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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It is great to see the sun returning after a long, cold winter and everyone here at the park is benefiting. After a lot of time indoors over the past few months the monkeys and apes are starting to spend more time outdoors sunning themselves, hunting and catching the first flush of insect life, and really stretching their limbs on the new hoses and climbing frames. With the change in season it is now possible to finish off the forest enclosure for the male capuchins, a new fence for Malagasy, and some big changes for the orang-utan's enclosure.

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, dog biscuits, bread, honey, jam, marmite, peanut butter, vitamins, fleecy blankets, pillow cases, blankets, sheets, towels, hessian sacks, socks, 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 birthday or wedding presents. All of your donations are put to use – thank you so much. In particular we would like to thank **Jamie Stedham** for a substantial donation to the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund, **Andy Garner** for some wonderful sculptures of chimps and orang-utans, **Confoco** for donating more dates than we can probably use, **Newport Sainsbury's** for boxes of dried fruit, **Safe and Sound** for providing us with health and safety signs and training manuals, **Coreen McCree** for fund raising at the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers annual event, **Robert and Andrew Cotterill** for completing the Great Midlands Fun Run, and **Tesco Supermarket** who continue to give our monkeys and apes any surplus fruit and vegetables.



Luon Van Hien, Dao Tien Manager, with Alison at the nursery globon englosure

So many people have lost loved ones. Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Joan Fidders, Robert Edgar, Francis Price, Dennis Lymer, Greta Hann, Rupert Penney, Sandra Davidson, Joan Hogston, Heather Martin, Andy Nesbet, Barbara Grindlay, John Garvey, Patricia Haines, Marie Jenkins, Kenneth Barton, Mrs T Sebestyen, Elaine McCarthy, Jean Jenkins, Peggy Lucas, Kitty Brown, John Travers, David Giardelli, and Stanley Perkins. They will be greatly missed.

As I write this letter I am also preparing for my next trip to **Dao Tien Rescue Centre in Vietnam**. We are now ready to begin serious forest training for some of our rescued gibbons. I have two tiny (less than 40g) radio-collars that will be fitted on Merry and Lee Lee before they are released into 20ha of forest on Dao Tien. If the pair do well, the next, and final step, is releasing them back to the wild in Cat Tien National Park. We are all very excited and will let you know how things go in the next edition of the ARC!

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. 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 regardless of season. 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.

Woolly Arrivals

By Holly Barnes

Spring has sprung on the woolly monkey section with the arrival of Piquita's first daughter, Ayla, on the 8th February. In her first month Ayla has proven to be a very curious and confident youngster, climbing all over Piquita to get a good view of the goings on in the woolly house and even reaching out to other group members to make friends. Julio and Diego were the first woollies to greet Ayla and seem to be eagerly awaiting the opportunity to involve her in their rough and tumble games!

It is an exciting time for the woolly monkey team as our family groups are expanding, but we are also making plans to re-home some woollies from across the globe:

- Monkey World will be giving a temporary home to a pair of woollies from Zoo Basel in Switzerland, while their accommodation is renovated;
- We are organising the transfer of a pair of woollies from Louisville Zoo in the USA, the last two surviving in America;
- And a young female from Vallée des Singes in France is now ready to come and join one of our adult groups.

Monkey World currently houses the largest captive population of woolly monkeys in the world and has a very good breeding record. We hope by providing homes for more woollies we will be able to contribute further to the international breeding programme and woolly monkey conservation.



Ayla greets her big brothers!



Julio and Diego meet their baby sister



Ayla greets Julio...



Julio gives Ayla a kiss

ORANG-UTAN UPDATES

ORANG-UTAN NURSERY: THE GRAND OPENING

By Alison Cronin

On February 4th the new Orang-utan crèche was opened. It has taken a year to complete with many delays due to windows shattering during installation and difficulties with our specialist weld mesh suppliers. It was well worth waiting, however, as the new building is BEAUTIFUL and A-mei and her crèche seem to approve as well.

The new building is along side of the existing outdoor enclosure, so when it came time for the big day all we had to do was close the sliding door back into the old nursery and open the new slide on the other side of the enclosure. Easy as it sounds, the orang-utans took their time exploring their new home. A-mei was first in, followed closely by Joly. Joly has quite a strong, dominant character but when confronted with new circumstances she became a shadow of A-mei following her every move. Next through was Lingga, who in the recent months has grown a lot emotionally. She seemed quite happy exploring the 4 new bedrooms and large playroom.

With Lingga's confidence apparent, Dinda decided that it must be OK in the new place and plucked up the courage to do a quick run through the bedrooms, into the playroom, and straight out the tunnel back into the enclosure! The only one remaining was Hsiao-ning and she has always been a bit precious when it comes to trying out new things. After watching the others have fun swinging in their hammocks, exploring, and stretching their limbs in the warmth and comfort of a their new home, Hsiao-ning gave in and came through the

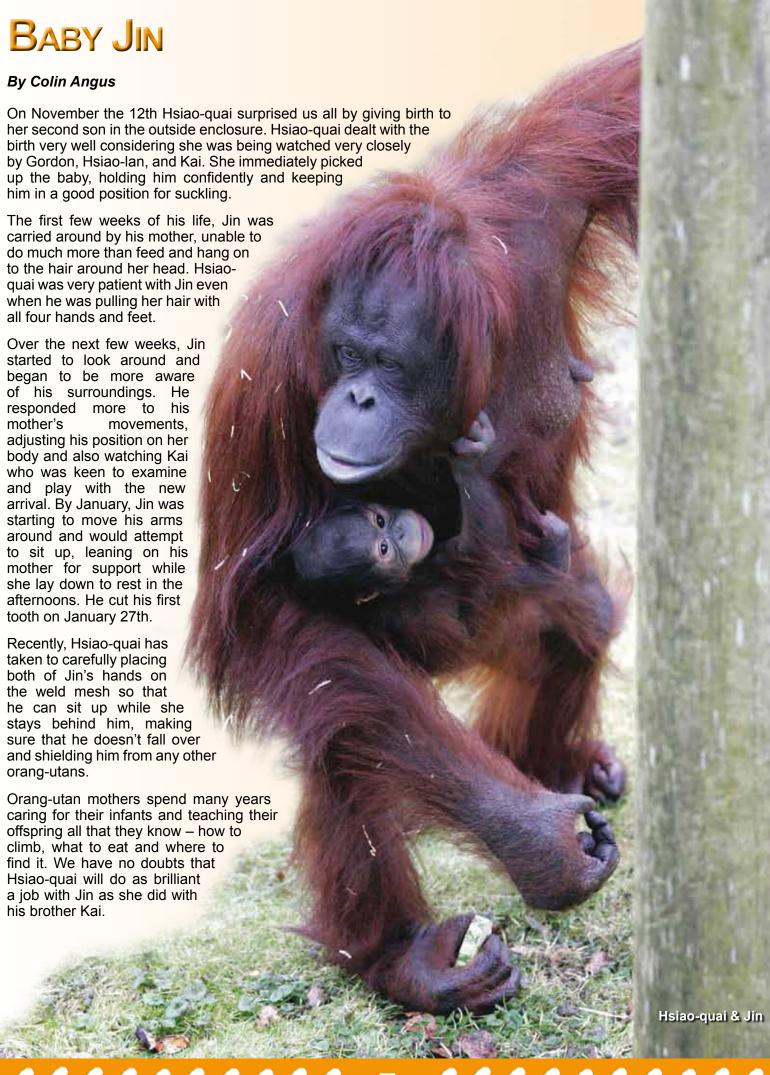
The new building is big enough to allow the youngsters to climb and exercise as they would outside and there is still room for more orphans if the need arises. Monkey World was able to expand and improve our orang-utan crèche with the assistance of Mr. Tarek Juffali who wanted to help orphaned primates. Sadly Tarek passed away before the building was complete but his memory will continue on, reflected in the happy faces at our orang-utan nursery.









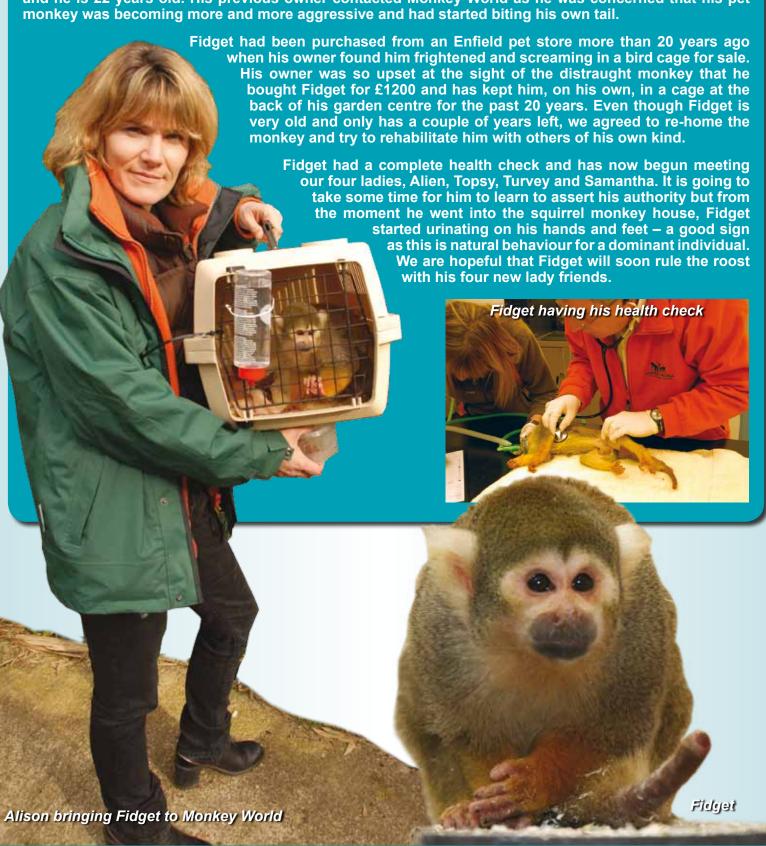


LATEST UK ARRIVALS

By Toby Dipple & Alison Cronin

FIDGET THE SQUIRREL MONKEY

On March 4th Monkey World rescued another squirrel monkey from the UK pet trade. His name is Fidget and he is 22 years old. His previous owner contacted Monkey World as he was concerned that his pet monkey was becoming more and more aggressive and had started biting his own tail.



SAMANTHA UPDATE

Samantha is a 15-year-old squirrel monkey who arrived at the park in April 2009 with a very greasy and patchy coat. She was very fussy with her food, due to her previous diet, and was also very nervous around the other squirrel monkeys. Now that she has settled in, Samantha's character has come out and she is a feisty individual. Her coat has improved as have her eating habits.



Samantha is usually one of the first in the food bowls and loves grapes, avocado and egg. Her real favourite remains insects, in particular wax worms, and she now even takes these with the other 3 squirrel monkeys around. When it is sunny, Samantha spends a lot of time outside catching insects and sunbathing. It is like we have a completely different squirrel monkey from the one that arrived last year.

KAIYAH THE RING-TAILED LEMUR

Kaiyah is a female ring-tailed lemur who arrived from the British pet trade in August 2009. At 7-months-old she had never met another lemur since being removed from her mother at a young age.

Samantha

Kaiyah was given a contraceptive implant on arrival so as not to cause fights amongst our males in the Malagasy woodland. The first lemur she met was Fennel, the dominant individual in the group. Once they got to know each other, the two ladies were moved back to Malagasy to meet the boys, where they were introduced in 2's and 3's.

Soon it became apparent it was all a bit much for Kaiyah as she began hiding in the shed all day. We moved Kaiyah and Fennel to another pen just to let her get used to the outside world. Gradually we pieced the group back together around Kaiyah and the last 2 males joined the group at the beginning of January. Kaiyah is doing exceptionally well.



It has been a steep learning curve for her as she learns to become a lemur rather than a humanized pet. She is showing great social skills and gets on with the males and is regularly seen grooming them, she is particularly close to Himal as he was the first male she met. Kaiyah is a bundle of energy and is always bouncing around the enclosure, regularly calling to lemurs and humans. The next step for Kaiyah is to release the whole group into the trees in Malagasy as the lemurs have been kept in over the winter due to the introductions. Soon Kaiyah will be free to explore the trees for the first time in her life.

Kaiyah with Douglas

FENCES & REFURBISHMENT

By Alison Cronin

Over the winter we have taken the opportunity to get inside some of the monkey and ape houses and enclosures in order to refurbish their homes. For Hananya's chimpanzee group this has meant keeping them inside for a couple of weeks in order to redesign and replace the entire overhang structure on their enclosure fence.

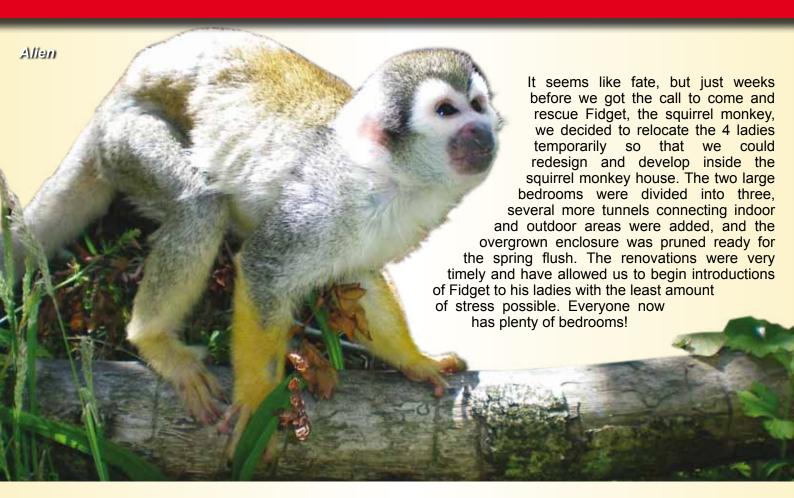
The old overhang was made of a large underground water pipe, but the changes in temperature between summer and winter months caused the material to expand and shrink leaving cracks. It was time for the 340m fence line to be replaced with a sold aluminium overhang.

At the same time we took the opportunity to develop the climbing frame by adding hundreds of metres of new fire hose that connected up the climbing frame at the highest level. We also cleared out all the dead foliage and planted vine root balls around the base of the frames in the hope that the vines might survive and climb up their 30m climbing frames. It is hard to fathom how quickly the budget goes, but these essential renovations cost approximately £110,000.





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At Malagasy, the lemurs have been settling since the arrival of Kaiyah from Northern Ireland. They have been kept inside the pens in the enclosure during the introductions so again we took the opportunity to blitz their old, tired fence. The old fence used electric wires to keep the lemurs in but the new fence will have a small overhang instead. We also cleared out dead foliage, tighten overhead bridges, and made a small keeper's equipment shed. Finger's crossed, these works should be completed by Easter.



DAO TIEN UPDATE

By Dr Marina Kenyon

MORE PYGMY SLOW LORIS RELEASES

Following the successful release of the two pygmy loris, Mistletoe and Thang, during the wet season, we have now released 6 more loris in the dry season. The aim is to successfully release loris back to the wild and identify and document the best habitat conditions, time of year, and criteria for identifying individuals that are suitable for release. With the wild population dwindling (fewer than 700 pygmy loris remain in the forests of Vietnam) it is critical that guidelines are developed for such rehabilitation and release projects.



Vo Thanh Binh releasing Toby

On Dao Tien itself we have released three more - male Tuyet and two females Hai and Phuong. Into Cat Tien National Park three adults, female Simone, adult male Nhan and sub-adult male Toby, have been released. All loris were radio collared so we are able to monitor their movements for up to six months before the collars drop off. Already the trio are behaving differently compared to the loris that were released during the wet season.



Toby after his release

They have not gone far from the release site and they returned to the cage during their first few days of freedom.

GIBBON REHABILITATION - BRANCHING OUT INTO THE TREES



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Our nursery group of gibbons, Misu, Limhuyen and Trang, along with two older gibbons, Ellie and Dao, have been moved to a new forested enclosure on Dao Tien. This will give the youngsters, that are still too small for re-introduction back into the wild, a very natural environment in which to grow up.

When we first released the three small ones, Misu ran out and straight into the trees while Trang and Limhuyen took things much slower – two full weeks slower until they came out



Limhuyan & Trang in the sami-forested area

of the rehabilitation cage into the forest. The three youngsters are doing very well now although sometimes they seem far too brave for their own good, making giant leaps from branch to branch that are terrifying.

Ellie and Dao will join the nursery mob in the trees and hopefully serve as role models and dispute referees. Their time in the forested enclosure will show us if they are ready for release in the coming year.









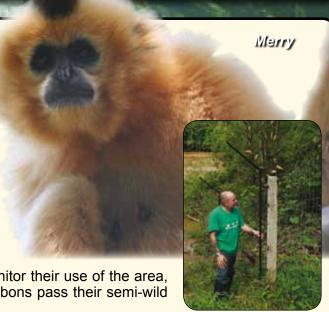
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SEMI-WILD FORESTED HABITAT

At nearly 20 ha this is a very large training area for a single pair of gibbons - an average wild home range would be 40 ha. The purpose of this area is for the gibbons to regain a totally arboreal life, forage for their own food, and most importantly learn to ignore humans. The southern section of Dao Tien has been isolated with a 750m fence (thanks to Jeremy's brilliant electric fence work) from one edge of the island to the other. The only problem is that between wet and dry season the Dong Nai River changes in height of 4-5m, from a slow stream to a raging torrent and the fence has to cope with both extremes.

Gibbons Merry and Lee Lee have now passed two sets of health checks and have been chosen as our first candidates for

a semi-wild release. They will be radio collared so we can monitor their use of the area, behaviour, and how they cope with the radio collars. If the gibbons pass their semi-wild test the count down is on for full release in November 2010!



Jeremy at the electric fence

EDUCATION AWARENESS

Working concurrently with primate rehabilitation is education awareness in the local community, and beyond. Before Lee Lee and Merry move into the semi-free we will have a local community meeting, educating people on the laws of Vietnam for hunting, trade in endangered primates and an update on our work on Dao Tien. With support from Alison Cronin and Kurtis Pei this will take place in March, just before Merry and Lee Lee move into the semi-wild. Local support is vital and when asked how we can help local communities, the first response was help with English for their children: this is something we can do!

Our Education Program in Vietnam for the New Year was launched with a "Super primate" activity in the ABC International School in Ho Chi Minh City. Children designed a "super primate" that can survive all the present threats to wild primates; habitat change and hunters. This was a great success with wonderful designs, ugly primates you would not want as a pet and ones with special powers to protect their babies from being taken from them. An education program running in Vietnam and the UK is now in final preparation ready to start the next academic year.



Stephanie Pace, Volunteer Education Officer, with achool children

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Fundraising & Events

By Shelley Fletcher, Operations Manager

2010 has got off to a fantastic start - despite the freezing weather conditions - and with 2 new births at the park over the last 5 months, 1 new arrival and lots planned on the fundraising front, we hope to see as many of you as possible here at the park during this season.

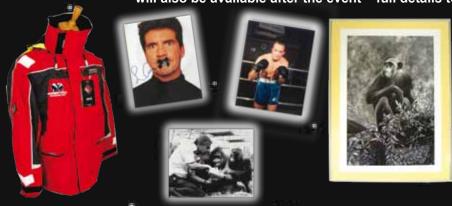
We are so very grateful for all of your fundraising efforts, your hard work and committment to the park enables us to continue with our rescue and rehabilition work. This ensures that our primates here at the park have the very best in care, no less than they deserve after the lives that some of them have led, prior to being rescued and given a safe haven at the park. If your organising a fundraising event this year, let us know – we are happy to provide you with promotional literature to help you on your way. If you would like further information on any of our events or have any ideas, thoughts or suggestions, do please contact me on either fundraising@jimcroninmemorialfund.org or fundraising@monkeyworld.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

GALA DINNER & CHARITY AUCTION



The Gala Dinner & Charity Auction in aid of the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund (Registered Charity Number 1126939) is now just around the corner and I want to say a big thank you once again for all of the donations, auction and raffle prizes that we have received.

By the time you receive this edition of the Ape Rescue Chronicle, plans for this event will have been finalised and I'm hoping that the only thing I will have left to do on the organising front is to decide what to wear! A follow up on the Gala Dinner will be featured in the next edition of the Ape Rescue Chronicle, and on the new Jim Cronin Memorial Fund website, which will be launched at the Dinner, together with pictures from this very special event. Copies of pictures will also be available after the event – full details to follow.









Website News

The new long awaited website has finally been launched although it was not without it's fair share of problems and for those of you who experienced any difficulty in using it, we apologise sincerely and would like to assure you that we are working harder than ever to ensure that it is kept as up to date as possible with the minimum of downtime.

It is, however, a real shame that so many hours have been spent dealing with those who have either copied images from it, copied it in it's entirety or tried to recreate it. I would urge all of our supporters to avoid using or referring to other fake sites as this is an infringement of copyright. If you should come across any of these fake websites, please do let me know.



I would like to say a special thank you to **FDS Developments** who have been instrumental in ensuring that our websites are fully operational, they have been on hand day and night to deal with issues that we have had and provided us with support and advice, and all for free. We really are very grateful. **www.monkeyworld.org www.go-east.org**

Join Our Sponsored Bike Ride & Picnic in the Park

A sponsored bike ride will take place on Sunday 12th September 2010 from Portland Bill to Monkey World, approximately 21 miles, so for those of you who would like to join some of the Monkey World team and participate in this event, please contact me for an application and sponsorship form.



'Picnic in the Park' will also take place on 12th September, this event is not to be missed as we will also have live band 'The Brass Monkeys' playing for you - seen previously at our bungee jump - so why not come on down to the park with a picnic, listen to the band and cheer on the energetic riders and Monkey World team as they return home from the sponsored bike ride.

Details for this event will be published shortly on our website. For more information, please contact **fundraising@jimcroninmemorialfund.org**.

New for 2010!

2010 see's the launch of two new fundraising schemes, the first of which is wristbands! Available from our webshop or from the gift shop at the park and priced at just £1.50 each they are a must have for all supporters. We very much hope that you will buy them and wear them with pride. With two styles to choose from, both Monkey World and E.A.S.T (Endangered Asian Species Trust. Reg Charity 1115350) will benefit from the funds generated from this new fundraising scheme.



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The second fund raising scheme to be launched in 2010 is our 'Sponsor A Tree' project. Details have now been finalised and the trees are available to purchase as a cost of £75 each, although planting will now not take place until November. Beech, Birch, Ash and Hazel as well as Apple, Pear, Plum and Cherry, the choice is yours.

Each sponsored tree here at the park will come with an engraved plaque with your choice of text. It's a fantastic way to show your support for the park or as a memorial to a loved one no longer with us. We are keen to plant as many trees as possible to ensure that our beautiful park is greener than ever and it is important to note that our primates will benefit enormously from the browse and fruit they will bear for years to come.

LONDON MARATHON FOR LURETTA!

Also, for the first year ever, we have a representative running in the London Marathon on April 25th 2010. Luretta, who is also getting married here at the park this year, has very kindly offered to run in aid of the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund and for those of you who would like to sponsor Luretta, a just giving page has now been set up at www.justgiving.com/marathon4themonkeys.

Luretta ran her first marathon in 2008 in New York, it was however, a bitter sweet achievement as sadly Luretta's Nan passed away two days before the marathon and her family decided to wait until she had completed the run before informing her. Luretta has since gone on to run a further 5 marathons in memory of her Nan and has raised considerable amounts for other good causes. I am sure you will join with me in supporting Luretta and wishing her the very best of luck for her forthcoming marathon. Donations can be made on line at www.justgiving.com/marathon4themonkeys.

Monkey Life Series 4









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By Louise McCance-Price

Firstly, I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who wrote to Channel Five and showed their support for our series, Monkey Life, and the work of Monkey World. We most appreciate it.

Our team is based on site, so you may have seen us filming when you've come to visit your favourite primate friends down at Monkey World. Our Series Producer/Director Virginia Hill has been extremely busy working across two edit suites where our editors Amanda Young and Richard Mower have been putting together the 20 half hour episodes. Ellie Rowsell, our Assistant Producer, and Production Manager, Reena Kelleher, are across the production management. We're now at the culmination of a year's work, in the final stages of post production on Monkey Life series 4, bringing you a rollercoaster of stories from Monkey World. Stayed tuned for more rescues undercover operations and dramas that play out at the centre.

I would like to thank the Discovery Channel who has been a wonderful partner with us over the last three series of Monkey Life, and they will continue to broadcast Monkey Life - Series 1, 2, and 3 - in the UK and around the world for many years to come.

I am very pleased to announce a new alliance with the National Geographic Channel for Series 4. The new series will transmit on National Geographic Wild in the UK towards the end of May 2010, to be followed by other territories worldwide. Thanks for watching – we hope you enjoy the new series!

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Series 3 premieres in the UK from the 5th April, 2010 at 6pm & 6:30pm *

MONKEY LIFE - SERIES 4 on National Geographic Wild, UK

Series 4 premieres in the UK from the 24th May, 2010 at 8pm & 8:30pm *

* Please note: Dates and times are subject to change, so please check TV listings in advance.

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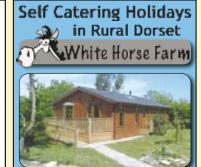




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