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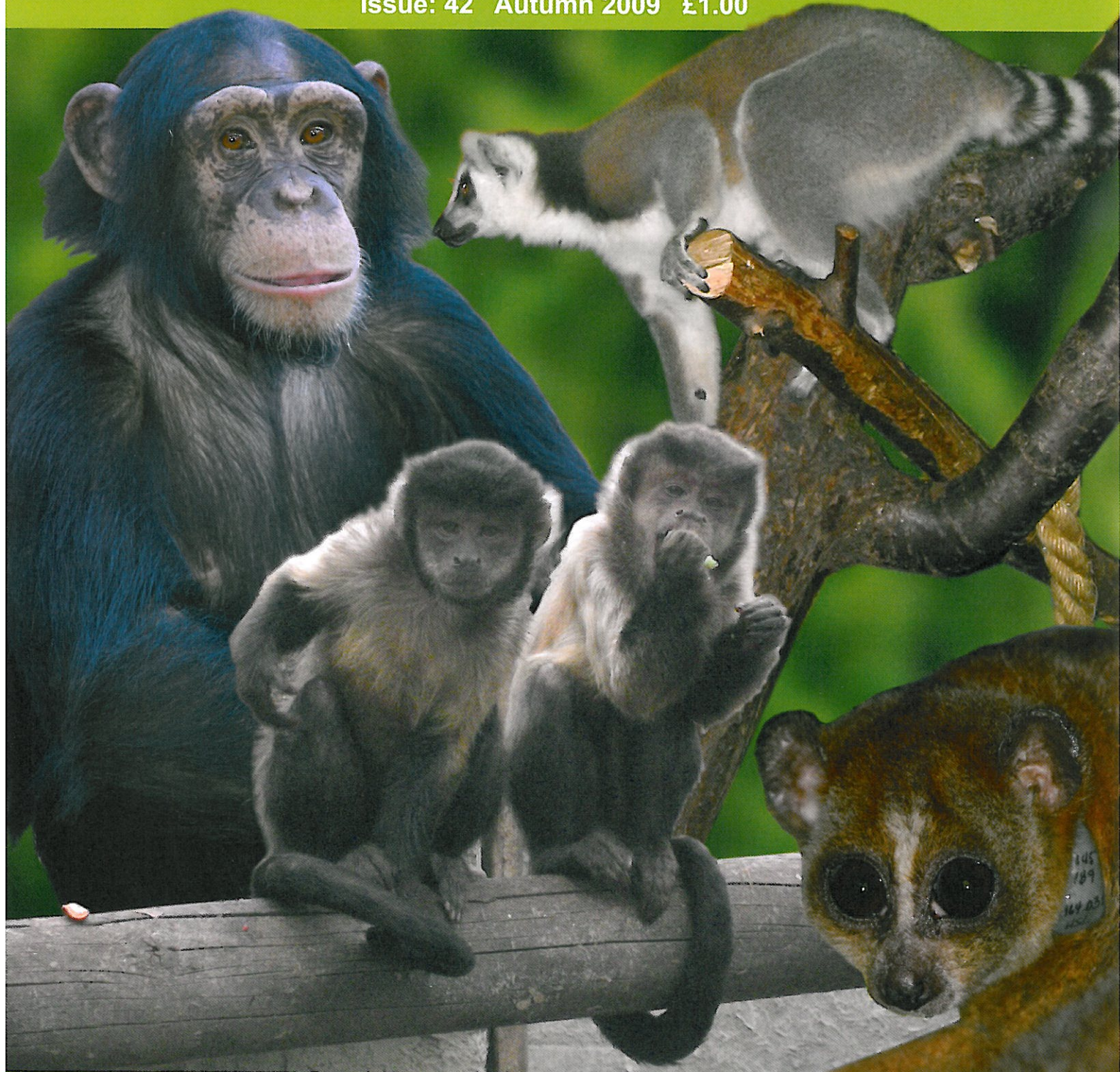
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# BABE & AMY ARRIVE FROM SPAIN



*Babe & Amy in their previous home in Spain*

On July 10th Alison Cronin and Jeremy Keeling returned from Spain with two more capuchin monkeys, Babe and Amy. The two monkeys had been kept as pets by a British couple who had moved to Spain many years ago. Babe and Amy were born in the UK seven and six years ago, respectively, and when Amy was just a tiny baby the family decided to relocate and they took the family group of four capuchins with them.

The owners loved their monkeys and built them a large outdoor cage but over the last year it became more and more difficult for them to care for the

monkeys properly. Family and financial commitments took up much of their time and trying to keep the four monkeys happy and healthy became impossible. Tragedy struck when both Babe and Amy's mother and father died quickly with no warning. With no specialist veterinarians in the area, no one knew why the parents had died or if Babe and Amy were also in danger. At this point the family contacted Alison and asked if Monkey World would be able to give the sisters a new family with a more natural environment.

With three different groups of female capuchins at the park, Alison was happy that Babe and Amy would fit into one of the troops and the team began making arrangements for their repatriation from Spain. Monkey World always tries to make the transportation of our monkeys and apes as stress free as possible, so on this occasion we contacted Thompson Airlines and Bournemouth Airport to see if they would help with the capuchin move and also the Department of the Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) for special permission to land Babe and Amy at Bournemouth Airport. This would make their journey much shorter and therefore less stressful. All three organizations approved and did an amazing job in helping us to rescue Babe and Amy.

Once in Spain, Jeremy and Alison followed up on some other



*Babe & Amy*





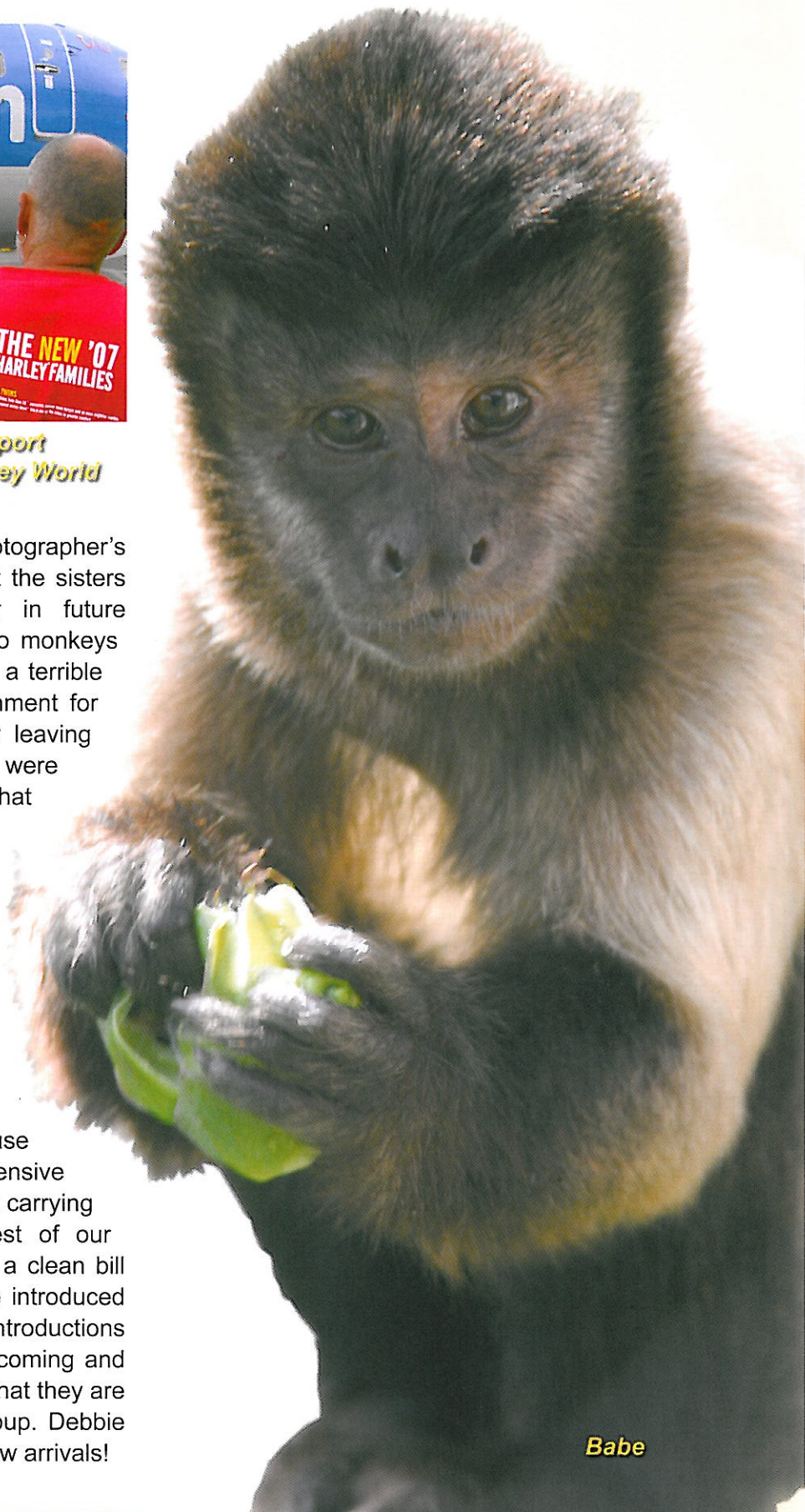
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*Thompson Airlines helped to transport  
Babe & Amy to their new home at Monkey World*

reports of monkeys being used as photographer's props, before they went to meet and collect the sisters (details of this investigation will appear in future editions of the ARC). On the whole, the two monkeys were cared for quite well but Spain has had a terrible drought over the past year and the environment for the monkeys was very dry, hot, and dusty leaving their coats and skin flaky and itchy. There were also signs of rats and/or mice in their cage that may have contributed to the death of their parents. Babe and Amy were quietly trapped inside their house, which allowed Jeremy to catch one monkey at a time. In no time the sisters were in separate boxes, with windows so they could see but not harm each other, and the team were on their way back to Monkey World.

The new arrivals were settled into several back bedrooms at the female capuchin house and over the next week they had comprehensive medical checks to ensure that they were not carrying anything that could be harmful to the rest of our capuchins. Both Babe and Amy were given a clean bill of health and in just over a week they were introduced to Debbie's Troop of 20 other ladies! The introductions went smoothly and now the two ladies are coming and going outside with confidence – so much so that they are now climbing the social hierarchy of the group. Debbie had better keep an eye on these confident new arrivals!



*Babe*





# KAIYAH, FLIES IN FROM BELFAST

Over the years Monkey World has been called upon to rescue many different primates from the legal exotic pet trade in Britain, but never before a ring-tailed lemur. In August, Monkey World received a call from a family in Northern Ireland who had purchased a baby lemur from a primate breeder in Omagh. The young female was only a few months old and should have still been with her mother, but nonetheless she was sold for £1500.00! The couple, along with their young daughter, named the lemur Kaiyah and moved her into their house where she roamed around and played with the little girl and their reluctant cat.

As cute and lovely as Kaiyah seemed, appearances can be deceptive and very quickly Kaiyah started to get pushy and aggressive with the cat, the little girl and the wife. Even as a youngster, Kaiyah had very sharp teeth and soon everyone was getting small cuts and bites. Monkey World has seen this same sort of thing time and time

again with the pet trade. Well meaning individuals think they have found the perfect exotic pet only to find that the babies become aggressive and uncontrollable as they mature. Lemurs are no different and when kept in solitary confinement (from others of their own kind) they lash out with unprovoked attacks. In Kaiyah's case, her owners owned a shop and were able to build a cage where Kaiyah could live safely until they found her a new home.

Once word got out that they wanted to re-home the young ring-tailed lemur, the family started getting calls from people involved with the exotic pet trade who wanted to buy her. As a potential breeding female, they were offered more than the £1,500 purchase price but they were now attached to Kaiyah and wanted to make sure that she would go to a good, stable, natural home. They tried some zoos but any that already had groups of lemurs were not interested, as ring-tails can be very territorial and aggressive towards newcomers. Finally they were told to ask Monkey World if we could rehabilitate Kaiyah and give her a more natural life... and the answer was yes!

Everything seemed straightforward for the move, Monkey World had the



*Kaiyah*



*Kaiyah's hand and foot prints*







*Alison with Kaiyah in her transport box*

investigate. Police went to the shop to see Kaiyah, talk to the family about where she came from, and investigate why the proper procedures had not been followed. For the family, this means a police caution and a lot of money lost in order to find Kaiyah a good home – all because of the needless trade in primates as pets in Britain today.

On August 19th Alison Cronin and Kaiyah boarded the flight from Belfast City Airport to Southampton and returned to Monkey World. Since then she has settled in well, had a full health check, birth control implant, and has been introduced to Monkey World's dominant female, Fennel. It was the first time Kaiyah had seen another lemur since being removed from her mother. She was instantly smitten with Fennel and followed her around like a puppy! It is lovely to see Kaiyah happy, communicating with another ring-tailed lemur, and wildly grooming every inch of Fennel's body! Fennel seems happy with her new apprentice and soon it will be time for young Kaiyah to meet the boys and move into her forest home in Malagasy.

assistance of Fly Be and Southampton Airport to move Kaiyah and as she was in Britain already there was no paperwork required for her move. However, as an endangered species (CITES, Appendix I), Kaiyah should have been registered with the local authority when she was born, thus proving that she was captive bred and not smuggled from the wild. This licence is called an Article 10 and without it, Kaiyah is illegal. The breeder that first sold Kaiyah as an infant did not pass the Article 10 licence onto the family, so when they contacted their local authority to let them know that she was moving to Monkey World, the National Crime Unit was called in to



*Kaiyah*



*Kaiyah had a complete vet check when she arrived*



*Fennel & Kaiyah grooming*





# MONKEY LIFE

By Lu McCance-Price

Documenting the tireless work of Monkey World continues. The film crew has followed Dr Alison Cronin, Jeremy Keeling and the Primate Care Staff both in the UK and abroad on their mission to rescue and rehabilitate abused primates, helping wherever they can. For our loyal viewers who've visited the park over the last year, you'll have seen Primate Planet Productions in action, creating the new series of Monkey Life, as dramas great and small continue to unfold at Monkey World.

With a full team on site, this new series promises to bring you some wonderful stories from the last year – from rescues, medical emergencies, to births, as well as filming the daily lives of Monkey World's rescued primates. Everything has been filmed to keep you fully up to date with work and developments at the park.

The recession has also hit the TV industry this year, but Primate Planet Productions are in talks with broadcasters to ensure that the new series will come out in the UK in 2010, so watch this space!



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Please check the Animal Planet schedules or the Monkey World website for details in other regions worldwide.

For information or questions related to the TV series, please contact [info@primateplanet.tv](mailto:info@primateplanet.tv)

## DO YOU WANT TO SEE MORE MONKEY LIFE?

Please write to Channel Five letting them know if you have enjoyed the last 3 series of Monkey Life and that you'd like to see more programs! Please write or email to:

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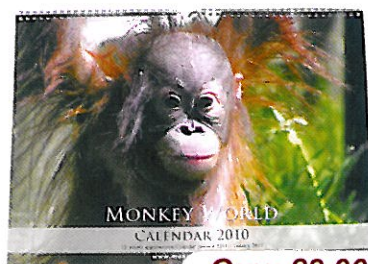
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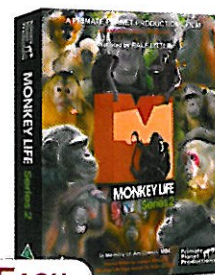
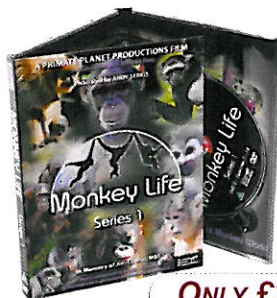
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# How You Can Help



There are many ways in which you can help us 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 established the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund for Primate Conservation and Welfare, UK Registered Charity, No.1126939 and the Endangered Asian Species Trust, UK Registered Charity No.1115350, which supports endangered primate rescue and rehabilitation in Asia.

Without your help our rescue and rehabilitation work would not be possible. If you are on holiday and see a monkey or ape being used, abused, or neglected, please let us know. Take down all the details and try to get a photo – we follow up on as many reports as possible.

Help by donating goods such as fruit, vegetables, bread, or strands of garlic. We are in particular need of evening primrose oil capsules. Any type of melon is also good as all the monkeys and apes love them yet they are not too

fattening! For the gibbons and monkeys they simply love exotic fruits but due to the cost they are not part of our regular fruit and veg order.

Our small monkeys love small to medium sized baskets and they are good for the squirrel monkeys, capuchins, and marmosets 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 especially as winter sets in. 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 the park.





# BEN & THE BACHELOR BOYS



*Ben*



*Mojo, Sammy & Ben*

It is now 4 months since Ben moved to the Bachelor Group. He continues to be a favourite within the group and still has a very close relationship with Sammy, who always looks out for him and runs to his defence at the first sign of any trouble.

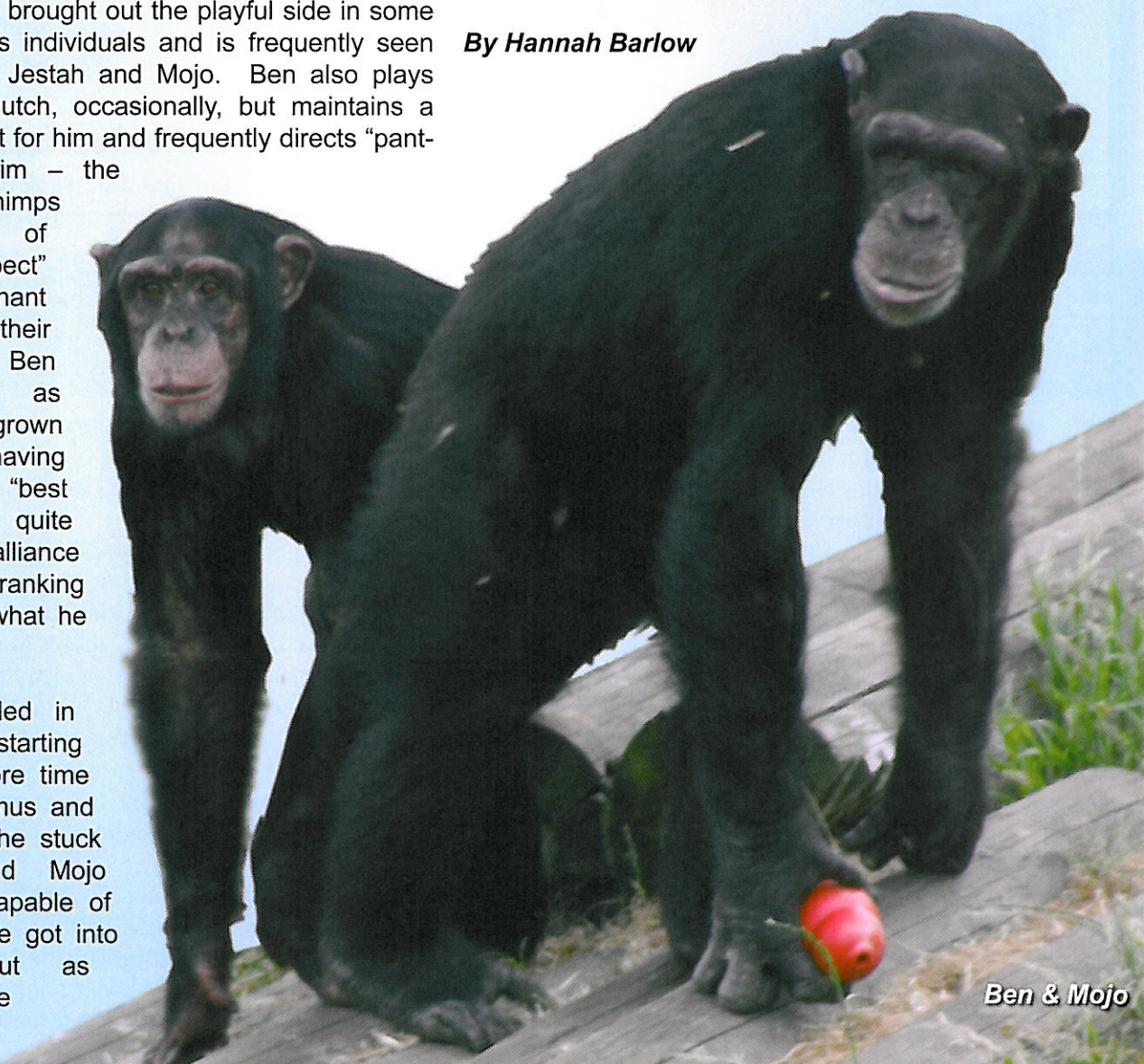
Ben seems to have brought out the playful side in some of the more serious individuals and is frequently seen playing with Paco, Jestah and Mojo. Ben also plays with alpha male Butch, occasionally, but maintains a high level of respect for him and frequently directs "pant-grunts" towards him – the vocalisation that chimps make as a sign of submission or "respect" towards more dominant members of their group. Although Ben recognises Butch as the boss, he has grown very confident having Sammy as his "best friend" and quite often uses his alliance with the higher ranking individuals to get what he wants!

Now Ben is settled in the group, he is starting to spend a lot more time with old pals Seamus and Çarli. Previously he stuck with Sammy and Mojo who were more capable of protecting him if he got into any trouble, but as Ben's confidence

has grown he has spent increasing amounts of time playing and exploring with the lower-ranking members of the group.

All in all, Ben is doing really well and is now well and truly one of the "Bachelor Boys".

*By Hannah Barlow*



*Ben & Mojo*





There are currently 13½ orang-utans at Monkey World! We are pleased to let you know that Hsiao-quai is pregnant again and is due to give birth in January. It was March 2005 when Hsiao-quai gave birth to her first infant, Kai. Tuan was the father on that occasion but this time 12 year old Gordon is going to be Dad, and it will be his first.

Most of you will be aware that the adult orang-utans live in two groups; Tuan's and Gordon's. Eventually we have plans to build a new ape complex along side of the Great Ape Play Area but, until we can get started on this new build, we are going to split the large outdoor orangutan enclosure so that both groups can go outside everyday.

We are also very close to putting the finishing touches on the new Orang-utan Nursery building. It has taken a lot longer than planned with warped mesh coming back from the fabricators and 40mm laminated windows fracturing during installation but we are almost done now and it will be perfect for A-mei and her troop of little ones.



*Gordon is to become a Dad!*



*The new Orang-utan Nursery is near completion*



*Kai & Hsiao-quai's family is about to expand!*





## BUNGEE MADNESS!

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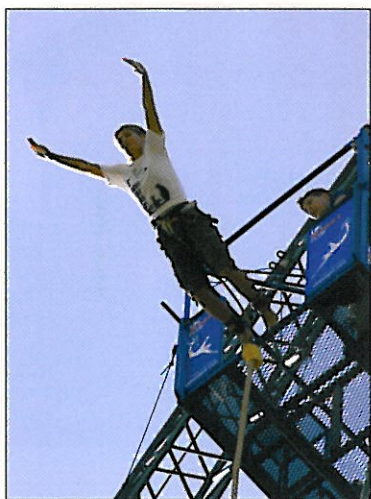
With a clear blue sky overhead, supporters from all over the UK descended on the park to join us for Bungee Madness – A Giant Leap for Ape Kind. This special event, in aid of the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund, got off to a fantastic start with local band the Brass Monkeys and their own rendition of Rescue Me, by Fontella Bass.

The cage on the crane looked incredibly high, but the view of the park from the top was incredible, and spectators watching from the ground could only look on in awe as those brave enough to jump prepared to take their very own 'giant leap for ape kind'.

To date, this event has raised over £6000 for the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund and we are so pleased to see that you are continuing to support us by donating online at:

[www.justgiving.com/jeremykeeling](http://www.justgiving.com/jeremykeeling)

If you haven't had the opportunity yet, please do so as the 'just giving' page is still open. I really hope if you attended that you had a great day and - for those of you who participated or donated - thank you, we really do appreciate your support.



## GALA DINNER & CHARITY AUCTION

*Have you reserved your tickets yet?*

Join us on Saturday 3rd April at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole, for the very first Gala Dinner & Charity Auction in aid of the **Jim Cronin Memorial Fund** (Registered Charity No 1126939).

The evening promises to be a night to remember! A champagne reception and delicious 3 course dinner awaits you, as well as the opportunity to meet the team from Monkey World and bid on some fantastic items. There will also be several raffles throughout the evening with some wonderful prizes, so everyone has a chance to take home some exclusive Monkey World memorabilia.

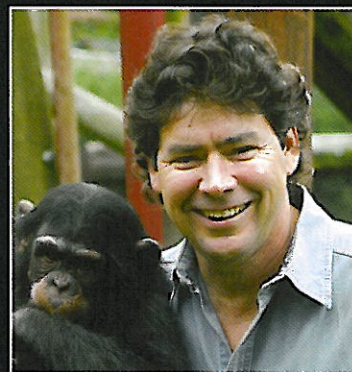
Book your tickets now and join us in celebrating the life and work of Jim Cronin, MBE. Individual Dinner tickets are priced at £55.00 each or, if you prefer to save some money for the auction, why not book a seat in the gallery, tickets priced at just £25.00 each to include a champagne reception and canapés.

To book your place, please contact us on 01929 401018 or alternatively email us on [fundraising@jimcroninmemorialfund.org](mailto:fundraising@jimcroninmemorialfund.org). Please note full payment will be required at the time of booking.

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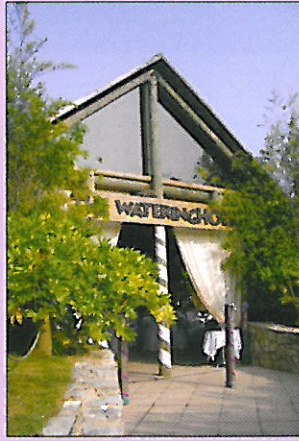


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# WEDDINGS AT MONKEY WORLD!

After almost a year of planning, the morning of the 19th of September dawned bright and clear, with not a cloud in the sky. The Watering Hole restaurant had received a complete makeover in readiness for the wedding and as the clock struck 11am, the chimpanzees in Paddy's troop, wedding guests and visitors to the park, all looked on as the couple exchanged their vows and were pronounced husband and wife in the viewing area alongside Paddy's enclosure. Dan and Anna fulfilled their dream and Monkey World hosted its very first wedding.



The newlyweds then had an exclusive trip to the top of the viewing tower overlooking Paddy's enclosure and instead of the usual confetti, they treated the chimpanzees by throwing edible flowers and heart-shaped ice lollies.

While Dan & Anna toured the park on their very own customised buggy, driven by Mike Colbourne, their guests enjoyed Bucks Fizz and Fruit Punch on the lawn before a delicious buffet and reception in the Watering Hole.



As our first Bride and Groom prepare for their honeymoon, the team at Monkey World prepare for the next wedding. We cater for all events both large and small, from civil ceremonies and partnerships to meetings, conferences, product launches, baby naming ceremonies and the renewal of vows. Our dedicated team will be on hand, every step of the way, to ensure that your very special day goes smoothly. So for a truly unique and memorable day, why not tie the knot the Monkey World way!

For further information, or to discuss your special event, please contact us on 01929 401018 or alternatively email us on [fundraising@monkeyworld.org](mailto:fundraising@monkeyworld.org).



## CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

Our account is now set up with Cash for Cartridges, so why not join our recycled ink cartridge scheme and turn your empty cartridges into cash for Monkey World.

It's free to do, reduces waste going to landfill and enables us to buy extra treats for our primates. Simply log on to [www.cashforcartridges.co.uk](http://www.cashforcartridges.co.uk) to see how much money your empty cartridge can generate for the primates here at the park. Prices vary, but currently a Lexmark 3 cartridge that has not been re-filled at any time will net £4.50 for the park.

Simply put your empty cartridge into an envelope and post it to:

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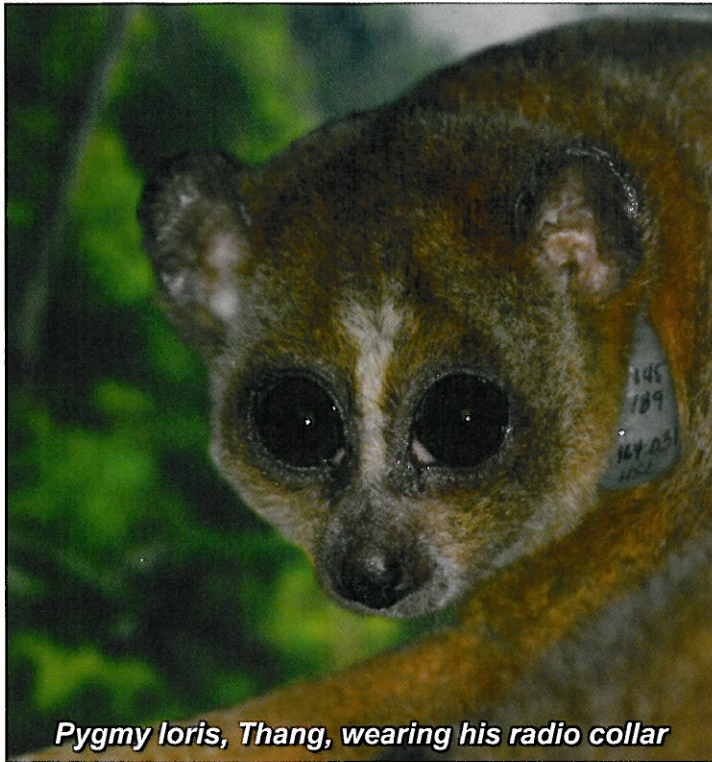
We really hope that you will join us in this new fundraising scheme, for further information please contact us on [fundraising@monkeyworld.org](mailto:fundraising@monkeyworld.org)



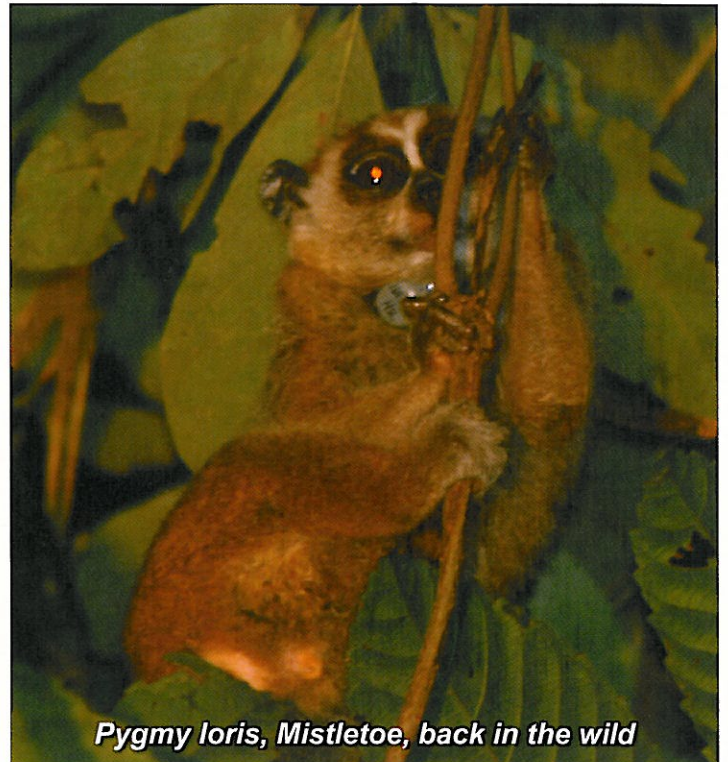


# DAO TIEN UPDATE

By Dr Marina Kenyon



*Pygmy loris, Thang, wearing his radio collar*



*Pygmy loris, Mistletoe, back in the wild*

Releasing primates back to the wild is no easy task, especially when they have been stolen from the wild at a young age before they have learned the vital skills of how to survive in the forest from their mothers. In order to ensure that our rehabilitation process is as good as possible it is essential that we follow up on the primates we release to find out:

- Where they go?
- Are they feeding well?
- Are they moving through the forest ok?
- And are they staying together?

On July 22nd, our young pygmy loris, Mistletoe and Thang, were both fitted with radio collars that would allow us to track and find them over the next six months once they were released into the forest on Dao Tien Island. Thanks to financial sponsorship of the collars from supporters and veterinary support from Pingtung Rescue Centre and the expertise of Professor Dr. Kurtis Pei and veterinarian Uli Streicher, the loris had tiny collars fitted and they were ready to go. We kept Mistletoe and Thang in their cage for ten more days to ensure there were no complications with the collars such as them falling off, getting caught in the loris' mouths, or getting caught on branches. The first night the loris did not eat their normal dinner but from that day onwards life continued as normal.

On August 4th at 6.00pm the cage door was left open for Mistletoe and Thang to leave. Thang was out straight away but our sleepy female, Mistletoe, who usually does not wake until 8.00pm, just kept wandering past the open door. Next morning, at 5.30am, the cage was empty - Mistletoe and Thang were free! We quickly turned on the receiver, and waving the antenna above my head, the small 'beep beep' of the radio collars could be heard. Both Mistletoe and Thang were within 50m of the cage.

The following night we tried to get close to see them but the male was moving away, so we decided to leave them to settle in the forest for a couple of days before we pursued them. Since then our team go out every night using the receiver to take bearings for the loris' locations - making sure they are moving and finding enough food. The forest on Dao Tien is perfect habitat for loris as it is abundant with insects. Our main concern for Mistletoe and



Thang's welfare was hypothermia. Studies of released loris in Northern Vietnam showed that some individuals sat out in the rain, got cold, and died of exposure but it is much warmer in Southern Vietnam so this shouldn't be a problem for our loris. We had expected the loris to stay close to their cage, where we were still providing food, but this turned out not to be the case with the two young loris, traveling over 300m between sleep sites!

After more than a week it was time to track our pair of loris down and see how they were doing. The first night Mr. Binh and I set off following the beep into impenetrable bamboo forest to find the male. The radio signal seemed strongest on the floor and I was worried that Thang must be in trouble on the ground or that the collar had dropped off. Then the beep of the collar changed - Thang was moving away from us! We decided to leave him and find Misteltoe who surprisingly was very close. Radio telemetry is not very accurate and as we stood with the antenna above our heads the familiar beep was the same strength in all directions. This meant she was close and perhaps just above our heads. We eventually found her looking very healthy with her collar in tact!

The next night it was time to find Thang. Again, he was close but where?! The battery on our large torch was fading after two hours searching a ten-metre square area, but then I saw a small orange flash of a loris' eye. Thang was also fine, moving slowly, looking very calm and content. Over the next few months we will follow them, trying not to disturb them, to gather information on their behaviour and ecology. Meanwhile we are preparing our release cages for the next four loris.

### Our Gibbons

We now have 21 gibbons with the recent arrival of Lucy, a tiny gibbon estimated to be 4 years old who was kept as a pet in Saigon. She had lived with a bulldog and learned to play rough so when she first met Misu, Lucy charged at her with a rugby tackle as she was so excited to play. Lucy has taken to life with other gibbons and the only problem is that she plays a little rough for the nursery group!



*On her first day at Dao tien, golden-cheeked gibbon, Lucy, needed some reassurance to enter her new home, but quickly adapted*

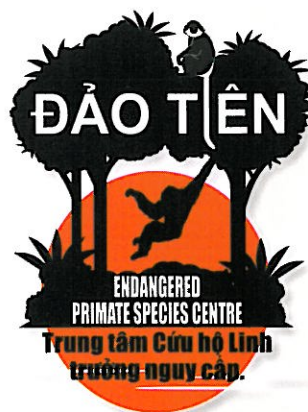


*Semi-wild enclosure fencing*

By the time you are reading this edition of the ARC, we should be completing the final stages of our semi-wild enclosure on the island that is 25+ acres. It is a very exciting time for us, and the gibbons, to see how they will get on semi-free in the forest on Dao Tien!

### Our Langurs

The black-shanked douc langurs are ready for the forest. The langur semi-free is now ready and we are just waiting for the solar panel and electric fence equipment to arrive. Chinh and Thanh have gained weight on their wild leaf diet and during the next month a 12kg adult male, Nua Chua, will be sent to us from Cuc Phuong Endangered Primate Rescue Centre. He will join our pair, forming a small group for release in the coming months.





# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

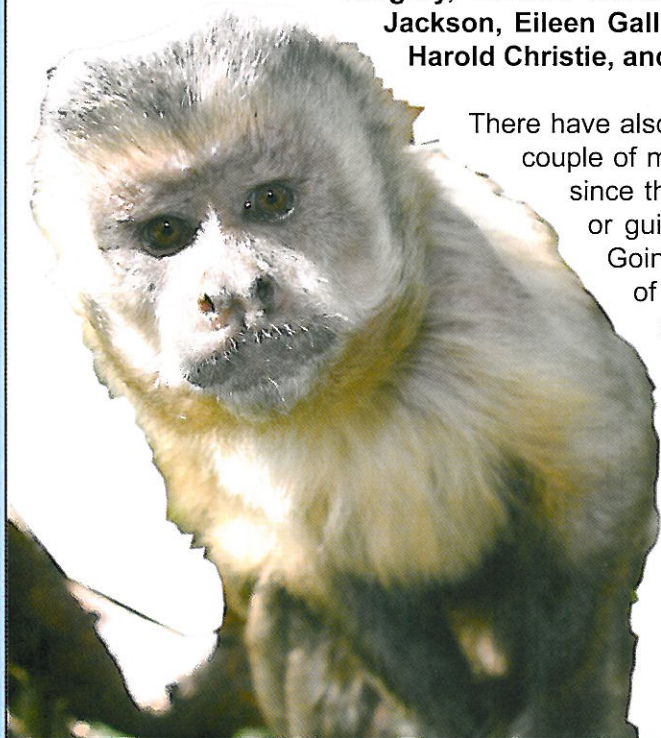


It has been a busy summer with three new arrivals at the park and various fund-raising events. The Bungee Jump was a tremendous success with 50 people jumping and huge supportive audience. It was a fun and exciting day and I was pleased to meet so many of our supporters face to face. Thanks should go to **The Brass Monkeys** who played a couple of rock and roll sets to get all of the nervous participants in the right frame of mind for their jump, to **MSL Designs** who supplied us with the commemorative t-shirts, and to **Gumbies Shoes** who sponsored the jump.

Over the summer we have continued with our repairs and renewals in the monkey and ape houses. The new orang-utan nursery is almost done and we have been developing our hospital facilities. We now have amazing, professional surgery lights that were donated and installed by **Cripwell Electrical**. It was a very generous donation that we cannot give thanks enough for. The hospital is functioning but we are left needing a digital x-ray, a haematology machine, and the custom cages in the recovery room. We have always provided our monkeys and apes with the best medical care possible but it will be an invaluable asset to have all the equipment we will ever need on site so we do not have to rush a sick or injured primate to a veterinary clinic some place else.

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, seeds, garlic, bread, peanut butter, honey, jam, vitamins, fleecy blankets, pillow cases, blankets, sheets, towels, hessian sacks, baskets, heavy dog toys, fire hose, un-used stamps, biscuits for the Primate Care Staff, supermarket vouchers, medical supplies, and hand made cards to be sold in the shop. We also receive many excellent photos that adoptive parents and visitors take at the park. We have gratefully received several donations and some have raised money by organising collection tins, staff collections, plant stalls, boot sales, dress down days at work, donations instead of birthday, wedding, or anniversary presents, and sponsored swims, walks, and bike rides. All of your donations are put to good use – thank you so much. In particular we would like to thank **Verwood Pet Shop** for organising a book sale, **St Mary Primary School** and **Ettington Pre-school** for various fund-raising events, the **Employees of Crisp Clean Services** for their annual charity drive, the **Greggs Foundation and their Employees** for staff payroll giving, **Nature's Best** for regular donations of vitamins, **Industrial Bulk Containers** for several loads of hessian sacks, and **Manhattan 48 Ltd** for donating kitchen units.

So many people have lost loved ones. Our condolences go out to the family and friends of **Mandy Buggins, Simon Baxter, Edith Darlow, Jean Jenkins, Lorna Onecott, Joane Crombie, Patricia Turner, Beryl Harrison, Lynn Shepherd, John Goucher, Valerie Short, Francine Horton, Joan Nuttall, Harry Fitzell, Yvonne Stevens, Pamela Gregory, Doreen Samuels, Edith Cowlard, Gordon Murdoch, Eileen Wallen, Joan Jackson, Eileen Gallimore, Ella Frost, Joseph Wright, Mrs. F Welsh, John Billson, Harold Christie, and Deborah Merry**. They will be greatly missed.



There have also been two new developments that are very exciting. Over the past couple of months I have been doing the final edit of our new guidebook. Ever since the park opened we have been receiving requests for either a book or guidebook about Monkey World. Finally it is here and it is beautiful. Going through the history of the park as well as the stories of many of our monkeys and apes has been a fun, interesting, and emotional journey – but well worth it. I am also excited about our work in Vietnam with **EAST, Cat Tien National Park**, and our friends and colleagues from the **Pingtung Rescue Centre**. It has only been a year since I opened the **Dao Tien Rescue Centre** and already we have released our first rescued primates back into the forest and Jeremy and I are just about to head back to oversee the build of a semi-wild fence so we can see if our rescue gibbons are ready to be released back into the wild. It is a very exciting time for everyone at the park.

*Oliver Cronin*



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