By Hannah Barlow

The start of this year was a difficult one with several chimpanzees getting serious colds or flu. Everyone has had their flu injection already this year and we are keeping a careful watch for any signs of sniffles, sneezes, or muscle ache.

PADDY – he continues to be a model alpha male, stepping in to calm things down when there are disputes within the group without ruling with an ‘iron fist’. His gentle nature is most obvious when he is playing with Bart.

PEPPA – the start of this year wasn’t great for Peppa as she was suffering from a nasty virus and lost a lot of condition. However, with lots of TLC from the Primate Care Staff, Peppa made a full recovery and is now back to her old self. She is good friends with Lola and Micky.

BART – he is growing up fast and has become a very confident young chimp. Bart is always the centre of attention and knows he can get away with just about anything – even taking food out of Paddy’s mouth, for now!

EDDI – she has grown up a lot over the past year and rarely throws the childhood tantrums that were once commonplace. Eddi is always on the lookout for little brother Bart, and quickly scoops him up at any sign of trouble.

LOLA – she had a tough start to the year when she suffered during cold and flu season. However, Lola responded well to treatment and recovered quickly. Lola continues to enjoy spending lots of time with Bart and can often be seen playing with him.

MICKY – he also suffered from a virus during the early part of this year and lost some weight which he has re-gained. Micky loves to play with Bart and often carries him around on his back.

CINDY – one of the more dominant females in the group Cindy loves to get her own way. She and Bixa often compete for Paddy’s attention.

SUSIE – she has started to wean Bart and sometimes pushes him away when he tries to suckle. Susie is a very relaxed mum and is quite happy for other members of the group to carry Bart around, but she always keeps an eye on him and ensures that he doesn’t get into trouble.

KAY – a quiet chimp, Kay loves to play with Bart. Bart will often run over to give Kay a reassuring hug if someone else has upset her. Kay loves any sort of food enrichment and usually has something in both hands and feet when it is provided.

ATHENA – she is a lower-ranking female and spends much of her time grooming the higher-ranking members of the group.

CATHY – she is usually one of the last chimps to get out of bed and one of the last to come in at night. Cathy always waits for Paddy and continues to spend much of her time with Clin and Grisby.

CLIN – she continues to collect her food in a box at feed times but recently Clin seems to have relaxed a little and can sometimes be seen sharing her box of food with Bart. Clin is usually a quiet chimp, but if one of the others annoys her, they had better look out!

GRISBY – along with Cathy, Grisby isn’t a ‘morning person’ and sometimes doesn’t go outside for breakfast. Grisby loves the extra attention that she gets during operant conditioning sessions.

CHATTA – along with Busta, Chatta loves to roll around under the water-misters during the summer. Chatta also loves hot honey and lemon drinks that Primate Care Staff provide as a ‘winter warmer’.

HEBE – she remains low-ranking within the group and is quite a nervous female. Hebe continues to spend time with Eddi and the pair often play together.

ZOE – she is a middle-ranking female. Zoe always looks on for everyone else and makes sure that no-one is left behind.

BETH – she loves her food and as she is a dominant female within the group, she usually gets more than her fair share. Beth likes to make sure everyone knows that she’s in charge by doing loud displays, especially when sh doesn’t get what she wants.

BUSTA – he is a very playful male, and loves to run around with a blanket over his head. Busta also loves the water-mister outside and during the summer could often be seen rolling around on his back beneath the spray to cool off.

GAMBA – he has mellowed quite a lot over this year, although he does still enjoy teasing Busta. Gamba is starting to take an interest in the ladies but discretion isn’t his thing, which often leads to him getting into trouble with Paddy.

Bixa – a high-ranking female, Bixa is never far away from Paddy and constantly looks to him for support. She loves to make a big comfy nest and always builds hers next to Paddy’s in the evenings.
By Cara Buckley & Kate Diver

Hananya’s group are enjoying being back together after Ben’s successful move to the bachelor boys and the sad loss of Pip.

HANANYA - Hananya is more relaxed now that he has the group all back together. He is displaying impressively and enjoying spending time with his favourite girls, Cherri and Johni.

TIKKO - Tikko is secure in the number two spot and is showing no signs of wanting to challenge the alpha male, Hananya. The pair are very close and will often spend their afternoons grooming each other.

SIMON - Simon continues to dominate most of the females and is a very intelligent and astute member of the group. He enjoys performing amazing acrobatics on the outdoor climbing frame.

SEMACH - Semach is the joker of the group but is finally starting to show the boss the respect he deserves. He loves the operant conditioning sessions and is a favourite among Primate Care Staff.

ARFUR - Arfur is definitely bottom of the pecking order when it comes to the boys. He still enjoys a close relationship with Jess and can often be seen playing with some of the younger females.

CHERRI - Cherri is the perfect dominant female and with a good understanding of the hierarchy of the group, she only uses her power when necessary. She loves food and large nests at night.

PEGGY - Peggy is a laid back member of the group but uses her dominant position to her advantage, particularly when the termite mound is filled with treats!

JESS - Jess emerged from the introduction period as a higher ranking female within the group. She is also responding well to the Primate Care Staff and is making regular appearances at training sessions.

MARJOLINE - Marjoline attracts a lot of attention from the other chimps and the Primate Care Staff through her melodramatic behaviour. If Marjoline is upset, everyone knows about it!

VALERIE - Valerie loves her food and is one of the last chimpanzees to go outside in the morning as she is busy in the playroom cleaning up any remaining snacks. She is good friends with Marjoline and Patricia.

TUTTI - Tuttii keeps herself to herself and is one of the quieter members of the group although she is always up for a play session with one of the boys.

TRUDY - It became apparent during the introductions that Trudy is a sensitive individual, as the disruption seemed to affect her more than the other members of the group. She is back to her normal self now and still enjoys a special position within the group.

PATRICIA - Patricia is one of the few individuals who can get the alpha male to drop his guard. Hananya and Patricia engage in long play sessions, a far cry from the rocky start to their relationship.

KUKI - Kuki was quite taken with Ben and spent some summer evenings in the outside enclosure with him for company. Since his departure to the bachelors, Kuki is coming to bed with the rest of the group.

ZEYNEP - Zeynep is still the laziest member of the group and not a fan of cold winter mornings. She prefers to stay tucked up in her large bed of wood wool and blankets rather than following the others into the cold outdoors.

JOHNI - Johni would like the position of top female and is busy befriending the dominant females in the group. She is unrecognisable from the shy female that lived in the nursery group.

HONEY - Despite being fairly low ranking, Honey does hold her ground when necessary. She is the most vocal member of the group when nice food or enrichment appears.

EVELINE - Eveline is becoming more confident, especially with the Primate Care Staff. She is still close friends with Cherri and loves the outdoor enclosure.
By Hannah Barlow

It has been a mixed year for the bachelor boys, with several changes within the group. Sadly, Charlie passed away on the 8th of February. It is always very sad to lose an animal, but in this case it was particularly sad for everyone because Charlie was such a well known and loved character.

At the beginning of June the group gained a new member when Ben was moved from Hananya’s group. He settled in quickly and was mixing well with everyone in the group by the time August arrived. Both these changes have meant that the group hierarchy has shifted somewhat, with some individuals moving up whilst others have fallen in rank.

BUTCH – his long-time position as alpha male is not so clear. Butch is often seen acting submissively towards Paco, but he still stamps his authority over the lower-ranking individuals. Butch seems to be mellowing with age and now appears to be happy to take a back seat when it comes to controlling the group.

BUXOM – continues to spend lots of his time with his half-brother, Jestahl and the pair often team up with Butch to keep the lower-ranking individuals in their place. Buxom’s position near the top of the hierarchy is made clear when he makes his bed in the evening – he always constructs an enormous nest using wood-wool and donated blankets.

ČARLI – he seems much more relaxed within the group this year and has been very playful since Ben joined the group. Čarli can often be seen playing with Ben in the outdoor enclosure. Čarli loves his bananas and enjoys the one-to-one attention that he receives from Primate Care Staff during the release routine and operant conditioning sessions.

FREDDY – he has gained some weight since his haemorrhoids were operated on last year and he looks much better for it. Freddy also seems to be much more comfortable since his operation and appears to have found his place within the group now, although he can still be quite a nervous individual. Freddy can often be seen enthusiastically greeting Paco and frequently plays with Pacito or Gypsy.

GYPSY – he seems to have been making a play to raise his status within the group this year by teaming up with high-ranking Jestahl during disputes within the group. This tactic seems to have paid off and Gypsy commands more respect than he used to.

JESTAH – he still suffers occasionally from his skin allergy, for which he continues to receive treatment. Jestahl is a high-ranking individual who can be a bit of a bully, but he does have a gentler side. Jestahl seems to have taken Ben under his wing since he joined the group and he can often be seen playing with him.

JIMMY – he is a quiet chimp who avoids trouble and can usually rely on his allies Sammy and Paco for back-up if trouble finds him. Jimmy is not the most intelligent of the bachelor boys and it takes him a while to pick up on any changes in routine but he makes up for this with his gentle personality and good looks!

KYKO – he has really filled out this year and is now quite large chimp, however Kyko remains quiet and avoids getting into trouble with the dominant males. Kyko isn’t the sharpest tool in the box, but he has a very sweet nature and is a favourite amongst Primate Care Staff.

MOJO – he was a great ally for Ben during his introduction to the rest of the group and continues to be a good friend for him. Mojo sometimes gets himself into trouble because he often stands up for the lower-ranking members of the group during disputes.

PACITO – he is a low ranking member of the group. Pacito often gets himself into trouble with the dominant male; however he is a very playful chimp and spends lots of time with Freddy and Gypsy.

PACO – he has become a very impressive chimp and as the other boys now submit to him. However, although Paco frequently displays at feeding time, he is a gentle chimp and does not dominate the lower-ranking individuals in the same way as Butch.

ROCKY – he is a very sweet chimp and is middle-ranking in the group. Rocky is quite a small individual, but he makes up for his small size with lots of personality!

SAMMY – he is something of a gentle giant but he likes to be the centre of attention and pushes lower-ranking males out of the way if he thinks that they are getting more than him! Sammy took Ben under his wing when he moved down to the bachelor group and they have remained firm friends.

SEAMUS – he is going through the ‘terrible teens’ at the moment and often throws things at the Primate Care Staff if he thinks he deserves their attentions. Seamus is torn between being one of the big lads and reverting back to being a little guy when things get too rough!

BEN – he was moved to the bachelor group in June and has definitely become a typical bachelor boy! Ben is very confident within the group and is often seen playing with his buds Sammy and Mojo. His closeness to Sammy and ability to act appropriately around the dominant individue means that he enjoys middle-ranking with the group.
**NURSERY CHIMPANZEEES**

*By Cara Buckley & Kate Diver*

**SALLY** - Sally seems very content as the leader of the nursery group. Rodders is still the firm favourite but Lulu is always around when she's in need of adult company.

**LULU** - Everyone loves Lulu's quirky nature. She is very loyal to Sally and will back her up when necessary.

**BRYAN** - Bryan is growing up fast but has not yet outgrown the nursery group. He has a good relationship with Rodders and Ash and is very respectful of the adult members of the group.

**RODDERS** - Rodders is clinging on to his 'baby' status, hitching rides from Sally and throwing tantrums when he doesn't get his own way. However, he was a brave boy when it came to his flu jab!

**ASH** - Ash has always been more grown-up than Rodders. She doesn't have a close bond with the leader of the group but watches and learns from Sally's experience which will prepare her well for an adult group when the time comes.

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**MALAGASY LEMURS**

*By Toby Dipple*

Fennel has continued to establish herself as boss and is often seen at feeding time chasing the boys around. Indiana is the most dominant male while Cirrius is a popular member of the group and spends time with everyone. Himal has continued his love/hate relationship with Blue the ruffed lemur. Douglas is one of the elderly group members and gets on with everyone. Whitespot and Houdini have become more confident within the group this year. Rentin is fairly low ranking, however everyone but Indiana and Fennel are nervous of him as he is the biggest in the group. Old George is still going strong, though old age and arthritis mean he needs a few more rest stops on his patrol around the footpaths of Malagasy!

Our newest arrival, from the British pet trade, is Kayah. She is in the process of being introduced to the group having already formed a close bond with Fennel. She is not as friendly with the boys but introductions are going well.

Also in Malagasy is Blue our last ruffed lemur. Despite being 22-years-old Blue is stubborn, mischievous and very tough! It is Blue who usually has the ringtails running all over the place even though they outnumber her 9 to 1.
By Colin Angus

It's been a quite a quiet year in orange land, up until our new arrival, and everyone has been doing great. While the latest edition of the ARC was being edited, Hsiao-quai gave birth to our latest arrival...

GORDON'S GROUP

GORDON - he is still acting like a youngster as there's no fun in becoming a responsible adult, however, Gordon is approaching his 12th birthday and he is now a father! Gordon was wonderful throughout the birth and ever since. He is very interested in the new arrival but is respectful of Hsiao-quai and has not grabbed at the infant or been too pushy.

HSIAO-LAN - she still enjoys her own space and company but enjoys playing with the boys from time to time. She seemed to be aware that something was different with Hsiao-quai and spent more time than usual grooming her and keeping Kai busy if needed. Hsiao-lan witnessed the birth and watched Hsiao-quai's every move throughout. We are hopeful that this learning experience will help her to be as good a mum as Hsiao-quai.

HSIAO-QUAI - was very hormonal during her pregnancy and developed an impressive appetite. She put on quite a bit of weight, as she did during Kai's pregnancy, and now her body will be using the surplus to feed the new arrival. Second time around, Hsiao-quai knew exactly what to do and there was no hesitation in holding the baby right up to her breast. She is an excellent mum allowing the others, and especially Kai, to come have a look and even a gentle touch.

KAI - is slowly losing his cute factor with the others and now he is no longer the baby! He has always been a happy go lucky guy, rarely having tantrums, but this has changed over the last couple of months as Hsiao-quai starting weaning him. Hsiao-quai nearly always gives in to this, and if she doesn't someone else will, just to keep the peace. We were concerned as to how Kai would react to the new baby, but he has been great, taking an interest but not worrying about it too much.

JIN - was born on November 12th at 11.00am in the outside enclosure, luckily it was a sunny day. The birth came quickly and we were all pleased to see that the male infant was a good sized and strong. From the start Jin was clinging tightly to mum's ha and was in the right position to nurse even though Hsiao-quai would not let us see the baby suckling. The baby was named from a suggestion from a Monkey World supporter. Jin (Jin means 'handsome' in Chinese and indeed he is a beautiful baby.)
Tuan's Group

Tuan - our resident big guy is still enjoying life with his ladies, but that’s never enough for Tuan. Food is very important to Tuan, but sadly he was putting on weight, so we placed him on a diet earlier this year. Now he will do whatever it takes to get more food, including racing Amy to get the last stick of celery!

Amy - like Tuan, Amy was put on a diet (again!) earlier this year. She enjoys being a very dominant female character in this group and lets her presence be known to the other ladies and Tuan by pushing them out of the way and keeping an eye on everything that is going on.

Roro - since Amy has become a full-time member of this group, Roro has had to come to terms with no longer being the only dominant individual. However, she is still more dominant than Lucky, and takes the opportunity to remind Lucky of this every now and then.

Lucky - although she is the smallest individual in this group she always makes herself noticeable in a diva kind of way. She enjoys the fact that she is Tuan’s little girl and often sits next to him for company. Every now and again she convinces Tuan to play with her but this only happens if Tuan thinks no one is watching!

Nursery Group

A-Mei - is still a brilliant adoptive mum to all the girls. She is so patient with them all, whereas most of us would have gone crazy living with the tantrums that she puts up with. She knows where to draw the line with them however and puts them in their place if they overstep that line.

Hsiao-Ning - has really grown up this year and is now a mini version of her mum RoRo, physically and mentally. Hsiao-Ning likes being the centre of attention, whatever it takes, and she will not be ignored by orang-utan or human.

Joly - she seems to have doubled in size this year and along with her hooligan personality, she is quite a formidable force. She enjoys hitting, banging and throwing blankets and boxes around. Joly really enjoys playing tag and wrestling with Lingga but will always go back to A-Mei for quiet grooming moments.

Lingga - she is the most vocal out of all the kids, and always says ‘hello’ to Primate Care Staff first thing in the morning. She enjoys the outdoors and while the others are inside playing, Lingga is generally outside keeping herself amused or interacting with visitors in the park.

Dinda - she has always plodded along with the others but enjoys her own company, especially if it involves a box! Since turning three earlier this year, Dinda has followed in Hsiao-Ning’s footsteps and is now prone to throwing tantrums. The problem with this is that while she’s having a tantrum, over food or enrichment, the others ignore her and continue eating all the spare goodies. By the time Dinda’s strop has finished there is usually nothing left!
THE SMALL MONKEYS

By Toby Dipple

SQUIRREL MONKEYS - Our elderly squirrel monkeys were joined by another elderly female called Samantha. She was rescued from the British pet trade where she was kept in a caravan. Not long after Samantha arrived, Mamore, one of our very old females passed away. This left 4 ladies to introduce to Samantha, however they proved that despite their age they still have plenty of life and attitude left. The girls have settled now and are often exploring their enclosure. Alien is in charge but as long as there's plenty of insects about she's happy. Balsa, despite being the oldest, smallest and scruffiest is Aliens closest friend. Topsy is very scatty, but easy to spot due to her half tail. Turvey is the strange one who seems to enjoy attacking the water bottles, throwing food bowls about and sitting on Balsa or Samantha! Samantha is the quietest member of the group, but she too has decided water bottles are for attacking!

STUMP-TAILED MACAQUES - The small monkey section took over the care of the not-so-small stumpy in April when they moved home to the old capuchin house. The grumpy old men have adapted excellently and it is regularly commented on how happy and relaxed they seem. They are all often seen outside foraging and climbing around on the logs. Scott still bosses the group and has found the shelves in his new house are extra bouncy for displays, making him look like a giant space hopper. David, with his saggy tummy, is still Scott's right-hand man. Sam is obsessed with Gerald and doesn't like to let him too far out of his sight. Gerald is lowest ranking, but Sam looks out for him. Paddy is an old man but surprisingly agile in the outside enclosure. Jonathan's hair shows no sign of returning, so on sunny days he has cream applied to protect his skin. Phil mixes well with everyone even though he is probably the grumpiest of the group.

COTTON-TOP TAMARINS - Uncas and Alice arrived from the British pet trade in February. Following unsuccessful introductions to the common marmosets, the pair are now living very happily together and their condition has improved greatly. We don't know much about their past but Alice appears to be elderly with missing and worn teeth. Nonetheless, she has shown the marmosets and the Primate Care Staff that she is a force to be reckoned with!

COMMON MARMOSETS - At present we have 13 common marmosets and 1 Goeldi's monkey which are split into 4 groups.

- Domestic Group - Harry and Louis are still living with their adult offspring, Henry, Hazel and Lionel. Our family group is full of character and attitude but they live happily together. They spend a lot of time together outside foraging for insects to eat and chasing each other around.

- Female Marmosets and Goeldi's Monkey - Betty Boo, Gabi, Marcel I and Oberon are our most geriatric group and have recently moved back to the squirrel monkey house. Betty Boo still thinks she rules the roost despite being crippled by rickets and poor eyesight. Oberon, the elderly Goeldi's monkey, is 16 this year. He is Betty's companion and the two spend most of their time huddled up together. Gabi is a feisty, mischievous marmoset who likes to keep a very close eye on the staff in case we have some marmoset gum. Marcel I recently joined this group and he has settled in well making friends with Gabi.

- Max and Kayla - These former pets are getting on well together having fallen out with all the other marmosets. Max was paired up with Kayla after several failed introductions to the bachelors. He is not the brightest, however, he has an inquisitive nature and the ability to amuse himself with even the simplest of games or objects.

- Bachelors - The boys have kept us busy throughout the year. A number of introductions failed to get Max into the group and then we had the sad loss of Leo and Matthew. Marcel II, Lenny and Nathan have moved house and are settling down in their bachelor pad. Nathan is the quiet one, except when insects or gum are around. Lenny has turned into a chilled out marmoset and is often seen sprawled across a box, branch or shelf looking relaxed.
GIBBONs

By Colin Angus

GOLDEN-CHEEKED GIBBONS - Jake and Zoey are our most settled pair of golden-cheeked, having very few disputes. Their daughter Kim has just about finished her first colour change and is now almost completely black with a golden head.

Peanut and Pung-Yo's family expanded with the birth of a daughter, Tia Nang, in February. Peanut coped well with her second baby and was out swinging through the trees a couple of days after giving birth. A few months later, Peanut had a cut lip that required stitches but all went well. Tia Nang slept on her mother throughout the surgery, sucking from time to time while watching the stage proceedings. Tien and Pung-Yo have taken to the new arrival and it is all happy families.

Tito and Vietta were introduced at the end of January and after a stormy beginning, they have developed into a stable pair. Vietta sometimes gets exasperated by Tito's juvenile behaviour but on the whole the pair seem to be spending more time grooming and playing together.

Alex remains remarkably happy on her own in the main house, frequently presenting her back for tickling especially if the Primate Care Staff are male. Rafael, her ex-partner left for a new home in Hungary at the beginning of October where he has an island enclosure with trees and a new female. Initial signs are good that he and his new mate will gel along together.

MUELLER'S GIBBONS - Adidas and Dalumie have been a pair for many years now. He is highly strung but is becoming more relaxed with the daily routine after months of operant conditioning. Dalumie happily goes outside when we need to clean out but is not always so co-operative when we want her to come back in at night if the weather is good.

Fox and Nini now have limited access to each other through a mesh area inside the house. They spend quite a bit of time playing with each other through the mesh and we will soon see if they are happy spending days together like they used to.

AGILE & LAR GIBBONS - Paul and Kitty continue their fiery relationship, often chasing each other from one end of the enclosure to the other in what looks like an aggressive manner but is, in fact just part of their hyper-active play sessions. Kitty prefers to save all her hostility for myself and other male members of Primate Care Staff.

Nike and Ella continue to prove that opposites attract with Nike regularly performing spectacular, acrobatic displays while the older, more Rubinesque, Ella prefers to find the most comfortable spot to relax in and await her next meal. In order to keep her weight under control, we have started feeding them separately but Ella is not so happy about the new dinner time routine!

SIAMANG GIBBONS - Sage, our female siamang passed away in February this year from a blockage in her intestine. She was missed by her partner, Sam, and son, Onion, as well as all the Primate Care Staff. Following an initial period when the two boys continued to look and listen for Sage, they have now settled down well together and continue to sing a morning duet without a female to complete the song. Sam continues to keep his unruly son in line.
Woolly Monkeys

By Holly Barnes

Levar’s Troop

Levar continues to be a strong and kind dominant male and can often be seen performing his displays in the woolly playroom. He enjoys play sessions with most of the group.

Branco has put on some weight this year and has enjoyed Diego’s arrival as he now has a new young male to show the ropes. Branco always encourages Julio to join in when he plays with Diego and their laughter can often be heard from the other end of the house!

Julio has grown up this year both physically and mentally. He is starting to develop muscles like the big males and has developed into a very caring big brother.

Diego had a exciting year, graduating to life full time in the Woolly Monkey House. He is incredibly brave and has rapidly established himself as a baby that is no pushover – defending his favourite foods from the adults and helping himself to the group’s enrichment. Diego has formed a strong bond with Xusy, the pair can often be seen napping together but recently Xusy has been teaching Diego to hunt for insects and he is now an accomplished spider hunter!

Xusy is officially the oldest Woolly Monkey in the world at 37 and well past her life expectancy but she tends to pay no attention to this fact. Other than snacking on grapes Xusy enjoys nothing more than having a rough and tumble game with Diego which tends to end in a much needed nap, often with Diego using Xusy as a pillow!

Kuna has had a peaceful year so far and has enjoyed playing in the sunshine with the others. Recently Kuna has grown very close to Piquita and the pair can often be found collapsed in a pile cuddling and sniffing each other!

Piquita had a very difficult beginning to her year with the loss of her baby Raul, but she slowly recovered and has really enjoyed playing with Diego. Piquita remains the dominant female in the group and has taken it upon herself to keep the increasingly boisterous Julio in line, a job which takes up a considerable amount of her time and imagination. Piquita has been putting on weight the last few months and we think she is pregnant.

Bueno’s Troop

Bueno has come into his own as dominant male and has finally found the balance between being strict, protective, an enjoying himself. While he spends a lot of time patrolling his territory and looking serious he also likes rolling on his back with his legs in the air and play fighting with the youngsters.

Yarima is dominant female and does not miss an opportunity to remind the others of her position. She has put on weight over the summer and Primate Care Staff have our fingers crossed that she is pregnant. Xingu, Yarima’s first baby, has develop into a confident and playful young lady who no longer relies on Yarima for support. She happily spends her time playing with her cousins Lena and Paulo and her little sister Inca.

Inca, Yarima’s second baby, has become more independent this year and has started to be weaned. She is confident an happily leaves Yarima behind while she goes off to play with the others, enjoy some snacks, or participate in training sessions.

Lena is beginning to show an interest in Bueno so we are hopeful that she may become a mother in the not too distant future. Lena remains a sensitive individual who is easily upset but she has gained confidence by spending time with Xingu and Paulo. Paulo has spent much of the summer following Bueno around and trying to copy his every move. He has begun to perform dominance displays which, for now, remain quite low key and are mostly directed at the Primate Care Staff as he does not want the real dominant male to notice!
THE MALE CAPUCHINS
The year started with three of the boys, Gorilon, Shawn and Joey, vying for the top position. Although they clearly ruled the group, it was not without a heavy hand. Early in spring Sonny went outside for the first time. He was the last of the laboratory capuchins to brave the outside world.

TJ's introduction to the boys went smoothly and he became a permanent member of the group. He formed some strong friendships with some of the newer boys, and rekindled his old friendship with Gizmo. Unfortunately TJ became very ill at the beginning of summer and passed away with an enlarged heart.

With the summer in full swing, it was sometimes hard to remember how far these Chilean boys - along with Gizmo and Caesar - had come. All the male capuchins have learnt to take part in a release routine using clicker training, passing through a tunnel and crate each morning. This means that all of the members of the group can be health checked daily, medicated if necessary and hand fed supplementary food items if they need boosting. And most importantly they are all enjoying the great outdoors and each other's company as they should.

FEMALE CAPUCHINS UPDATE
The capuchin girls have had a great summer exploring and sunbathing outside when the weather allows. Their confidence continues to grow and they have spent a lot of time catching and consuming the local cuisine that their outdoor enclosure provides. Just about anything that moves has been attempted, which has resulted in the odd swollen finger or tongue as even wasps are fair game!

DEBBIE'S TROOP
Debbie's troop is the largest of the capuchins with 24 ladies. Getting everyone to bed each night is still proving a difficult task and prmiate care staff are often seen sporting 'lollypop' signs to aid as a visual cue for dinner/bedtime. The biggest news in Debbie's troop has been the Spanish invasion of sisters Amy and Babe who arrived in July. Amy and Babe were very confident right from the word go and have settled in to life at Monkey World. Debbie and her gang of formidable ladies are not too sure what to make of the newcomers and have stepped to the side for the moment. Spanish Amy is currently showing signs of wanting to be the top lady with the assistance of her sister, Babe, and another new girl to the group, Ester (previously in Amy's troop).

THE THIRD GROUP
While most of the females had been doing very well, there was a handful in both groups that were finding it harder to adjust to the social dynamics and general chaos that is a part of normal capuchin life. These ladies were still exhibiting considerable stereotypic behaviour and did not seem to be able to relax while at the bottom of the social hierarchy. Twenty ladies were identified that were having social difficulties. The change in these ladies has been amazing as they gain confidence, relax, and finally begin to behave more naturally. Many have begun to climb for the first time and we have made various ramps and low climbing frames to encourage them off the floor. Physically, these ladies have improved a lot and are now sporting glossy coats and a bit of extra weight. Since the third group was formed we sadly had to say goodbye to Hetti. She was born at the lab in Chile and came to the park at 15 years old with various health problems. Hetti's last few months were much more relaxed as she adapted well to life in the third group, gaining confidence and progressing along with the rest of her friends. As the new gang consists of individuals from the two original groups it will take a while for a new leader to emerge.

AMY'S TROOP
Amy continues to be very popular and has a strong following, quite literally. Wherever Amy goes there is generally a band of monkeys following closely all vying for her attention. Amy is very patient most of the time and puts up with a lot of tagging and flirtatious slapping. The young 'fluffies' continue to create mischief wherever they go and show no signs of maturing anytime soon! Highlights of the year for them have been rock and anvil training in order to crack open nuts or cray-fish, many new platforms inside and outside, and lots of rope ladders and cargo nets.
By Dr Alison Cronin

At the beginning of October Jeremy and I went to Dao Tien to help with the construction of two electric fences – one for a nursery group of young gibbons and another to create a large semi-wild enclosure at the tip of the island. This was it – the beginning of phase II of our rescue, rehabilitation and release project!

We now have 22 gibbons on Dao Tien along with 6 pygmy lorises and two douc monkeys. Already we have radio-collared and released 2 of the lorises, Mistletoe and Thang. With their radio-collars we were able to follow them and make sure that they were adapting well to life in the forest on Dao Tien. The rescued lorises seemed to know exactly what to do and headed quite a distance away from our centre to a bamboo forest that is in the new semi-wild enclosure (see Dao Tien Map). As planned, their collars have now dropped off and we are re-using one collar on one more female that will join Thang and Mistletoe in the coming weeks. Stolen from the wild, kept in a bird cages in the city, and now they are back where they belong – in the forest!

Following the success of the pygmy lorises, we were concerned that we were working too slow for our rescued douc monkeys. We had plans to release them back into Cat Tien National Park (CTNP) during 2010 but they were easily upset by people and no matter how hard the team on Dao Tien worked they could not collect the variety of leaves, on a daily basis, that the douc’s would normally eat in the wild. We decided to put the doucs into the overgrown nursery gibbon enclosure that had a small stand of 30-40 metre trees to see if they could move well through the trees and if they would settle down. Little did we know that the female, Chinh, had bigger plans! It was wonderful to see Chinh, and the young male Thanh, up in the trees, picking their own leaves and moving through the treetops with such ease.
On October 17th, after just one day of being in the natural enclosure, Madam Chinh decided to make her move and head for the forests on Dao Tien! We found her high up in a neighbouring tree along side the enclosure, calling for her man. Thanh, who was still in the enclosure, was panicking and alarm calling back to his partner on the outside. Marina Kenyon, Director of Dao Tien, and I had a quick chat and decided that we had been holding the douc's back and that Chinh had shown us how strong the draw of the forest is for the douc monkeys. We turned off the electric fence to let Thanh join Chinh but he did not realise and after half an hour he plucked up the courage to follow his lady and jump from 35+ metres, clearing a 5 metre boundary, to land in a low bamboo thicket on the other side! It was truly amazing. Thanh survived the huge leap and we were able to follow the pair through the forest on Dao Tien for over an hour. Both were fit, eating leaves, and moving through the trees as they should. They were wild again.

Even though Chinh and Thanh did not follow our planned schedule, we are very happy with the result. At 65 hectares, Dao Tien is large enough to support a small troop of douc monkeys and a couple of groups of pygmy loris. Without a GPS collar it is not always easy to find the doucs but we see them every few days and we know that they are still together and are healthy and relaxed. Stolen from the wild, kept in small cages in an amusement park, and now they too are back where they belong – in the forest!

This was a very emotional trip for Jeremy and I. The dream was to release rescued primates back to the wild and we have done it. However, there are many more to go and before the releases back into the national park, we need to put radio collars and GPS collars on the lorises and gibbons so that we can make sure they are doing well. Please help us to help them by sponsoring a radio/GPS collar for a rescued gibbon to go back to the wild. The details are on the EAST website (www.go-east.org) and there is a Just Giving page (www.justgiving.com/gpsgsstrackingsa) so you can join us in our efforts to put rescued monkeys and apes back into the wild.
Thank you all so much!

It's been a really busy year on the fundraising front and we wanted to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all your efforts and hard work. With no government funding available to us we really are so very grateful for your continued support, particularly in the current economic climate.

The memorial benches have been a welcome addition to the park and it's fantastic to see so many of our visitors using them while watching our wonderful primates going about their daily lives. The benches are a perfect way to remember a loved one no longer with us and we hope to site many more within the park during 2010.

The support we have received with the Walk of Thanks has been incredible, we are currently in the process of laying stage 3 (despite the weather!) alongside Jake and Zoe's enclosure and it looks fantastic. We are really pleased that so many of you have supported this fundraising scheme, but we still have a long way to go, so please encourage your friends, relatives and work colleagues to take part. The pavers also make fantastic Christmas presents and the income generated from the pavers goes directly into the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund (Registered Charity Number 1126939).

For those of you who have already taken part and visited the park to see your paver thank you for your kind comments. It's great for us to see the smiles on your faces when you find your name engraved on one of the pavers. It's our way of saying thank you and recognising the support you have given.

The Walk of Thanks is so much more than just a fundraising opportunity, and every single paver has a story, whether it is simple: the name of someone who understands why we do what we do and is supportive of our work, or a memorial to a loved one no longer with us, right through to a celebration of a special anniversary, birth date, milestone or wedding, they are all there within the Walk of Thanks, so next time you visit the park, stop and take the time to read some of the names of people who have come together to ensure that the primates we have rescued - and those still out there awaiting our rescue - will have a safe and secure future here at the park.

The fundraising team are working harder than ever to ensure that 2010 is a bumper year with lots of things going on for you to get involved with, including a special golf society day, a picnic in the park with a live band, as well as a sponsored bike ride! - Just some of the things planned. The bungee jump was a massive success with sponsorship money still coming in and we have plans afoot for a slightly different yet still adrenaline-fuelled event for September 2010 - watch this space! - more details to follow.

Don't forget our Gift Shop for great Christmas gift ideas!

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Sponsor a Tree

When Jim started the park in 1987, it was a barren landscape and over the years the planting of so many trees has ensured that it has become the beautiful park it is today. We would like to continue with this by planting many more trees, especially those that our primates can benefit from. For example Apple, Pear, Plum and Cherry as well as Birch, Beech, Ash and Hazel.

We will be launching our sponsor a tree scheme in 2010, so keep an eye out on the website and the Ape Rescue Chronicle or contact fundraising@jimcronismemorialfund.org, or call 01929 401018 for more information.
GALA DINNER & CHARITY AUCTION

For those of you who have already secured your place at this event in aid of the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund, your tickets will be despatched in January 2010, together with a copy of the menu which has now been finalised.

The Gala Dinner will take place at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole, Dorset, on Saturday 3rd April 2010. Tickets for this event are priced at £55 each or tables of 10 may be booked. Alternatively, if you would prefer to keep some money back to bid on some of the exclusive items in the charity auction, why not book a seat in the gallery priced at just £25 per ticket. Gallery tickets include a champagne reception and canapes.

We have a very special evening planned for you; which includes a champagne reception, a delicious 3 course meal, and an opportunity to meet the team from Monkey World - Ape Rescue Centre and join with us in celebrating the life of Jim Cronin MBE.

This night will also see the official launch of the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund website as well as the charity auction and the opportunity to bid on some fantastic items and experiences to include lunch and a VIP tour of the park by Dr Alison Cronin herself, together with several prize draws throughout the evening which will ensure that everyone who attends will have the opportunity to take home some exclusive Monkey World memorabilia. There are also a few surprises in store, which makes this an event not to be missed and guarantees a night to remember!

I would like to thank everyone so far who has very kindly offered items for the auction, and if you or your company would like to get involved with this event by way of either sponsorship or donating something for either the prize draw or the auction, do please contact us:

Telephone: 01929 401018
Email: fundraising@jimcroninmemorialfund.org

Auction items include a limited edition (1 of 1) picture of Spanish Charlie, who sadly passed away in February 2009.
It has been an eventful year and none of it would have been possible without your support. At the park we provide our rescued monkeys and apes with as good and interesting a life as possible and we are continuing to rescue more monkeys and apes that need our help. In the coming months we are hopeful that we can secure the safe confiscation and transport of several apes and monkeys. Of course one of these is Coco the chimpanzee that has worked illegally for many years as a beach photographer’s prop in Cancun Mexico. Negotiations with the Mexican authorities have been ongoing and Monkey World will not stop in our efforts to secure her a stable home and a family of her own kind. We will keep you posted as to our progress and let you know if we need you to help writing letters!

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, honey, jam, vitamins, fleecy blankets, pillow cases, blankets, sheets, towels, hessian sacks, baskets, heavy dog toys, un-used stamps, 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, charity fetes, boot sales, and donations instead of wedding, anniversary, or long service award presents. All of your donations are put to use – thank you so much. In particular we would like to thank Verwood Pet Shop (again) for their on-going fund raising efforts, Hang About Baskets for more lovely winter hanging baskets, Karl Fuller and Chesterfield Port Hospital for donating an endoscope for our hospital, Spices of India for some tamarind pods for the lemurs, London School of Tropical Medicine for supporting our work in Vietnam with supplies and faecal tests, and Tesco Supermarket who are giving the monkeys and apes any over stock they have of fruit and vegetables. The monkeys and apes have loved the extra oranges, berries, and tomatoes!

So many people have lost loved ones. Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Robert Ede, Mandy Buggins, Peggy Osborne, Peggy Florence, Mr A Adams, Mr H Taylor, David Freeman, Dorothy Scudder, Sheila Joyce, Rowley Smallwood, Monica Ronald, Linda Lucas, and Jennifer Jeeps. They will be greatly missed.

In Vietnam our team from the Endangered Asian Species Trust (EAST) is making great progress. It is hard to believe that in just a year we have seized and rehabilitated so many gibbons, langurs, and pygmy lorises. The Vietnamese authorities have joined us in enforcing the CITES (Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species) treaty which means that we are not only rehabilitating individuals that have already been stolen from the wild but we are also stopping the illegal trade in Southern Vietnam’s endangered primate species. I am hopeful that in the coming year we will be able to release confiscated gibbons back to the wild, in continuous habitat forest. This has never been done before and is a dream that we remain dedicated to.

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

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. Berries and melons are always 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, such as avocados, mangos, papaya, pomegranates, and dragon fruit but due to the cost they are not always part of our regular fruit and vegetable order.

Our small monkeys love small to medium sized baskets and they are good for the squirrel monkeys, capuchins, an marmosets to nest inside - but they need to be quite robust. W can also use more sheets, blankets, and towels. The monkey 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 bus 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, 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.