident this year and is happy to move around the tow enclosures without worrying where the rest of the group is. He has also re-established his friendship with Kuna and the two are regularly causing mischief.

XUSY – She is doing extremely well even though she has been recognised as the oldest woolly monkey in the world! We encourage Xuzy to go outside and be more involved with rest of the group and she has made a lovely bond with Lena. They play together a lot and now even Julio wants to join in! Xusy is a nice, easygoing monkey who does not have a bad bone in her body so she has been the main figure in introducing Julio to the rest of the group.

KUNA – She used to be in our other group of woollys but following Julio's birth the decision was made to move her to Levar's group where we believed she would be happier. Kuna has settled in well, proving to be a high ranking female and everyone's friend. Kuna is often seen playing with all members of the group and has even shown an interest in Julio!

LENA – She is growing up very fast and has a fantastic bond with all members of the group. Lena is never far

from Levar or Branco. With the addition of Julio to the group she has found a new playmate and they are regularly seen together. Lena is showing him the ropes and how to be a woolly monkey.

JULIO – After being saved by his father when his mother abandoned him shortly after birth, Julio is now living full time in Levar's group!! He's learning the ropes of being a woolly monkey very fast, proving to be a very intelligent young monkey. He has shown that he is a boisterous cheeky monkey by bashing Levar playfully around the face and wrestling with Xuzy and Lena.

BUENOS GROUP

The group has settled in nicely since the departure of Kuna, which shows that it was a good move for everyone.

BUENO – He has been showing his softer side having saved the life of his son Julio and now he is regularly seen playing with Xingu. He loves his food and is always sitting waiting patiently as soon as he knows its dinnertime!

YARIMA – She is a fantastic mum even through she is reluctant to let Xingu have more independence. However Yarima and Xingu have a great relationship and they are regularly seen playing together. Yarima used to be cautious of Bueno, but she seem more relaxed now and has even been seen wrestling and laughing together.

XINGU – From an early age Xingu fought for her independence but even though she is now allowed a bit more freedom she still makes sure she does not stray too far from the adults. She is growing up quickly and has formed a nice bond with Bueno. Xingu has bundles of energy and regularly tires her parents out when she still wants to play more!



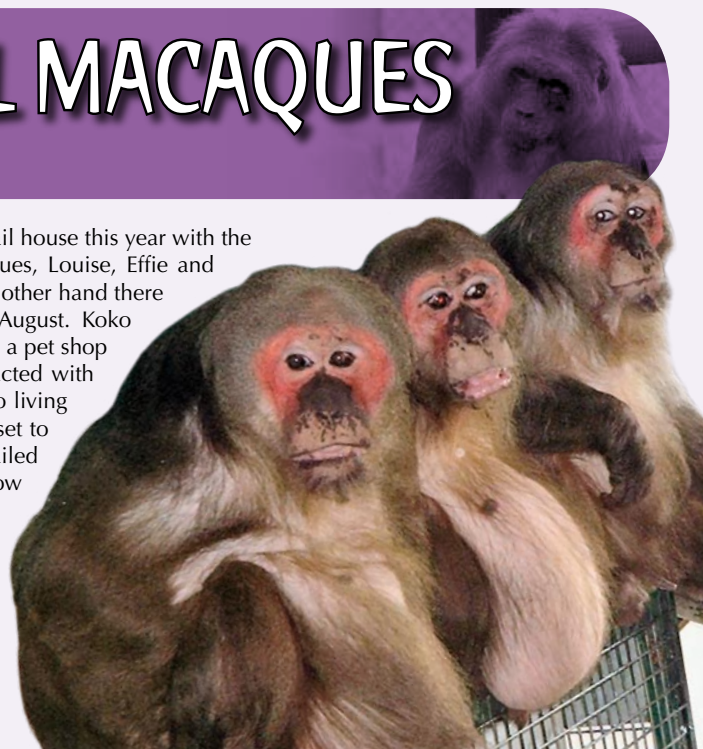
STUMP-TAIL MACAQUES

By Rhiannon Shutler



We've had our ups and downs at the stump-tail house this year with the sad loss of three elderly stump tailed macaques, Louise, Effie and Erica who sadly had to be put to sleep. On the other hand there was the happy arrival of our new female Koko in August. Koko had been smuggled from the wild and then kept in a pet shop in Hungary. As far as we know she had never interacted with other stump-tailed macaques and was also accustomed to living in a small cage. When she arrived we allowed Koko some time to settle in and then set to the task of introducing her to Gerald and Roland, two of the older males in the stump tailed house. Koko has settled in fantastically and we are really proud of her considering how many new things she has encountered over the last few months. Gerald and Roland have also done well, taking the changes in their stride.

Scott's group next door consists of eight male stump-tailed macaques – Scott, David, Sammy, Tim, Jonathan, Fred, Phil, and Paddy. The boys are spending increasing amounts of time outside in their enclosure as they have had a busy summer foraging for food, climbing on their expanded climbing frame, and playing with the enrichment items set up for them. The group all get on very well together and first thing in the morning the boys can be seen huddled together often in pairs using each other as pillows!



ORANGUTAN UPDATE

By Colin Angus



GORDON'S GROUP

GORDON – Finally Gordon is beginning to look like a young adult although he still behaves like a child most of the time. Every day he gets his eyes cleaned with saline solution as part of our operant conditioning programme and consequently we can keep his injured eye clean and healthy. Actually the eye itself is fine it is just the muscles surrounding the eye that are stretched and loose and cause the eyelid to droop. We are hopeful that as Gordon's face grows his eye will continue to open further.

HSIAO-QUAI AND KAI – Hsiao-quai has been a perfect mother being very protective of her baby but at the same time allowing him a little freedom. As a result Kai is now wandering around on his own most of the time, although his mother keeps a watchful eye on him. He often plays with Hsiao-lan, Gordon and even Amy on occasion.

HSIAO-LAN – She is a very quiet individual but really enjoys spending time with Hsiao-quai and Kai. Hsiao-lan is so good with Kai that his mother lets him play and socialise with her without supervision. This has given Hsiao-lan more confidence but she is still cautious around the likes of RoRo and Lucky.

NURSERY

A-MEI – She continues to be a fantastic adopted mother to all the three kids and is now in the process of encouraging Joly to walk from the inside to the outside enclosure on her own.

HSIAO-NING – She is still a 'little princess', but apart from some spectacular tantrums when she feels her drink is taking too long to prepare, she spends most of the day playing outside, often interacting with visitors through the viewing window.

JOLY – She is becoming more independent, climbing and playing in the ropes with increasing confidence. Joly has moved on from bottle feeding to taking her drinks from a cup like the others and will stand up for herself quite forcefully if Hsiao-Ning or Aris attempt to interrupt her while she is drinking.

ARIS – He is now behaving more like an orangutan than a gorilla, although he still enjoys throwing himself around the enclosure. Aris is slowly learning to play more gently with Joly, with the result that A-mei doesn't need to intervene so frequently.

DINDA – She has recently started visiting the nursery group during the day and already is making new friends. At four months old Dinda is still very young so one of the bedrooms in the nursery has been adapted for her with extra hoses in close reach to make climbing easier. Already she has met the three other babies but clearly still likes going home with Primate Care Staff at night.

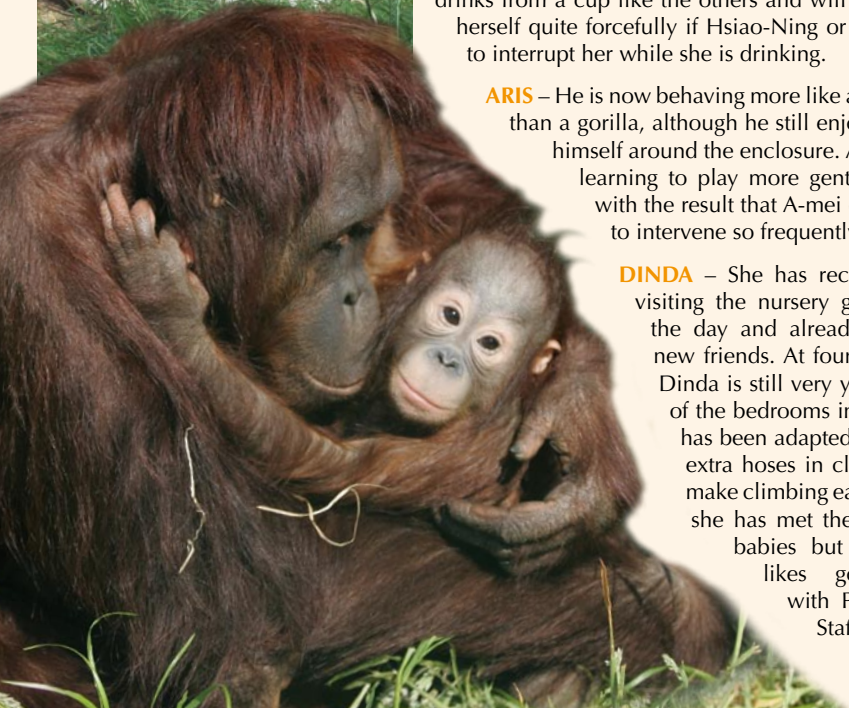
TUAN'S GROUP

TUAN – Our resident 'cheek padder' is doing very well, still happy with the quiet life and mating with the females as they come into season. Amy can prove to be a handful in this department, so Tuan sometimes has his work cut out for him if she is not in the mood.

AMY – Last week she decided she was not interested in Tuan's advances so she took a mouthful of water and spat it in his face as he was attempting to mate with her. All of the orangutans are taught operant conditioning so that we can work with them doing basic medical checks and it will come as no surprise that Amy is the most enthusiastic participant in this food rewarded routine.

RORO – At the moment RoRo has decided that she is top girl and has occasionally been bullying the less assertive Hsiao-quai and Hsiao-lan during evening feeds. Jeremy has rearranged their routine so that these individuals don't eat together; with the result that everyone is now more relaxed and contented.

LUCKY – She is gradually making her presence felt, occasionally standing up to Ro Ro, despite her small size, but mainly minding her own business and staying close to Tuan.



SMALL MONKEYS

By Toby Dibble

CAPUCHINS

In the two and a half years following the arrival of Gismo, our four capuchins have undergone a series of introductions in order to amalgamate them into one group. Happily, they are now spending their days all together in one enclosure, although at night Tom and Terri sleep separate from TJ and Gismo. Tom and TJ have become partners in crime, spending most of the day together grooming, playing and relaxing. Tom is doing very well with his diet and he is becoming increasingly mobile while TJ is a very boisterous and inquisitive individual. Terri has adapted well to the changes and spends her days doing her own thing and hunting for insects. She will go and sit with the boys for attention from time to time and is often groomed by both Tom and TJ. Gismo is making good progress and despite his sensitive nature is settling into the group. He can be very playful when he feels like it, particularly if there is a Yellow Pages to be destroyed!

COMMON MARMOSETS

• **FAMILY GROUP** – Harry and Louis are still happily living with three of their offspring, Henry, Hazel and Lionel. Youngest son Lenny was pushed out of the group but has fallen in love with a female named Kayla who we moved him in with. They spend most of their day grooming or exploring their outside enclosure.

• **BACHELORS** – Marcel, Matthew, Nathan, Billy and Leo have very different characters but happily share an enclosure together. The boys have had a few conflicts when we first tried to introduce Lenny to their group but things have all settled down now. Marcel is the most quiet and sensitive in this the group while Leo is the most dominant.

• **FEMALES** – The females, Mystic, Gaby, and Betty-Boo, are a happy settled group now. Even though Betty-Boo came to us somewhat crippled, she has still become the dominant female in the group and can tell the others off if they step out of line. Oberon our male Goeldi monkey still lives with the girls and has become particularly close to Betty-Boo. They can often be seen huddled up in a towel or basket together.

SQUIRREL MONKEYS

The three elderly females Alien, Mamore and Balsa are doing extremely well. Alien is a particularly inquisitive individual, always watching for any wax worms that may be available, while Mamore and Balsa are becoming braver around the Primate Care Staff. The girls spend most of their time outside hunting insects, birds, and exploring.

RINGTAIL LEMURS

We have fourteen ring-tail lemurs at Monkey World, nine males and five females. Following aggression between our two lemur groups in the Malagasy enclosure it was decided that the females would be moved to a new area and a bachelor group formed in Malagasy. The nine boys have settled very well since the females left and have quickly established a hierarchy. Rentin is the top-ranking individual with Indiana, Cirius, Douglas, White-Spot, Houdini, Hemal, Korean's son and George forming the rest of the group. Big George is still going strong although he is at the bottom of the hierarchy. The boys love exploring and playing in the trees in Malagasy, but they are quick to appear when food arrives! The females are living in two groups following their moves. Tibet and her daughters, Kirindi and Nepal live happily together, while sisters Rudy and Fennel are together and doing well.



BACHELOR BOYS

By Lee Butler

BUTCH – He is the dominant male in this group of 13 boys. Butch has never been the brightest chimp at the park but his forceful, dominant nature means that the others defer to him.

JESTAH – He is very close to Butch and Buxom but is often seen socialising with other members of the group. Jestah has skin allergies for which he receives treatment but it does not seem to bother him or slow him down.

BUXOM – He is very close to Butch and Jestah. More recently Buxom has been seen spending time with Turkish Çarli. In the past the close relationship of Buxom and Jestah was often intimidating to the other members of the bachelor group as the pair would join together to tease and chase other group members. This bullying seems to be a thing of the past.

CHARLIE – He is still healthy, happy, and doing well. Charlie is a fairly quiet member of this boisterous group but when it comes to food his shyness disappears! Everyone in the group loves Charlie.

SAMMY – He is a very playful and happy individual. Physically, Sammy is one of the largest chimpanzees at the park so nobody really messes with him or gets in his way. Luckily his friendly nature means that Sammy is a threat to no one.

ROCKY – He has a close relationship with Mojo and loves to have fun. Rocky is a bit insecure, however, so whenever there are any disagreements he really does not know which way to turn.

MOJO – He is good friends with Rocky but really is a bit of a loner. Mojo is most often seen relaxing on the fringes of the group

without really getting involved.

KYKO – He is at the bottom of the hierarchy in this group. Kyko does not seem to mind however and is happy enough doing his own thing. He is a friendly individual.

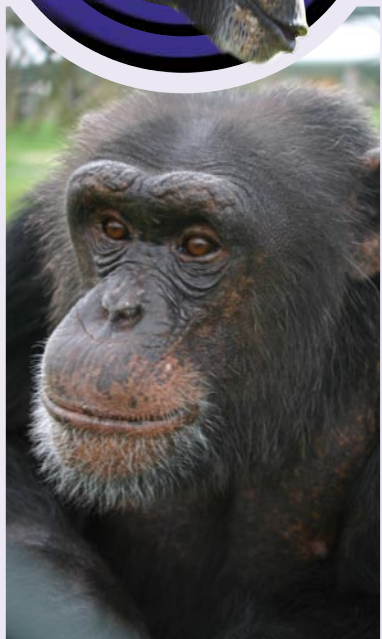
FREDDY – Over the past few months Freddy has been fairly quiet. He had some gut problems so the vet and a gastroenterologist came in to see Freddy. He was given a clean bill of health and has been looking brighter over the past few weeks.

PACITO – He is a very active and happy individual. Pacito likes everyone in the group and is happy to play with any of them. If there is anything happening, Pacito is always there and ready to get involved.

PACO – He is a quiet individual who is growing bigger and bigger. With his large stature he could take on any of the bachelor boys but his quiet nature keeps him calm. He has fitted into the group well and may some day pose a threat to Butch's leadership.

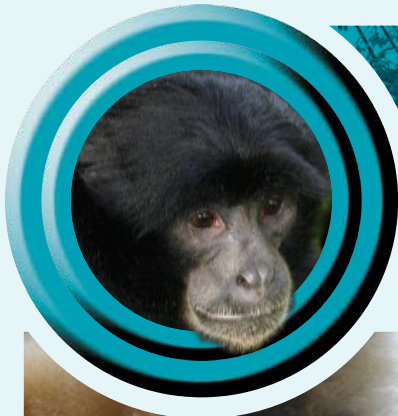
ÇARLI – Following his move from the nursery group, Çarli has fitted into bachelor life very well. Everyone seems to like him and he has made good friends with Buxom. Çarli also likes playing with Butch. We were all surprised to see the newcomer associating with such dominant individuals.

GYPSY – He too fit into the bachelor group from the start. Gypsy is a very nice boy and they all seemed to like him. He is happy in the new group, plays a lot, and without hesitation pushes in to the middle of things during mealtime.



GIBBON UPDATE

By Wendy Durham



THE SIAMANGS - Sam, Sage and Onion have had a good year. Onion has grown up very fast and now is the same size as his dad. We have given their house a make over, new platforms, a new floor, and art work on the walls, Sam wasn't too sure at first but now realises that there is just that little bit more room for mucking about with Onion which is always a good thing and as for Sage she can get up out of the way and watch the boisterous lads from a safe distance.

MUELLER'S GIBBONS ADIDAS AND DALUMIE - Adidas and Dalumie had much to see with their new forest enclosure being built in view of their play room however Dalumie has been a bit sceptical of the early morning noise. Adidas was worried about the strangers in the area but Dalumie can distract him from his worries with a good play fight in the hammock and soon all is good again. Having as close a relationship as they do, can overcome any worries. We cannot wait to see them flying through the trees soon.

LAR GIBBONS - Nike has always been quite a skittish chap but over the last year he has become much calmer. We have put this change down to the awakening in Ella, who has suddenly become very playful. It's now Ella that starts the games and Nike who stops them for a rest and hopefully a relaxing grooming session.

GOLDEN-CHEEKED GIBBONS JAKE AND ALEX - Their bond has grown very strong over the past year. Jake now realises that he doesn't have to follow Alex's every move which gives him time to go off and sing in response to the other golden cheek males across the park. Both Jake and Alex are quite relaxed with the Primate Care Staff.

AGILE GIBBON PAUL AND LAR GIBBON KITTY - Over the past year Kitty has grown into a mature female and it was about time. In the past when Kitty had a teenage tantrum everyone knew about it. Now that Paul has got a more grown up play buddy he can play to his hearts content. However, with her new found maturity she has a new favourite pass time, singing, and it's difficult for anyone else to get a word in edgeways!

MUELLER'S GIBBONS FOX AND NINI - The boys have had a bit of a turbulent year. As Nini went through sexual maturity last year, he realised that Fox no longer had the upper hand. Needless to say this has put Fox's nose slightly out of joint and the lads were given some time apart to relax. We are now going through a period of re-introduction and all is well with both Fox and Nini.

GOLDEN-CHEEKED GIBBONS VIETTA AND TITO - You just can't walk past this pair without smiling, they are always up to something and it's usually quite silly. Whether it's a romp up and down the enclosure or both of them asking the other for a groom at the same time there is a certain comic quality to this pair. Tito has become even more confident around Vietta and sometimes forgets who really wears the trousers in this relationship. Vietta gives him a gentle but firm reminder when necessary.

GOLDEN-CHEEKED GIBBONS ZOEO AND RAFAEL - Like their neighbours, there has been a lot going on outside Zoey and Rafael's window. The builders have been in and each and every move has been watched and supervised by Zoey. Rafael on the other hand was too busy playing to even notice. While there is still some work to be done, the pair have been outside and while Zoey was a bit apprehensive Rafael was a sight to be seen flying through the huge oak and beech trees.



NURSERY GROUP

By Cara Buckley

Sally's group has had a busy year, with the return of Seamus (which I'm sure was met with mixed emotions!) and the arrival of Rodders and Ash. All the members of the nursery group have met the new babies but of course it's Sally who is leading the way.

SALLY - She is still enjoying being the leader of the nursery group and what she says goes. She has been fantastic during the introduction of Rodders and Ash and has spent the night with them on several occasions.



LULU - She still loves spending time in the outdoor enclosure whatever the weather. On cold or rainy days, she often fashions a pair of slippers out of the bedding and tip-toes outside! She has a gentle side to her character and re-assured Ben and Pip when they first started venturing outdoors.

SEAMUS - He struggled to adjust to life in Hananya's group, so the decision was made to return him to the nursery for the time being. After an emotional reunion with Sally, he has resumed his boisterous, fun-loving ways and still enjoys teasing the younger chimps.

BEN AND PIP - They have finally conquered their fear of the great outdoors and have enjoyed the summer. Grass under their feet, a large climbing frame, the pool, and friends to rough and tumble with, they have experienced all the outdoor enclosure has to offer. Ben is the more confident of the pair, but Pip is growing in confidence as each day passes.

RODDERS AND ASH - They are growing up so fast and developing very distinct personalities. Rodders is boisterous and affectionate while Ash is quiet and clever. They are both enjoying the introductions with the other members of the nursery group and regular contact sessions with the Primate Care Staff. They enjoy plying outside and both have very healthy appetites.



PADDY'S GROUP

By Lee Butler



PADDY – He is the alpha male and everyone knows it. Paddy does have a gentle side that shows when playing with daughter Eddi. Over the past few months two of the dominant females have been taken off their birth control and Paddy has had his hands full dealing with them and the rest of the group.

JIMMY – He is Paddy's second in charge and every time Paddy displays Jimmy has to do the same. However Jimmy is not very good with politics and rather than choosing a low ranking individual to slap as he runs past he targets whoever is closest. For this reason Jimmy is not always popular.

BUSTA – Busta is a happy individual that always wants to be involved with anything that is happening. He still enjoys his fun and games with Gamba and enjoys playing with the youngsters.

MICKY – He is a low ranking male but will always push forward to get involved in anything fun that is going on. Everyone likes Micky as he is a true team player and will come to the defense of anyone if there is a perceived threat.

GAMBA – He has fun with Busta but is always on the lookout to tease someone else in the group. Gamba does not always recognise his limits and will slap Paddy and run. This kind of behaviour has gotten him in trouble over the years and the group is becoming less tolerant of his antics.

CINDY – She is one of the dominant females and spends a lot of time around Paddy. Cindy was taken off her birth control several months ago so that there could be another baby in the group (it is important for the welfare of the group). With these changes Cindy has become quite popular with Paddy.

BETH – She too is a dominant female close to Paddy. Beth has a very serious character and nobody messes with her. Over the past year Beth's age has been beginning to show.

BIXA – She used to be very close with Evie who sadly passed away last year and the two of them were very close to Paddy. Bixa has remained close to Paddy and wherever he is, she is never far away.

ZOE – She is an dominant female that is quiet but fierce. Zoe keeps to herself but recently has gained a young friend in Hebe. She used to be very close to Gamba but seems to have tired of his disruptive behaviour.

CATHY – She is a large strong female so no one messes with her. Just as well that Cathy is quiet, calm, and friendly. She is never far away from Grisby.

GRISBY – Most mornings Grisby finds a quiet place inside to tuck up instead of going outside with everyone for breakfast. She is close to Cathy but generally keeps to herself.

CLIN – She has an obsessive compulsive nature which may be the result of her previous life in a laboratory. Clin hoards food, often wears small pieces of paper on her toes, and sometimes makes an eerie singing call when alone.

ATHENA - She is a quiet female with a strong character. Athena has grown up over the past year and now there is no hint of the teenager we have known over the past few years. As a lower ranking female she stays on the fringes of the group.

KAY – She is a confident female who, even though she is not particularly high ranking, has a fierce character. When Kay first arrived at the park years ago she used to rock back and forth when she was nervous or upset. She now seems to deal with her emotions with dominant, forceful behaviour.

LOLA – She is a low ranking female who is not satisfied with her position in the group. Lola can frequently be seen grooming dominant members which may help to improve her status in the group.

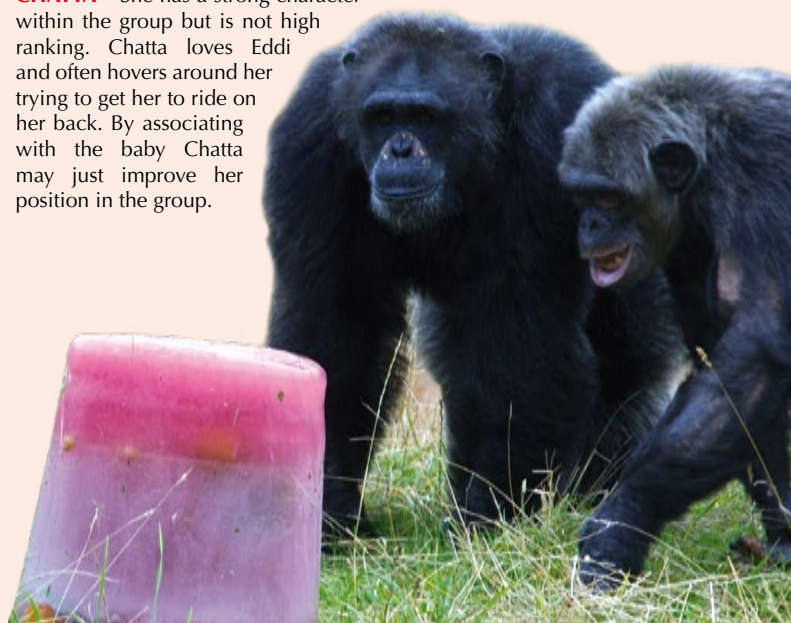
PEPPA – She is a low ranking female and generally keeps to herself. She used to be quite close to Gamba but not so much any more. At this stage in her life, Peppa is happy to wait on the fringes of the dominant individuals.

SUSIE – She is a dominant female and even though her daughter is five years old Suzie is still very protective of her. As well as Cindy, Suzie has also been kept off birth control so she may fall pregnant again soon.

EDDI – At 5 years old she is growing up fast and no longer looks like a baby. The group has also recognised these changes and no longer gives Eddi anything she wants. She is still a happy and playful little girl that still catches a ride on other chimp's backs.

HEBE – She loves playing with and spending time with Eddi and the two have become close to Zoe. Hebe is now seven years old and as she is close to adolescence she is very aware to watch her step around the other adults.

CHATTA – She has a strong character within the group but is not high ranking. Chatta loves Eddi and often hovers around her trying to get her to ride on her back. By associating with the baby Chatta may just improve her position in the group.



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It is hard to believe that yet another year has passed! As usual, the winter edition of the ARC is an update of each monkey and ape that is at the park. Going through the updates it reminds me just how much has happened in last 12 months: the orangutan crèche took off with the arrival of Joly from Moscow, we had three babies born at the park (Julio the woolly monkey, Dinda the orangutan, and Tien the golden-cheeked gibbon) who are all part of international breeding programmes, the Endangered Asian Species Trust charity was established to support our conservation work in Asia, work has begun on a rescue centre in Southern Vietnam, and we rescued 22 year old Koko, the stump-tailed macaque who was smuggled from the wild and kept in a tiny cage in a Hungarian pet shop. Throughout all of this Jim and I have been advisors on a government panel to set regulations on the UK primate pet trade as well as being expert witness in a primate cruelty case. Over the whole of 2006 I have been kept busy trying to finalise the paperwork for the rescue of three-year-old Bryan, the chimpanzee in Cancun Mexico. It became a bureaucratic marathon as he had been smuggled from the wild and was taken through Cuba before ending up in Cancun as a beach photographer's prop. We had hoped that Bryan would already be with us by the time this newsletter went to print but it was not to be. It is not all doom and gloom, however, as all papers have now been secured and we are off to collect the boy next week! Soon Bryan will have a family of his own kind again.

Over the past few months, many people have helped with our rescue and rehabilitation work by donating goods such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, dried fruit, garlic bulbs, bread, vitamins, dog toys, dog biscuits, blankets, sheets, towels, hessian sacks, un-used stamps, foreign currency, heavy duty baskets, plastic bottles, fire hoses, supermarket vouchers, hand made card, paintings, and Christmas bobbles to be sold in the shop, and



excellent photos supporters have taken at the park. 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 organising sponsored runs. Other fund raising activities included bake sales, car boot sales, golf ball sales, and donations instead of lottery winnings, refunds, or birthday presents. Thank you so much. Your contributions are a big help. **Phill Harmer, Barbara Smith, Lucy Brown, and Ben England** all completed marathons or sponsored runs. Well done! Special thanks also should be given to **the Greggs Trust, the staff of Telford and Wrekin Council, and George Wimpey House** for donations of goods, services and finances. 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 **Ms Sarah Jackson, Mrs F Gillbanks, Mr Alan Haines, Mrs Joan Christmas, Ms J Wimble, Ms Ethel Budd, Mr Robert Burns, Mr Ken Darlsy, Mrs Jan Clark, Mrs Winifred McGibbon Ms Anne Farrant, Ms Jennifer Chambers, Mrs Edna McElrea, Mr Graham Mould, and Mrs Joyce Barrington-Coupe.** They will all be greatly missed.

At the end of November, 48 of the 115 orangutans that Jim and I uncovered in 2003 were finally returned to Indonesia.

It has taken years for the Thai authorities to return only some of the smuggled orangutans - others have been left behind in Thailand, some have been smuggled on to Cambodia, and others have died. We will continue to campaign for the return of all the remaining illegal orangutans in Thailand as well as the re-patriation of those in Cambodia. And of course we will also continue to try and rescue Naree the chimpanzee who was found at the same time as the orangutans. Hopefully 2007 will be a lucky year for Naree, fingers crossed.

All the best for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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 - **NO ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ARE REMOVED.** Monkey World is not a registered charity but we have just established a charity, EAST (the Endangered Asian Species Trust), to support our overseas rescue work.

For Christmas and the holiday season remember that Monkey World has a variety of item for those that love monkeys and apes. Our 2007 calendars are now out as well as the DVD of Monkey Business, Series IX.

Help by donating goods such as fruit, vegetables, bread, strands of garlic, or chewable Vit. C tablets (lower does i.e. 60 mg). Any type of melon is good as all the monkeys and apes love them yet they are not too fattening! As winter has arrived, we particularly need chewable Vit. C tablets for the monkeys and apes. 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.

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 ape, 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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