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## MIKADO THE GOLDEN-CHEEKED GIB









so that he is held in the same position that his mother would have and it also means that he is getting a lot of stimulation both physically and mentally.

The plan for Mikado is to introduce him to Alex, the female golden-cheeked gibbon, who is on her own at the moment. You may remember that previously Alex adopted Peanut when she first arrived at the park and Peanut has gone on to have two of her own babies and has cared for them perfectly in the trees of her forested enclosure. Mikado's introduction to Alex is still some time off, as he needs to be able to move around his environment unassisted before we can leave him with her, but we are optimistic that little Mikado will have a good start in life with Alex as his adoptive mum.

given him. I got to know Mikado by holding him and carrying him and after only a few hours in his company he was happy to let me feed him. He is such a good baby. He tried to hold onto my fingers and do pull-ups and I discovered he is very ticklish under his chin and armpits, laughing and screwing his face up. The next day I took over full time care of Mikado. Sylvie was exhausted and seemed relieved but emotional to hand Mikado over.

Mikado was a perfect baby on the journey with only a few stops to feed and change him. I had him in the shoulder bag we used to carry the woolly monkey babies and with the motion of the car and ferry he slept most of the way.

June 4th was his first full day at Monkey World. I had prepared a cage for him with a soft vet blanket on the bottom, lots of dog pulls tied together to provide a climbing frame, and lots of toys. It didn't take him long before he was sitting up and supporting himself. By the 15th he was able to lift his body up sufficiently high enough to hold the dog pulls with his feet off the ground. He has begun vocalising and listens to the golden-cheeked gibbons singing in the park. Mikado takes approximately 50mls of baby milk each feed, starting at 7.00am - 11.45pm with gaps of 3 to 4 hours between feeds. He also loves mashed banana and baby rice, but is not good at chewing anything solid with only a few teeth through so far. Most importantly, I am spending a lot of time carrying Mikado



#### DAILY VETERINARY CARE

By Penny Buckle



I am Monkey World's resident veterinary nurse and I work alongside veterinary surgeon Mike Nathan and the Primate Care Staff to provide a high level of healthcare for all the monkeys and apes at the sanctuary. Mike and I work closely with the dedicated team of Primate Care Staff at the park and frequently rely on their excellent knowledge of the animals in their care to alert us to any changes in the monkeys and apes behaviour or physical condition. We have a well-equipped veterinary hospital on site with a surgical operating theatre, a comprehensive range of anaesthesia to suit the requirements of the different species of primate at the park, and diagnostic facilities including digital radiography, endoscopy and a laboratory. This permits us to investigate and treat a range of medical conditions should they arise, as quickly as possible, and without the stress of having to move the patient to an outside facility.

Many medical conditions can be avoided by providing good preventative medicine and this plays a large role in my work as veterinary nurse. New arrivals to the park are health screened before their arrival or whilst undergoing a quarantine period at the park. This is important to prevent bringing in any diseases that could be spread to our existing residents. We keep a comprehensive medical record system for every animal in the park that includes a vaccination programme. Many of the primates are vaccinated against diseases such as Tetanus, Measles and Influenza. Another way we can prevent disease is by regular screening of faecal samples to test for parasites or bacteria in the gut. We collect samples on a regular basis from all primates in the park, which I examine under the microscope in the hospital's laboratory. This allows us to identify pathogens if present and give the appropriate treatment when necessary.

I aim to visit all the animal houses to the park daily to assess the physical condition of all the apes and monkeys and discuss any health matters with their keepers. The primates can suffer from a wide range of illness and injuries similar to those of humans. In some cases, poor diet and husbandry prior to their arrival at Monkey world have contributed to nutritional and dental disorders. When we have an animal under general anaesthesia, they are weighed, have a dental examination, and we collect a serum sample that is kept in a frozen store. Most of the apes are conditioned to open their mouths when asked which allows us a basic dental examination without anaesthesia and some of our smaller monkeys will willingly stand on a set of weighing scales!

This can provide us with valuable information and can alert us to early warning signs of health



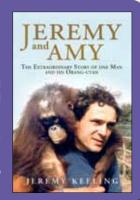
Living in large groups, with rigid hierarchies in place, it is inevitable that we see wounds in some of our primates from time to time. We monitor any wounds and intervene where necessary to prevent infection and to provide pain relief. Generally primates have very good healing powers and wherever possible we try to avoid surgery due to the stress and risks associated with catching them and general anaesthesia. However, sometimes surgery is unavoidable and in these cases we transfer the patient to the operating theatre where we can perform surgery on site. Often, the most complicated aspect of surgery is post-operative care as it can be very difficult to persuade monkeys to leave sutures in for the required 10 days! Another day... another challenge!

# BOOK RELEASE BY JEREMY

Monkey World's Animal Director, Jeremy Keeling, has released an enchanting and touching book, in which he reveals how he became a mother to an abandoned baby orang-utan called Amy - and how she healed his broken heart.

'Jeremy and Amy' is a story of high-wire adventure, of grit and determination and at its heart an inspiring and life-changing relationship between one man and his ape.

The book is available now for just £16.99 + P&P at <a href="www.monkeyworld.org">www.monkeyworld.org</a> or from the Gift Shop at the park!





TV & Radio Presenter, Chris Evans - along with his Magnificent 7 Ferraris - visited the park as part of his Dine & Drive 2010 fundraising event for for Children in Need and Christened our new baby woolly monkey, Enzo!







# **GUIDED TOURS**

By Mike Colbourne, Joy Hutchinson and Val Baynton

Tour groups vary, from 2 people to school groups of 30, and cover all age groups, from a few months old to octogenarians. Whilst most groups are from the UK, we often get groups from abroad, mainly European, but we have also had people in from South Africa and as far a field as Australia. Each group's knowledge of Monkey World varies enormously and thus tours are tailored with this in mind. Some people know a great deal about Monkey World, have been visiting for years and watched every TV programme many times over, and others may only have heard about Monkey World the previous week.

Whatever the tour group, the aim is the same - to learn more

about Monkey World, primate welfare and conservation, and of course to have fun while learning. If you see us on a tour, you will see lots of smiling and laughter, but you may also see tears. We may have just told someone that we have suffered a sad loss that they had not yet heard about, while others find the information on the suffering of some of our animals before they came to us upsetting. However, we always end on an upbeat

note, which is easy with so many positive things we can relate to people about the lives of our monkeys and apes at the park.



but for most groups it is about increasing their current knowledge and understanding. The extent of the smile on people's faces as we leave them usually tells us how well we have achieved our brief.

Our tours are designed to offer the chance to have one and a quarter hours with one of our 6 guides calling at key sections as they travel through the park. All the primates know the guides by sight and usually come over to say hello. It is an ideal opportunity to ask questions about our latest projects and get a more in depth view of our rescue centre.

You can book one of 3 time slots during the day, although bank holidays, summer holidays, and some half term times the park is too busy to give tours. We would not want anyone to come away feeling anything but privileged to have had a private tour. We advise to book your tour prior to your visit by telephoning us during weekday office hours. Each booking is exclusive to you, no other group will be included in your tour, allowing you a unique experience at Monkey World.



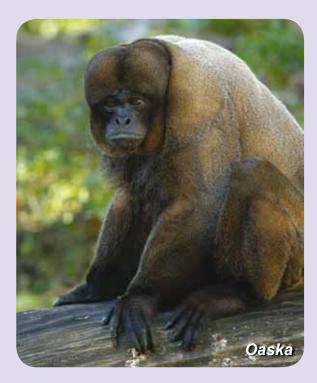


genetically very important to the declining woolly monkey population worldwide. Both Monkey World and Zoo Basel have high hopes that Oaska may reproduce in the near future.

May 1st brought surprises with the arrival of baby Enzo, born to Yarima in Bueno's troop. Little Enzo did not have the easiest start in life with Primate Care Staff finding him being carried by his father, Bueno. Great efforts were made by the Woolly Team to encourage Bueno into handing Enzo back to Yarima, but after a couple of hours there was no such luck. Bueno and Yarima were both sedated, the baby was removed from Bueno, weighed (400 grams), given 1.5mls of water, then placed back onto his sedated mother Yarima. Mother and son have not looked back, and Yarima can frequently be seen sunbathing in her outside enclosure with Enzo clinging to her belly or riding on her back with Bueno looking on proudly. Enzo is developing quickly and already has some teeth and is starting to show interest in his environment, but Yarima is a protective mother and quickly scoops him up whenever he attempts to go off adventuring on his own!

May continued to be action packed for Bueno's group when Lena and Xingu moved out and moved in with Oaska and Quapa. Lena was moved in with the new arrivals in the hope that she will decide that Oaska will make a suitable mate. Xingu, who is quickly approaching maturity, was moved with Lena to both provide both with a familiar face and support as they both find their feet with their future mate, Oaska. It was a nerve-wracking time as Oaska's reputation as a grumpy and potentially aggressive individual preceded him. As it happened, everyone was happy with the new housing arrangements and companions and within a couple of hours Quapa decided Xingu would make an excellent playmate, giggling and holding her hands out to her. Lena decided Oaska was particularly charming, allowing him to sit next to her and making sure she always sat in his direct line of view where he could admire her! Within 24 hours Lena and Oaska had begun mating so the staff have high hopes for new arrivals in the future.

Whilst it has been a very busy few months the Woolly Team is looking forward to an even busier future with the arrival of the last female woolly monkey in America who is currently kept at Louisville Zoo. With three separate breeding groups now established, Monkey World currently houses the largest number of woollys in captivity and the team are looking forward to continuing to look after such rare primates and hopefully welcome even more new arrivals to the park in the future!





# Monkey Life



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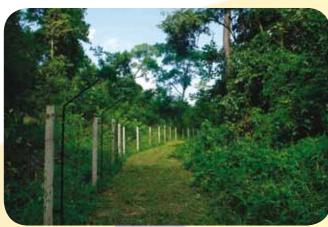
#### DAO TIEN UPDATE

#### LEE LEE AND MERRY - THE NEXT STEP

#### By Dr Marina Kenyon

In mid March, Lee Lee and Merry our two golden-cheeked gibbons (*Nomascus gabriellae*) selected to be the first pair fit for release back to the wild, with good body condition and a strong pair bond (together since March 2009), were moved to the next stage - a 20 hectare forested area, on the southern tip of Dao Tien.

Both Merry and Lee Lee were fitted with radio collars before moving to test the gibbon's tolerance to a collar, as collars have never been fitted for this species before, but also to see how they both fair in the semi-wild jungle, before final release into continuous forest in Cat Tien National Park (CTNP). As this was the first time gibbons have been fitted with radio collars, great care was taken in material choice, shape, weight and building a weak link into the collar, so they would naturally drop off



The 20 hectare semi-wild fence line on the southern tip of at Dao Tien

without recapture. When collaring and moving the gibbons to the semi-wild forest, it was noticed that Merry had a noticeable bump, a baby bump, estimated at 4 months, thus further confirming our belief that the pair had a strong bond and were good candidates for release.

The pair were first placed in a release cage inside of the semi-wild forest, to give them time to settle into their new area and hear the new neighbouring groups of gibbons, so they would not panic on release. After two days they were ready and, on opening the slide, Merry dashed out and up into the trees in seconds as expected! Based upon her wild behaviour when we rescued her, we think Merry was hunted and taken from the wild as an adult, and thus has had a normal wild education. Lee Lee, on the other hand, was taken from the wild as an infant and kept in isolation for 18 years in a small cage next to a petrol station.

A big concern for us was, would Merry wait for Lee Lee who, for most of his life, had viewed the world through a cage, never in the open, and would find this freedom more of a challenge. The door was open, Lee Lee placed his hand through into the great outdoors, and then not understanding what was going on, turned and returned to the cage, not even acknowledging the open slide. After a few hours Lee Lee bravely made his move into the open, sat on top of the introduction cage, and finally up into the trees along side. For weeks he stayed close to the cage, sometimes going in, but most often staying in the trees in the local vicinity. Luckily Merry has chosen to take up residence in trees near by and wait for her mate to adapt to the new free lifestyle. We have no idea how long it will take Lee Lee to come to terms with his freedom but he is improving every day and now spends most of his time in the trees 40-50 metres away from the cage along with Merry. It is early days yet, but it may be that Lee Lee never adjusts and if this is the case we will have to re-consider if he is a suitable candidate for full release into the national park. This is one of the reasons why we monitor the gibbons rehabilitation so closely, always collecting data in order to try and develop guidelines for release of other gibbons in the future. What makes a suitable candidate for release? How, where and when should suitable





Dr Uli Siricher and Dr Kurits Pel fitted Lee Lee's radio collar (left) and Mr Dulme, Marina, and Lee track Lee Lee and Merry's progress

candidates be reintroduced to their wild habitat? Until we have scientific data to support the specific selection of release candidates, every healthy individual will have a chance.

Currently, food and water are provided on top of the release cage daily, but with the monsoon rains coming soon there will more wild fruit and leaf in the forest to tempt him back to a wild life. Once Merry and Lee Lee start travelling through the 20 hectares of forest, finding food, and staying off the ground, they will be considered for the final phase of the rehabilitation process - full release into continuous forest in CTNP. For now we simply wait for Lee Lee to embrace his life again as a wild gibbon.

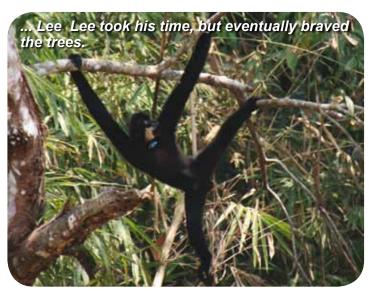












#### **EMERGENCY RESCUE OF MOTHER AND INFANT DOUC MONKEYS**

At the beginning of May the Director of CTNP, Mr Thanh, called to say we needed to rescue two douc langurs (*Pygathrix nigripes*) in Binh Phuc, a neighbouring province to the north-west of Cat Tien. Lee

Butler went with the team from CTNP to assess the situation, prepared with travel boxes to rescue if necessary. After four hours of travel the rescue team arrive to find a very frightened female douc monkey and her large infant, which was still clinging tightly to mum. Although frightened their body condition was good, unusual for these specialist leaf eaters if they have lived in captivity for any length of time. It turned out they were taken from the forest only three days prior, after their non-protected forest was felled. Normally full health checks and behavioural assessments are done prior to release, but as the mother and infant had only just been taken from the forest and were still in good condition, the decision was made to release the pair immediately. With their forest felled, they could not be returned to their home range so the decision was made to release the pair on Dao Tien where they could join Chinh and Thanh, the first douc monkeys returned to the forest in October 2009.

The two new arrivals were returned to the forest the next morning, with big smiles from all Officials and everyone involved in their rescue and re-location. The new pair have been seen from time to time moving through the thick forests on Dao Tien. They are sharing their new habitat with Chinh and Thanh, who are also doing very well, thus forming a social group of endangered wild black-shanked douc monkeys living on Dao Tien.





#### REMEMBERING JIM

On March 17, 2010, the third anniversary of Jim Cronin's passing, our family and friends in Vietnam celebrated his life with a party held in his honour on Dao Tien. Alison Cronin and Kurtis Pei were also there to remember Jim.

Lee Butler (left) raised a toast to Mr Jim with Dao Tien's staff and their families.

## JIM CRONIN MEMORIAL FUND GALA



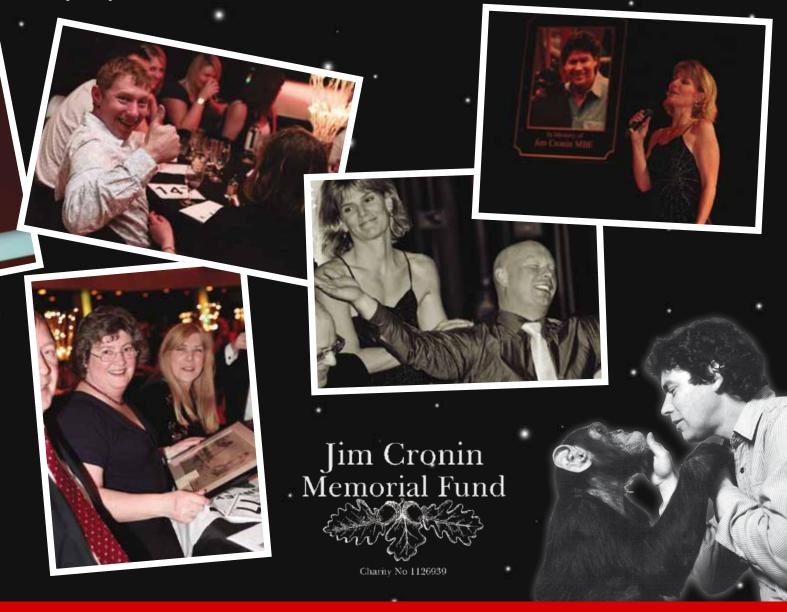
The Gala Dinner and charity auction on April 3rd was a truly fantastic evening; supporters came from all over the UK and abroad to enjoy this very special event in aid of the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund. Judging from the emails and letters we have received since the event from those who attended, it is clear that a good time was had by all. I'm so pleased to be able to report that over £36,000 was raised and our thanks go to everyone who supported this event.



# DINNER & CHARITY AUCTION



We have now set the date for the next event, Saturday 7th April 2012, once again at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole, so please save the date and watch this space for how to book tickets and get involved. It will mark the 5th anniversary of Jim's passing and plans are afoot to ensure that we, once again, honour Jim's memory in style.



#### Fundraising & Events



We can cater for events both large and small, civil ceremonies, renewal of vows and baby naming ceremonies, to name just a few. For more information or a wedding brochure please contact us on 01929 401018 or download it at www.monkeyworld.org.



#### WALK OF THANKS

One year since the launch and we are now taking orders for stage 6 of the Walk of Thanks. We currently have 4 pathways complete and stage 5 is due to arrive at the park very soon. For those of you who are waiting for your pavers to be laid, please bear with us. We try to keep disruption within the park to a minimum and poor weather slowed progress at the beginning of the year, however stage 4 has now been completed alongside one of the woolly enclosures! Stage 5 is scheduled to be laid as soon as possible and we will do our very best to ensure that we send out photographs of all recent pavers ordered, once they have arrived at the park.

We have really enjoyed seeing all the creativity you guys have been having with the pavers and walking the pathways makes an interesting read. We would like to thank all of you who have already taken your place in the Walk of Thanks, but we still have a long way to go with 65 acres of park to cover so do please encourage your friends, relatives, work colleagues and employers to have a paver. Make a difference today to the lives of those primates we have been able to offer a safe and happy retirement to and for those who are still out there awaiting our help.

For those of you who would like to buy a paver for a friend, colleague or relative as a Christmas present, please send in your order no later than August 31st to guarantee your paver being laid prior to Christmas, Alternatively we are happy to process orders and send out photographs of pavers and certificates in time for Christmas on all orders received by the end of October 2010.

# SPONSOR A TREE IN ASSOCIATION WITH HOLME FOR GARDENS



We have already had a massive response to our new 'Sponsor a Tree' scheme. Our primates will be extremely happy with all the new fruits and browse the trees will have to offer for years to come.

We have 8 types of trees available to order: Beech, Birch, Ash, Hazel, Apple, Pear, Plum and Cherry. Each tree comes with an engraved plaque with your choice of text. Planting will take place in November through to March, so please plant a tree for Monkey World today and show your support for the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund. To order your dedicated tree, please contact us on 01929 401018 or email fundraising@jimcroninmemorialfund.org.



# JOIN OUR SPONSORED BIKE RIDE & PICNIC IN THE PARK

On Sunday 12 September, 2010, a team from Monkey World will be cycling 21 miles from Portland to Monkey World. It would be great if you could join us in the bottom field at Monkey World and welcome our cyclists at the finish line! The Brass Monkeys will also be playing and - rumour has it - Jeremy will be joining the band for a few numbers on his guitar! - So bring picnic and join us!

You can sponsor the team at www.justgiving.com/Picnicintheparksponsoredbikeride.

#### CORPORATE & MEMORIAL BENCHES

The benches this year are proving to be very popular and in the last month, we have been able to provide an additional 4 benches within the park, with one of these now situated in the Woodland Walk. It is a perfect way to observe the wildlife that lives in this area, while taking a rest. Thanks go to all the families who have donated a bench and not only ensured that there is a lasting memorial to their loved ones, but have also provided much needed additional seating for all of our visitors to enjoy.

The benches are beautiful and we really hope that we are able to provide more benches within the coming months. Together with the setting, they are a perfect memorial to those supporters who are no longer with us or, for companies and businesses, a fantastic way to advertise and simultaneously support the park. Priced at £650.00, each bench comes with an engraved plaque with your choice of text.

For more information, or to place an order, do please contact us on : fundraising@jimcroninmemorialfund.org.



#### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

We have several monkeys and apes (14 in all!) that we should be able to bring back to the park, in the coming weeks/months, so that they too can live out their remaining years in more natural environments with others of their own kind. Some from the pet trade, some from laboratories, and some from international breeding programs. As soon as their future is secured here at the park we will let you know who they are – it is a very exciting time!

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, socks, 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, staff collections, "Cash for Cartridges", "Give As You Earn", school fundraising days, boot sales, dress down days at work, quizzes, donations instead of birthday, wedding, or anniversary presents, and sponsored swims, walks, and bike rides. All of your donations are put to use – thank you so much. In particular we would like to thank Hannah Slater of the Kong Company for a huge box of new Kong toys, Spire Health Care for a Pentax Scoping System, Confoco for donating several pallet loads of dried pineapple and dates, CJ Evans International for a load of rope, the team at Tescos Distribution Centre, Southampton for passing on any over-ripe or surplus fruit and vegetables. Over the past few months the monkeys and apes have been enjoying mangos, cherries, papayas, oranges, watermelons and pineapples – very happy primates indeed! The team at LD Line Ferries were extraordinarily helpful in organising and sponsoring Mikado's move from France. Transporting monkeys and apes is always stressful, but with their support the journey went snag free.

So many people have lost loved ones. Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Kathleen Friday, Martin Ayers, Allison McCaffery, John Clark, Rose Annowar, Fiona Small, Lily Hogg, Wyn Roberts, Valerie Lines, Jacqueline Lintell, Shiela Goulden, Betty Stevenson, Penelope Chalmers, Martin Evans, Ms Neale, Mr Fiddes, Miss Hawkes, Mrs Eley, Mr Dicker, Pamela Ward, John Hudson, Henry Broom, John Howick, Peggy Read, George Whitehouse, Robert Cooper, Shirley Evans, Andy Potter, John Carlin, Frances Price, Winifred Geary, Sadie Duffy, Clare Tomlinson, Kathleen Crouch, John Garvey, John Stokes, Janet Le Cheminant, Cassie Swatman, and Carol Watkins. They will be greatly missed.

Over the summer we are taking the opportunity to renovate, expand, and develop our primate houses and enclosures. It is a never-ending process of rescuing more monkeys and apes in need, while also maintaining the highest standards and the most interesting environments for those that are already at the park. Thank you so much for your continued support,



Olison Granin

## How You Can Help

we could not do it without your 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 vegetable 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 also help by sending your used ink cartridges to "Cash for Cartridges" and specify that it is on behalf of Monkey World. We also have a "Give As You Earn" account through the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) or 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.



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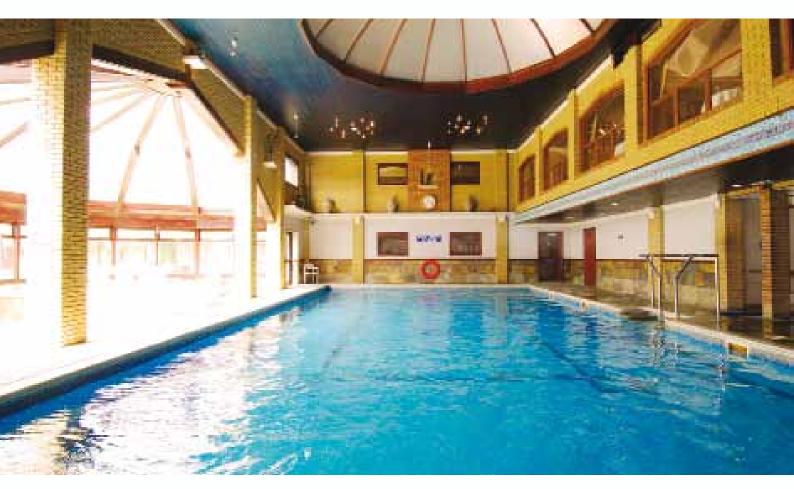


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