Jeremy Supervised Introductions in the Nursery 2010

By Alison Cronin

On August 31st Alison Cronin, Jeremy Keeling, and John Lewis returned to Monkey World with a new addition – a 100kg female orang-utan named Oshine! Oshine was a pet orang-utan that had lived in South Africa for the past 13 years on a farm outside of Johannesburg. Monkey World was contacted by her owner, who had cared for Oshine since she was an infant, and brought the young orang-utan up in the house like one of her children.

Oshine’s story is similar to so many of our rescued primates. Once she reached adolescence she became unmanageable in the house and a new enclosure and indoor area had to be built for the growing great ape. The family loved Oshine very much and spared no expense trying to meet her every need, however, as her size and strength increased she started asserting herself, often taking apart or escaping from her enclosure to raid the kitchen and collect as many treats and snacks as she could carry. Oshine is a very friendly, albeit spoilt, individual and this meant that her owners could take her out for walks around the farm or for rides in the farm vehicles.

The one need in her life that the family could not fulfil was companionship of her own kind and as Oshine became an adult her frustration became more evident as she became more and more difficult to manage at the farm. It was a hard decision but her owner asked Monkey World if we could give Oshine company of her own kind and care for her for the rest of her long life. The answer was yes!

It was a long journey from South Africa so the Monkey World team went out several days ahead of the move to get to know Oshine and let her play inside of the travelling box before the move. Oshine was happy to meet everyone and enjoyed playtime with the box; so much so that when the day came, she willingly walked into the box and we were able to shut the door behind her! South African Airways did a wonderful job looking after Oshine at the airport, making sure that this precious cargo was happy and safe all the way to London.

When Oshine arrived at the park she was moved into the orang-utan nursery for two reasons; she had never been with other orang-utans before and getting used to the other’s behaviour was going to take some time and at 100kg, Oshine was more than double her natural weight and needed to loose a lot of weight before she could/should get pregnant. Just like with people, Oshine’s weight problem means that she runs a high risk of having high blood pressure, arterial sclerosis, blood clots, heart disease, and diabetes.

Oshine’s new diet is nothing special, just our normal orang-utan diet of fruit, vegetables, and lean meat or eggs, combined with the exercise of climbing around in the nursery house and enclosure. Plus of course meeting A-mei and the youngsters has kept her on her toes and active. Oshine has been a star pupil from beginning to end. She went into her travelling box willingly, from day 1 she started building her own nest up high every night, she now lives full time with Dinda, Lingga, and Joly, is excellent at clicker training, has taken her flu jab willingly, goes outside and up the 30m climbing frame, and will even stand on scales for us to monitor her weight loss! In 8 weeks our new star pupil has lost 12kg and is well on the way to a healthier social life with others of her own kind.
By Penni Hancocks & Luis Mesa

A-mei - Since the opening of the new nursery, A-mei has been making the most of the extra height and space in the new building. The new enclosure allows her to have more time to herself. As a result, the Primate Care Staff have observed a much more relaxed and playful side emerging.

Hsiao-ning took a while to adjust to moving to a new enclosure, but after a few weeks she got the hang of it. She is growing up fast and recently broke through two new adult teeth. Hsiao-ning was nervous when Oshine arrived and decided to return to the old nursery so we are going with her decision and are now doing new introductions to Gordon and Hsiao-lan to prepare for her eminent graduation to an adult group!

Joly remained close to A-Mei and followed her lead to exploring the newly renovated enclosure. At five years old Joly is becoming more independent and while A-mei is staying with Hsiao-ning during her initial introductions, Joly has made the most of playing with Dinda and Lingga and teasing Oshine in the orang-utan nursery.

Dinda is stubborn like her mum, RoRo, and can be difficult when asked to move to the bedrooms and enclosure for breakfast. She is becoming more independent from Lingga although they still remain firm friends. Dinda enjoy games involving boxes and is a big fan of till rolls.

Lingga's confidence has grown since moving to the new house although she remains an outside girl. She loves interacting with our visitors and has begun playing 'peek-a-boo' at the windows. Lingga is confident around Oshine and enjoys games of tug-o-war with the new arrival.

Oshine's weight loss program is going well losing 12kg in 8 weeks! She has been slowly adjusting to life with other orang-utans as well as a new diet and home. Oshine has integrated well with the younger members of the nursery, Dinda, Lingga and Joly. She is very intelligent and has already learned to stand on the scales for us and do basic health checks. She even took her flu jab willingly. Clever girl.

By Penni Hancocks & Luis Mesa

Gordon has matured since Jin’s arrival. He is becoming very dominant over food especially with Hsiao-lan and Kai. However, he still likes to drop the big man act to play and wrestle with Kai.

Hsiao-quai has been dominant female of the group since giving birth to Jin. She enjoys her grooming sessions with Hsiao-lan and spends a lot of time playing with Kai and Gordon.

Jin is growing up fast. He still suckles from mum but joins the group at feed times and enjoys wandering away from her for short periods. He enjoys the outside enclosure, staying close to his big brother, Kai. It will only be a matter of time before the pair becomes ‘the terrible twosome’.

Kai is the happiest little guy and is always full of beans. Jin has become his new best friend and they spend a lot of time together. Kai still enjoys his hugs from mum.

Hsiao-lan is much more sociable, often seen playing with Kai and Jin. Initially Hsiao-lan was put out by Hsiao-quai, following the birth of Jin, but she has relaxed now and seems much happier in the group.
By Sarah Ladyman

This year the group have had to put up with much needed maintenance work going on in their building and at times this has meant having outside access overnight when weather allowed. The whole group have clearly enjoyed their nights spent under the stars and could be seen laying happily in the early morning sunshine as the Primate Care Staff arrived for work. As usual it’s flu jab time of year and all the chimps have now received their vaccines in time for winter.

**Paddy** is often seen patrolling the enclosure with Bart riding on his back. Paddy loves his nest and in the evenings he will collect all the bedding he can find to make a bed big enough to share with his son.

**Susie** spends a lot of time with Bart but she loves her food and sometimes it’s hard to tell which she is more protective of! Susie has taken advantage of Bart’s growing independence, spending time reaffirming bonds with the other females.

**Athena** is a sweet natured chimp who always greets the Primate Care Staff with enthusiasm. She is a quiet individual who loves to groom and play with Bart.

**Bixa** has a dominant position in the group and spends most of her time near Paddy and Susie. She has made the most of the fine weather during the summer and on a few occasions she nearly forgot to come inside for dinner!

**Beth** is an excitable chimp whose main love in life is food! Primate Care Staff have given her the nickname of “Jungle Jane” due to her enthusiastic displays during which she hoots loudly like Tarzan.

It is **Cathy’s** least favourite time of year and although she has improved at heading out in the mornings over the summer months, she will surely revert back to wanting breakfast in bed soon enough.

**Clin** loves to spend time with Grisby and along with Cathy; none of the trio is very fond of cold mornings. Clin especially loves the warm honey and lemon drinks the Primate Care Staff offer the chimps during the winter months to help fight off sniffles and keep warm.

**Grisby** is one of the most amusing characters in Paddy’s group. She loves attention and anything new and interesting. She is a very resourceful chimp and any object she finds she will use as a tool. She often becomes so engrossed in her new toy that even bananas will not distract her.

**Chatta** is a big female but she can be very gentle and affectionate with the lower ranking individuals. She loves operant conditioning sessions and especially the olive oil the Primate Care Staff use to spray the chimps hands and feet to prevent dry skin in winter.

**Cindy** is one of the dominant females and she likes her food. Cindy is almost always first outside for a scatter feed at talk time and she loved the fruit ice smoothies the Primate Care Staff made in the summer.

**Zoe** is a high ranking individual and very curious about anything unusual or new. Zoe was particularly intrigued with the wedding guests over summer and all of their unusual clothing and hats. She watched each ceremony intently.

**Busta** loves to play with Bart but when he wants a real wrestling match, Gamba is on hand to put him through his paces! Busta is a real sun worshipper and has especially enjoyed the extended periods outside while renovations were ongoing inside.

**Micky** is close to Busta and the two can often be seen hugging and walking one behind the other. He has befriended Cathy recently and now the pair spend hours meticulously grooming each other.

**Bart** has grown up, is beginning to understand his place in the hierarchy, and understands that childish tantrums will no longer be tolerated. He is still the ‘star of the show’ and loves to entertain the rest of his family, staff and visitors alike.

**Gamba** still hasn’t got the hang of discretion when it comes to the ladies and Paddy is often spotted chasing him away from his girls! However, if there’s mischief to be made he can usually rely on Busta to join him and get involved.

**Lola** is at the bottom of the hierarchy, and isn’t always much fun, but she can rely on Bart to cheer her up with hugs, grooming, and play time.

**Peppa** is intelligent and beautiful. She tends to keep to herself most of the time but when she wants company she likes to spend time with Lola and Micky. Peppa loves the big fluffy blankets that are donated by visitors, that’s if Paddy hasn’t got them first!

**Hebe** gets very excited about operant conditioning sessions and enrichment activities. At 11 years old she’s relatively young compared to a lot of the ladies and is a low ranking member of Paddy’s group. She has a strong ally in Susie who looks out for her.

**Eddi** continues to be very protective of Bart and is a dedicated and loving big sister. She has matured a lot over the last year and can now hold her own in play fights with Gamba and Busta. Hebe remains her closest friend.

**Kay** is one of the quieter members of Paddy’s group. She is a very caring chimp and demonstrates this perfectly when she is seen playing with Bart and Hebe.
GOLDEN-CHEEKED GIBBONS

Zoey & Jake’s Family
Zoey gave birth to a boy on 1st September who has been named Zak. He is doing very well, and like all the other golden-cheeked gibbons is highly vocal. Kim has introduced herself to him very gently by trying to groom his head. The family is a joy to watch with Jake and Kim playing as Zoey proudly shows Zak off.

Peanut & Pung-Yo’s Family
The kids are growing up with Tia-nang having completed her first colour change. Both Tien and Tia-nang are always up to highflying antics in the treetops. Tien is a fantastic big brother and loves to stick close to Pung-Yo.

Vietta & Tito
Vietta and Tito are very close and often spend time grooming and playing. Vietta is grumpy from time to time which seems par for the course with female golden-cheeked gibbons!

Alex & Mikado
On July 19th the big day arrived for little Mikado to meet his new adoptive mum, Alex. On opening the door between them, Alex came through into his bedroom and started making little positive noises towards him, with no hesitation he replied with the same. Alex has not carried Mikado but the two are very happy together and have remained together since that first day.

SIAMANG GIBBONS
Onion is as big as his father now, but with a lot more energy. Still a teenager, Onion is often seen messing around trying to get Sam’s attention. The two seem settled and happy together.

AGILE AND LAR GIBBONS
Paul is very playful and enjoys teasing Kitty. Kitty is now fully mature and enjoys Paul’s antics most of the time and when she doesn’t she can be a force to contend with. Nike and Ella are well. Both are very vocal and are often heard playing and laughing together.

MUELLER’S GIBBONS
Adidas and Dalumie
Adidas is the most serious of our Mueller’s gibbons but then he has to contend with Dalumie. She, on the other hand, is quite playful and seems to enjoy her forest enclosure more than him.

Fox and Nini
Fox and Nini are also very playful and enjoy laughing and teasing one another through the door. When Nini gets over-excited he races around his outside enclosure showing off and wanting Fox to chase him.
Hananya’s Group

By Cara Buckley and Kate Diver

Hananya is still the alpha-male of the group and his displays are increasingly impressive. He has been spending quite a bit of time with Simon recently and enjoys attention from all the females.

Tikko is respectful of the alpha-male. He loves the outside enclosure and is first to go out every morning.

Semach remains the clown of the group and has recently been entertaining visitors with his antics during the daily talks given by Primate Care Staff (PCS).

Simon loves the daily scatter feeds and throws soil at birds if they dare to land in his enclosure. His is a political member of the group and the number three male.

Arfur is finally gaining some independence from Jess. He has put on weight and can now dominate some of the lower ranking females.

Cherri is still the dominant female and likes to admire herself in a mirror when given the opportunity! She is highly respected by all the other members of the group.

Peggy watches out for Trudy and protects her when necessary. She is a very calm individual and takes life in her stride.

Johni is also very protective of Trudy and engages her in play sessions. She is an influential member of the group and is a very large female.

Jess keeps the PCS on their toes and proves difficult to medicate when necessary. She still sleeps with Arfur every night but they are becoming more independent of each other.

Marjoline is a drama queen but has a softer side, wanting a security blanket to move between the indoor and outdoor enclosure.

Valerie loves enrichment activities and will grab whatever she can, using both hands and feet before retreating to a quiet spot to devour it all.

Eveline is much more confident with the PCS and is slowly rising within the hierarchy of the group.

Patricia is a firm favourite with PCS as she has a very sweet nature. She has made such good progress since arriving at Monkey World and now gets along very well with the group.

Kuki has a strong character and is well integrated within the group. She is even bold enough to play with the alpha-male when the opportunity arises.

Zeynep is not a morning person but can be encouraged to get out of bed if the yogurt logs in the outside enclosure are filled!

Tutti is growing in confidence and was very brave when it came to this year’s round of flu jabs. She gets on well with all members of the group.

Honey is gaining in rank and confidence every year but is still wary of the top three males.

Over the past year Trudy seemed to get very bloated during the day so the PCS tried different diets to see if she had IBS, celiac disease, or a gluten allergy. Changes to her diet did not seem to make much difference so her diet has gone back to normal and for what ever reason Trudy’s condition seems to be improving.
By Alison Cronin and Toby Dipple

On November 4th Alison Cronin flew to Edinburgh to collect 10 stump-tailed macaques (Macaca arctoides) that were kept at a research laboratory. The nine females and one male had not been used in research for many years and had been kept in small social groups at the lab. The monkeys were severely overweight, had dental problems, and some individuals were bullied quite badly by the other more dominant monkeys. Flybe kindly offered to help the macaques by flying them from Edinburgh to Southampton on one of their jets and the journey went amazingly well with everyone arriving safe and content.

At the park, a new specially designed house was built for the 10 stump-tails with 7 bedrooms, a large playroom, a large outdoor cage, and an enclosure that is approximately one acre. The morning after their arrival we decided to put all nine of the ladies together in the house and with all the bedrooms and playroom connected they were able to wander around greeting, or moving away, from any other individual that they wanted to. Stump-tail etiquette is not very graceful or refined so there was a bit of grumbling and shoving as well as lip-smacking and grooming. The introductions went amazingly well and they ladies have stayed together ever since.

The 9 ladies have done so well together that we decided to introduce our 5 remaining boys to the new female group. David, Sam, Jonathan, Phil, and Paddy all get along together so we are hopeful that we will be able to merge the two groups. We started with Jonathan and Sam, but Jonathan was a bit too excited and pushy and the ladies finally came together as a group and told him off! Sam on the other hand is very popular. Since the initial introduction we have swapped Phil for Jonathan and everyone seems very happy with the current arrangements.

In the coming weeks the ladies will all have a trip to the vet and dentist to give them a health check and remove any rotten teeth. Hopefully this will help some of the more stroppy ladies to feel more comfortable so that they are better prepared to meet the remaining boys, David, Paddy, and Jonathan (again). Until then it is great to see all of these laboratory monkeys having the opportunity to go outside and live a more interesting, natural lives.
COMMON MARMOSETS

NEW ARRIVAL BABY SOLOMON AND HIS ADOPTED PARENTS GABI AND LENNY

On August 11th Alison Cronin was asked by Merseyside Police to assist them in entering a pet shop and private residence where a 10-week-old baby marmoset was being offered for sale for £1000.00 in a tiny hamster cage. At such a young age the tiny marmoset weighed just over 100gr and should have still been with his mother suckling. The baby marmoset was confiscated and custody given to Monkey World while the investigation of illegal trading continues with the pet shop.

Once at the park, baby Solomon was taken to the marmoset house where adult female Gabi had been separated from the others. The hope was that she would adopt the new baby even though she had never seen him before. The door was opened between the two and the minute Solomon saw Gabi he launched across the room, latched on to her back, held tight, and would not let go. Solomon knew what he wanted, and needed, and that was a mum. As far as Gabi was concerned, she was a bit surprised with the force with which Solomon grabbed her but she sat still and slowly began to sniff and lick the new arrival. Solomon squeaked with delight and Gabi has been mum to him ever since.

Thankfully for Gabi, young Solomon has recently stopped riding on her back 100% of the time and has started to run and leap about on his own even though he always makes sure she is close by. Solomon is gaining weight quickly and now with a more natural environment and good mother he is developing his physical and social skills. He has also recently gained an adoptive dad in Lenny and father and son are regularly seen playing together. Lenny does a lot of looking after Solomon now as male marmosets do naturally so Gabi finally gets a break and has an adult male for companionship. The family have formed a strong bond and all three sleep together every night, giving Solomon the adoptive family he needed and wanted.

Nathan and Kayla
Our resident pair get along very well together. Nathan was unwell at the start of the year but recovered and it was felt some female company would help him. Former pet Kayla’s introduction to Max was unsuccessful but with Nathan she now seems very happy and she defiantly rules the roost in this pairing – which is probably why she is so happy!

Betty-Boo and Max
A few months ago our elderly Goeldi monkey, Oberon, passed away and it hit Betty-Boo particularly hard as they were inseparable. Our oldest marmoset, Betty-Boo is crippled by rickets, that she contracted from being kept in a tiny cage with no natural sunlight before she came to the park. She is almost totally blind with very few teeth remaining yet she continues to amaze us with her ability to get around and find food. ‘Mad’ Max is a real character, but has poor social skills from his past solitary life in the pet trade and has struggled to fit in with other marmosets. Finally Max seems to have met a compatible companion in Betty-Boo and she too seems happy with the new arrangements.

Harry’s Group
Harry and Louis and their adult offspring, Henry, Hazel and Lionel are our family group. Louis is 13 now so quite old in marmoset terms and is letting his boys take on a more dominant role, that is until there is food at stake! Females Harry and Hazel have to take a back seat if there is marmoset gum available but are first in line and more than hold their own if wax worms are on the menu.

Family unit complete: Lenny, Gabi and Solomon (front)
COTTON-TOP TAMARINS
Uncas and Alice are doing really well. This feisty pair made it clear they didn’t appreciate common marmosets nearby and are now settling into their half of the squirrel monkey house, where they also have a big outside enclosure to explore. Uncas loves his wax worms while Alice is a big fan of the breakfast porridge mix and is often seen wearing it on her face!

SQUIRREL MONKEYS
This year our elderly female squirrel monkeys were treated to the arrival of a male. Fidget arrived from the pet trade and is estimated to be an old man at 23 years old. Unfortunately for the girls, Fidget has shown no interest in them with food being his main love! Fidget has a lot to say and can often be seen patrolling the fence line. Of the four ladies Alien is still the boss and loves her insects. Topsy and Turvey remain close with Topsy becoming more confident this year and Turvey remaining mischievous and destructive. Samantha has amazed us all with her confidence - she is unrecognisable from when she first arrived at the park.

LEMURS
This year has seen the successful introduction of 2-year-old Kayah into the ring-tail group. She is doing well and developing good social skills. Her arrival has livened the group up and she regularly initiates bouts of wrestling with whoever is available. Spring saw Kayah’s first ever experience of trees in Malagasy and she coped excellently with dominant female Fennel never too far away. Twins, Indiana and Cirrius, can’t decide who’s dominant male (even though ladies are in charge in lemur society!) and regularly swap. Douglas is one of the oldest lemurs and often last in at bedtime. Whitespot and Houdini have formed close bonds with Kayah and are often involved in long play sessions. One-eared Rentin is still the largest in the group and enjoys his food. Our oldest lemur George has moved to the fringes of the group but is often seen patrolling the Malagasy pathways or having a much needed nap! Himal is a cheeky male who is often “throws” his scent at Blue, the ruffled lemur, or sneaks in to steal her breakfast. Blue is still keeping the ring-tails in check despite being elderly and greatly outnumbered. She is a very stubborn and mischievous individual and sees herself as boss in Malagasy.

Monkey Life
By Louise McCance-Price
Series 5 is in production...The Primate Planet Productions team is based on site, and we’ve been documenting the work of Monkey World all year. Series 5 promises to be another rollercoaster of 20 episodes, due to broadcast in 2011. Watch this space, we’ll bring you more information early next year.

Monkey Life is back on Channel FIVE!
In March of this year, we said a big thank you to everyone who wrote to Channel Five and showed their support for our series. We are very pleased that Monkey Life – Series 4 is returning on FIVE from the 13th December 2010.

Provisional schedule:
Week 20/12/10        Episodes:1-4 (Mon-Thurs – but not Fri - Christmas Eve) at 6pm
Week 03/01/11        Episodes:5-8 (Daily Tues-Fri – but not Bank Holiday Monday) at 5.30pm
Week 10/01/11        Episodes: 9-13 (Daily Mon-Fri) at 6pm
Weeks 17/01-28/02/11  Episodes: 14-20 (Once a Week – day TBC) at 7.30pm

Watch out for subsequent transmission dates under TV SERIES on the Monkey World website.

Monkey Life – Series 4 on Nat Geo WILD UK
UK   06-17/12/10  9am, 9:30am, 5pm & 5:30pm
Europe & Africa  01/01-28/02/11  6am and 5pm

Dates and times are subject to change, so please check TV listings for up-to-date information.

Monkey Life – Series 1, 2 and 3 on Animal Planet
Animal Planet will continue to show Monkey Life – Series 1, 2, and 3 in the UK and around the world for many years to come.
Check TV listings for the schedule.

Monkey Life – Series 3 DVD
The new box set will soon be available for sale in the Monkey World Shop and on Amazon.co.uk.
For information please contact info@primateplanet.tv
By Sandra Rainey

LEVAR’S GROUP

Levar remains a strong, kind, dominant male and the birth of new daughter, Ayla, has brought out his soft side. Levar is often seen playing with Ayla or anyone else who fancies a giggle. Of course this is all done very discreetly and if he thinks any of the Primate Care Staff may be watching, he stops and regains his composure, his cool reputation completely intact. Piquita is the dominant female and now that Ayla is starting to become more independent, she can give more attention to reasserting this dominance. Usually this means keeping the boisterous brothers Julio and Diego in check. Branco continues his role as ‘group protector’ and he takes this job very seriously but does drop his guard every now and again to encourage Julio and Diego in some rough and tumble play sessions. Julio is starting to take on the appearance of an adult male now but he remains gentle in his play with younger brother Diego and baby Ayla. Julio is perfecting his dominance displays and one day should be a very impressive male. Diego has been busy exploring the outside enclosures and is now accomplished at ripping the bark off of trees to get to the tasty bugs underneath. He has a close bond with Xuzy but is happy to spend time with any other member of the group who looks like they might be having fun. Kuna has had a quiet year, with her closest friends, Piquita and Branco, being preoccupied with baby-sitting but she has used the opportunity to get closer to other members of the group, and is now much more playful. As Ayla has become more independent, Kuna has been more involved with her and has even carried her around the enclosure. Hopefully this means that she has been learning some more mothering skills!

Xuzy was 38 this year and continued to have serious play sessions with Diego up until a couple of days before she passed away on November 14th. Xuzy always loved hunting for insects but was not so keen on the outside world so our maintenance team built Xuzy her own special shelf at the back of the house this summer to encourage her to walk outside straight into a sun spot.

OASKA’S GROUP

Oaska has really taken a shine to our girls since meeting them and seems to be enjoying having his own group of females to display to and protect. He also enjoys the operant conditioning sessions and has learned to present his hands to the Primate Care Staff. Next goal to sit on the weighing scales calmly! Female Quapa was the more nervous of the pair when she first arrived but she has bonded well with both Lena and Xingu and likes having female company. She has a close bond with Xingu and the two are often seen playing or grooming together. Lena has settled into her new group fantastically well and has managed to establish herself as the dominant female of Oaska’s group. Recently Lena has developed a large, round tummy and has been seen mating with Oaska so finger’s crossed we will be welcoming another new arrival soon! On first meeting her new male, Xingu seemed intimidated and screamed whenever he looked at her. Oaska was confused but showed excellent manners by being very gentle around her and moving away when she became nervous. His patience has paid off and Xingu is much more relaxed in his company now.
By Alison Cronin and Sandra Rainey

BUENO’S GROUP

Despite the ups and downs of the past year, the group had something to look forward to with a new woolly monkey, Sara, arriving on November 13th all the way from Louisville Zoo in Kentucky, USA. Sara is the last female woolly monkey in America and will be a very important addition to the international breeding program (EEP), as she has never had any babies. Sara’s journey was quite a long one, more than 24 hours, but her keeper Sylvia travelled the whole way with her and was able to check her along the way at the various stops and transfers. The first day after her arrival we introduced Sara to Bueno and it was love at first sight…at least for Bueno but Sara did seem quite interested in her new man. Bueno remained respectful and stayed near to Sara but did not try to grab her or force her to get too close. His tactics worked and within 24 hours Sara was teeth chattering (flirting) with Bueno. Day two it was time for the rest of the troop – Paulo was no problem and while Yarima was clearly nervous, Sara’s calm and disinterested attitude was non-threatening for her and her baby. Every now and again Yarima can get a bit squeaky with Sara as she does not really know her yet but Sara seems to have fitted into the family in record time and has been seen playing with everyone, including opinionated Yarima!

In addition to the arrival of Sara, Bueno’s group has changed quite a lot this year. Following the birth of Enzo and the move of Lena and Xingu, the group were then forced to deal with the unexpected death of youngster Inca. Inca showed no symptoms of being ill other than being a little quieter than normal. The Primate Care Staff watched Inca closely, thinking that she was simply missing her mother’s attention and her old playmates that had moved, but it turned out that Inca had an infection that she was not strong enough to fight off. Regardless of all of the changes, Bueno has remained calm and protective of his family and continues to play with Paulo and Enzo, providing both youngsters with the perfect role model. Yarima has proved yet again what a fantastic mum she is by being very attentive to Enzo and keeping him on a very short lead for the first couple of months of his life. Enzo has grown into a very playful character and Yarima now finds it very difficult to keep tabs on him. From dominance displays to patrolling the outside enclosure, Paulo has become a shadow of Bueno although he has recently been distracted by Enzo and is happy to give up his dominance practice in order to show Enzo how little woolly monkey boys play.
AMY’S TROOP by Kate Aldred

Amy remains loved and respected by all the members of the group. In fact she always has one or two ladies following her, pulling her tail, and trying anything to get her attention! The teenage ‘fluffies’ are maturing but still causing mischief in one way or another. We have added new puzzle feeders and have been hiding frozen fruit in the pond and throughout the enclosure so Amy’s troop have to work harder to find their food. Over the summer, a large tower was built that overlooks their enclosure, making it easier to throw scatter feeds and treats out throughout the day and a new tunnel has been equipped with slides and an area to place weighing scales inside the house. This makes every morning’s release ideal for things such as health checks and checking everyone’s weight. It was quite wary of Amy and Babe when they were together and Babe had stepped up to fill her sister’s shoes with Ester as her trusty sidekick to back her up. Babe is more gregarious than her sister was and she likes grooming and interacting with higher-ranking individuals. The changes at the top of the hierarchy have filtered down through the troop, with friendships and alliances being broken and rebuilt daily. Primate Care Staff have ‘tweaked’ the evening routine, and this has made everybody happier coming in at night although you may still see us sporting the famous ‘lollipop props’ towards the end of the day to let the stragglers know it is time for dinner and bed.

DEBBIE’S TROOP by Jenny Leaming

Debbie’s group has had many changes over the year following the passing Amy and Bramble. We did wonder if the changes would have an effect upon Debbie’s control of the troop as she was quite wary of Amy and Babe when they were together and Babe had stepped up to fill her sister’s shoes with Ester as her trusty sidekick to back her up. Babe is more gregarious than her sister was and she likes grooming and interacting with higher-ranking individuals. The changes at the top of the hierarchy have filtered down through the troop, with friendships and alliances being broken and rebuilt daily. Primate Care Staff have ‘tweaked’ the evening routine, and this has made everybody happier coming in at night although you may still see us sporting the famous ‘lollipop props’ towards the end of the day to let the stragglers know it is time for dinner and bed.

VERONICA’S TROOP by Jenny Leaming

The third group, which was named Veronica’s group early on, has gone from strength to strength and it has been a real joy to witness the improvement in these ladies both in their condition and behaviour. Although it is named Veronica’s group, Lizzy has taken over the top position, with Tilly also proving to be quite dominant. Pirate has become Lizzy’s henchman, while Dot prefers a quieter life of sunbathing and eating. We hoped this group would form a cohesive unit but they have decided they would rather stick with who they know and there are three distinct cliques in this group. Over the last year their confidence has grown and all but two ladies have been seen climbing and using higher areas both in the playroom and in their outside enclosure. Terri has found her place within the group and befriended Mini, the smallest capuchin in the park, and is usually found in the bedrooms with Veronica’s gang in the evenings.

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By Jenny Leaming

The new capuchin forest enclosure is finished and it has been a very exciting time for the boys exploring the trees in their new home. It is simply amazing to see the former laboratory monkeys climbing 30m into the trees with no hesitation. It is hard to believe that this is the first time in their lives that they have streams to play in or peat swamps to forage through because they have all taken to the new enclosure with ease. The options for extra-curricular activities are endless and it has been amazing to watch them play and engage in more natural behaviours. Although it has only been a few weeks we have already seen some big changes in their behaviour. Little Reg, who is 30-years-old and well known for his pacing behaviour, is a changed man in the new outside enclosure and spends his time foraging, climbing and sunbathing. We look forward to further improvements in group dynamics and individual’s behaviour as they continue to explore their new more natural world. Other changes at the Lodge include a new tunnel equipped with a flap where we can place a set of scales. The boys have adapted well to the new tunnel and many are happy to sit on the scales for a reward which will be beneficial in monitoring their weight and overall health.

Shawn has taken over the role as leader of the group, although sometimes he seems a little unsure and looks to Gorilon for guidance. The younger “fluffies” have begun to assert their dominance and find a place within the hierarchy, challenging and displacing some of the elder boys and causing some squabbles. Capuchins by nature can be quite volatile but the extra space and complexity of the new outside enclosure seems to be relieving the tension within the group.

(Left to right) Boyce, Archie and Ringo playing
By Cara Buckley and Kate Diver

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Lulu is very set in her ways and still amuses PCS with her quirky behaviour. She loves the outdoors and usually is first to go out every morning and the last to come in every night.

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By Penni Hancocks & Luis Mesa

Tuan enjoys challenging the Primate Care Staff with dominance displays showing his group, and anyone else who is around, exactly who is in charge. At the same time his dominant, thuggish character is balanced with a thoughtful intelligent side. Tuan continues his love of food and enjoys time with his ladies.

Amy is no longer on a diet as she has returned to a stable more healthy weight. She still remains the most dominant female of the group. Amy continues to test and destroy any new enclosure furnishings.

RoRo remains the most vocal individual of the group. She spends a lot of her time patrolling the enclosure and will religiously patrol the fence line before bedtime. Roro enjoys oil sessions with the primate care staff and will follow keepers around when she sees the oil is out.

Lucky has become a bit of a flirt since coming off the contraceptive pill. Being the youngest in the group, she is the most playful and is often seen repeatedly doing ‘roly-poly’s’ on the grass.

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On Dao Tien we have 29 golden-cheeked gibbons (*Nomascus gabriellae*), 9 pygmy slow lorises (*Nycticebus pygmaeus*) and 4 black-shanked douc monkeys (*Pygathrix nigripes*) that are in different phases of their rehabilitation or have been released back to the wild.

**Phase 1 - Initial Quarantine and Socialization in Cages**

Most of our primates are either too young, too thin (especially the gibbons through malnutrition in the pet trade), or too fat (captive lorises can pile on the weight) to move on to the next stage of their rehabilitation.

We have 23 gibbons rescued from the illegal trade in Southern Vietnam, that came from tourist stops, the pet trade, and others that were just heading to market. Our most recent rescue was in Bien Hoa City. Uh (meaning ‘thin’) and Teo (meaning ‘not so thin’) had been kept as pets since they were infants. The two gibbons, now aged 8 and 6, were volunteered by their owners to return to the forest after hearing about our work on Dao Tien. The male, Teo, had suffered severe rickets in his time in captivity giving him the appearance of a hunchback. The two are now adjusting to the sounds and sights of the forest on Dao Tien and it will be interesting to see how the male, with his hunchback, gets on in the trees.

**Phase 2 - Training in Trees in a Semi-forested Enclosure**

The next step is to graduate our rescued primates into semi-free forested areas, for them to practice travelling through the trees, finding food, and keeping up off the ground. We have 6 gibbons and 1 small loris in phase 2. Merry and Lee Lee our first pair of gibbons in the 20ha semi-wild forest are on track for release next wet season. Both have had no problems with their radio collars. In the smaller nursery enclosure we have three youngsters Limhuyen, Misu and Trang, being supervised by Ellie, a young female preparing for final release.

The remaining individual in a semi-free forested area is Hai, a female pygmy loris. Hai is six years old and was released in to the forest in February. After one month of monitoring her by radio tracking we found she was moving only 1m per day. It was the peak of the dry season, and although Hai was next to the river and a pool of water, she was not coping. We recaptured Hai and took her back to the centre where we found that she had lost weight and was suffering from dehydration. Hai bounced back but it was clear that more work was needed to document and formalize a plan for lorises rehabilitation and release. It was not good enough to take loris from a cage and put them straight back into the forest – the usual form throughout Vietnam and Asia. We decided to build a small semi-free enclosure for lorises so we could monitor their behaviour and know that each individual had the skills to select good sleeping sites, stay out of direct sun, and hunt enough insects to feed themselves before they are released back into the wild.

**Phase 3 - Return to the Wild**

To date we have released 8 pygmy slow lorises and 4 black-shanked douc monkeys back to the wild. The doucs are fast tracked for release, assuming they are healthy, as they are sensitive leaf-eaters that generally do not thrive in captivity. The four doucs are regularly seen on the island and now Thanh, a small male when first released, has gained weight and considerable size. Whenever the Vietnamese Primate Care Staff, see him they are impressed by his condition and increasing size.

EAST’s work in the community is also expanding with our Education and Awareness Program. We are currently building a small educational area on Dao Tien, providing school groups an area to sit down and learn more about our work, out of the sun or rain. We hope to finish this job before the start of the dry season (December) and the peak season for our awareness work.

To learn more about our work and support the conservation of endangered primate species of Southern Vietnam please see our website at www.go-east.org and where we have a wonderful gift shop with bespoke Vietnamese primate goods.
Over the past 16 months I have had to develop new and different ways to generate funds for the park whilst never losing sight of who we are, what we do and most importantly why we do it. The introduction of weddings to the park was initially met with some scepticism, but it’s been a resounding success and has generated much needed funds for our primates.

It’s been a pleasure to meet and spend time with our wedding couples, as well as organising and sharing their very special day with not only the staff and visitors to the park, but also our primates who have particularly enjoyed watching the ceremonies and especially the treats that are thrown from the tower by our wedding couples once they have said “I Do”. Baby naming ceremonies quickly followed, along with several couples who, after many years of marriage, chose to do it all again and renew their vows at the park. I want to say a big thank you to all of our couples, as well as their family and friends who truly embraced the idea of a somewhat unusual yet unique wedding, Monkey World style!

The original park office was also given a make over and now plays host to a variety of Meetings, Conferences, Corporate Days, Birthday Parties & Team building events. Barclays, Skandia, L.V. West Dorset District Council, Marks & Spencers, Atlas Elektronik, Wessex Children’s Heart Circle and Dorset County Council are just some of the groups who have made use of the meeting room this year. Even the top field by the Great Ape Play Area got in on the action and played host to Seabank Power Ltd’s annual company day out. Our beautiful park really is the perfect setting for any event and the funds generated enable us to continue enriching the lives of the primates we have offered a safe haven to.

It’s hard work, but well worth it and we look forward to hosting many more events in 2011. If you would like further information on the facilities we have on offer or are looking for somewhere different and unique for your special event, do please contact me on 01929 401018 or alternatively email: fundraising@monkeyworld.org.

For those of you who have visited the park in the last couple of months, you will have noticed a new animal house being built, new enclosures being opened, fencing being replaced – it’s a never ending list. Contrary to popular belief there is no government funding available to us, we simply could not do what we do without your help and support. Thank you all so much!

BENCHES & WALK OF THANKS

Stage 5 of the Walk of Thanks has now been laid, and stage 6 is currently being engraved and will be delivered to the park in time for Christmas. We will ensure that photographs of all pavers whose orders were received by 31 October will be sent out prior to Christmas.

A massive thank you to everyone who has kindly donated a bench to the park during 2010. They have proved to be really popular, and its great to see so many visitors using them, taking a moment to watch the world go by and watching our primates go about their daily lives. We have many more locations around the park which are suitable for benches and are currently looking for sponsors for three new benches which will go in front of our beautiful new stumpy house. These benches not only provide additional seating for our visitors but the funds generated are put to very good use providing enrichment items for our primates. The benches are also a lasting memorial or tribute to the families and individuals that have kindly donated them. I hope to be in a position to site many more benches throughout the park in 2011.

If you would like further information or would like to sponsor one of the benches at the new stumpy house, do please contact me on 01929 401018 or alternatively email me on fundraising@jimcroninmemorialfund.org. Benches are priced at £650.00 each and come with an engraved plaque with your choice of text.
**Sponsored Bike Ride & Picnic in the Park**

Once again, this year’s September fundraising event was blessed with good weather. The cyclists arrived raring to go, with 21 miles of mainly off-road riding to look forward to! The Brass Monkeys were, as always, fantastic and once again donated their time for free and were even joined on stage by our very own Animal Director, Jeremy Keeling, for a couple of numbers. 21 miles later, the bike ride finally came to an end and our intrepid cyclists rode back into the park, exhausted but smiling to a massive round of applause.

A big thank you to everyone who attended and took part in this event.

**Sponsor a Tree**

I’m really pleased to report that the first delivery of trees from our sponsor a tree fundraising scheme have now arrived at the park. A fantastic selection of beech, birch, ash, hazel, apple, pear, plum and cherry, which will ensure that our beautiful park stays greener than ever, as well as providing browse and fruit for our primates in years to come.

The response to this scheme so far has been fantastic and we are preparing to plant an additional 73 trees within the park over the coming months, so thank you very much to everyone who has taken part in this scheme.

Each sponsored tree comes with an engraved plaque with your choice of text, it’s a great way to show your support for the park and a truly eco friendly and unique gift for either a friend, relative or work colleague that really will last a lifetime. This fundraising scheme is ongoing, there is no such thing as too many trees!!!! For further information please contact me on 01929 401018 or alternatively email me on fundraising@jimcroninmemorialfund.org.

**“The Great Big Sleepover”**

The event you have all been waiting for!

It’s important that we never forget the line between what’s in the best interest of our primates and the need to generate funds. I’m happy that ‘The Great Big Sleepover’ will provide a fantastic opportunity for our supporters and raise funds for the park, whilst not disrupting the lives of our primates in any way.

Join us on **Saturday 21 May 2011** for this very special adults only event. Priced at £75.00 per person, it will offer an exclusive opportunity to gain access to the park when it is closed to the public. So get out your tent or hook up your caravan and join us for the night at Monkey World.

Arrival is from 2.30pm on Saturday 21st May. Snacks and refreshments, will be provided in the marquee at 4pm, along with a welcome briefing, followed by entrance to the park at 5pm and an opportunity to watch the primates as they bed down for the night.

The campfire and B-B-Q will start at 8pm and Mike Colbourne, myself, and members of the Monkey World team will be on hand to ensure you have a fantastic time. Non-alcoholic refreshments will be provided throughout this event, but for those of you who prefer something a little stronger, we ask that you bring your own drink and a glass (plastic if possible).

After a night under the stars, it’s an early start and a full English breakfast awaits you in the main cafeteria from 7.30am. You will then be free to enjoy the park and the primates as they wake up. Please Note: Any special dietary requirements must be advised at the time of booking. Space is limited and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis, with full payment being required at the time of booking. Toilet / basic washing facilities will be available at the camp site, but not showers. All Caravans and Tents must be removed from site by 5.30pm on Sunday 22nd May.

**Date for your diary...**  
Saturday 7th April 2012: Jim Cronin Memorial Fund Gala Dinner

Gala Dinner in aid of the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund, registered charity number 11126939.

The date is set and the venue is confirmed! For those of you who have already requested tickets for this event, I can now confirm that they will go on sale on 30th May 2011 and will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.
By Sarah Ladyman

**Butch** has his loyal followers in Buxom and Jestah and he is still frequently involved in sorting out disputes. Butch loves the extra activities we give them and in particular plastic bottles and boxes. He often pushes them around and around the playroom floor making lots of noise and an excellent display! Butch and Paco have developed a kind of partnership in the dominant position with neither really taking full responsibility, they appear to be ‘job sharing’ for now and at the moment it seems to be working.

**Paco’s** displays are very impressive and the whole group treats him with respect. Paco has developed a passion for carrots and will stuff as many as possible into his mouth and each hand and foot at dinnertime.

**Buxom** can usually be seen with his best mate, Jestah. Buxom has more brains than his good friend and has become more tolerant around the lower ranking individuals. Buxom is one of the only members of the group who can discipline Ben.

**Jestah** is a typical playground bully! All brawn and little brain most of the time but he does have a very silly side. He loves to play bite Seamus’s feet which keeps him amused for as long as Seamus will put up with it.

**Sammy** is always playful and remains a close friend to Ben. Sammy loves to give ‘presents’ to the Primate Care Staff, be it a flower from their outside enclosure or a chewed up piece of celery. He is such a nice chap that the gift can even be a piece of banana!

**Jimmy** remains a quiet individual. He will usually stand up for the lower ranking group members and he loves feeding activities, especially yogurt in bottles.

**Rocky** has a very gentle nature. As a middle ranking chimp he is very socially aware and often grooms Butch. Recently his confidence has increased and maybe we will see him progress further up the ranks in the future.

**Pacito** is a very playful chimp but he frequently lands himself in trouble. He means well but his lack of social skills get on the nerves of more dominant group members. Pacito likes to crash about banging cardboard boxes in a wild display.

**Mojo** has formed close bonds with Ben, Jimmy and Rocky and all four have endless wrestling bouts. Although Mojo is quite a large chimp he is in the middle of the hierarchy which means he sometimes gets the raw end of the deal for defending his friends.

**Kyko** is often last out in the morning. Once he’s up and about his favourite past time is grooming, anyone and anything! Kyko likes to play with blankets and uses them to make his nest at night.

**Freddy’s** haemorrhoid problem seems to be under control now. His confidence within the group has improved dramatically and he frequently puts Gypsy and Seamus in their place if they become too unruly!

**Carli** is still very close to Gypsy although he spends a lot of time playing with Ben and Seamus. His biggest love is food and he always appears out of nowhere as soon as Primate Care Staff begin the operant training sessions, unless it is flu jab time! Carli may never overcome his fear of needles - if only he would just look away!

**Gypsy** has had ups and downs this year when he contracted a virus that made him quite poorly. He has since bounced back and is now back to his usual self. Gypsy gets along with most members of the group but is particularly fond of Carli.

**Seamus** is the lowest ranking member of the group and has a very naughty streak. He has calmed down a lot within the last year and is now popular with all the chimps and the Primate Care Staff due to his mischievous but affectionate nature.

**Ben** is a very ambitious young chimp and looks set to become a good leader in the future. He still reverts to ‘baby’ mode occasionally, especially in the morning when he enjoys a warm milk drink!
This past autumn has been a very busy one for the park. We have rescued/re-homed one orang-utan, one common marmoset, 10 stump-tailed macaques, and one woolly monkey. Preparing for new arrivals is very time consuming and expensive as we have to prepare the buildings for the needs of our new arrivals or even build new houses from the ground up, like we did for the stump-tailed macaques. At the orang-utan nursery we had to strengthen and/or weld all nuts and bolts as Oshine knew how to unscrew locking nuts by hand! In the orang nursery enclosure a new stronger overhang was installed, at the Pavilions there has been a major refurbishment inside the kitchen and back bedrooms, while the male capuchins got a whole new woodland to play in. As always the Primate Care Staff have been amazing dedicating their time to ensuring that our rescued monkeys and apes, that are already here, remain comfortable and happy while making any changes necessary to prepare for the new arrivals. It is a balancing act.

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, peanut butter, yoghurt, honey, jam, vitamins, fleecy blankets, pillow cases, blankets, sheets, towels, baskets, heavy dog toys, rope, 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, fundraising garden parties, bookmark sales, pancake and cookie sales, swear boxes, “Cash for Cartridges”.

“Give As You Earn”, school BBQ and teacher ‘sponging’, donations for academic achievements, donations instead of birthday presents, car boot sales, and sponsored runs. All of your donations are put to use – thank you so much. In particular we would like to thank Verwood Pet Shop for continuing to support our rescue work. Nature’s Best Vitamins for giving our guys a wide variety of vitamins, the Gregg Foundation Staff Payroll Giving scheme, Rhos Pet Supplies for loads of toys, Heart FM for organising a towel drive, Invesco Perpetual, Frenfannay CP School, and Pinnacle Trustees LTD for fundraising. Waitrose Parkstone for a large donation of bananas, and the team at Tescos Distribution Centre, Southampton for passing on any over-ripe or surplus fruit and vegetables. The teams at South African Airways and Flybe were extraordinarily helpful in organising and sponsoring Oshine’s and the stump-tail’s move to the park. Transporting monkeys and apes is always stressful but with their support both journeys went very well.

So many people have lost loved ones over the past few months. Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Kathleen Friday, Maureen Selby, Margaret Baker, Edward Cook, Alex Warden, Benjamin Crowe, Miriam Goodwin, Jacqueline Annowar, Jill Elson, Martin Cranmer, Clare Young, Elizabeth Mycock, Ron Kiddle, Lynn Batley, Rhiannon Parker, Michael Cooper, Rita Watson, Lesley Symons, Ivy Hanscombe, Walter Fielding, Mary Bicknell, Fiona Doran, Audrey Bennett, Gemma Sykes, Marjorie Thomas, Mary Allan, Gladys Steel, Janice Stokes, Linda Day, Brian Dunn, Ruth Challis, Andrew Going, Lynne Gartshore, Carole Swatman, Gill Henry, Martin Evans, Annie Woffinden, Marion Tupper, Graham Gardiner, Vera Hawkins, Thomas Gaff, and Mrs Graham. They will be greatly missed.

While we thought the past few months have been busy, it is going to be more of the same for the next few months. I am currently finishing off the paperwork for two more arrivals and we are about to get started renovating the adult orang-utan enclosure. It is also time for some, who have come of age, to graduate into adult groups…but that will be a good story for the next edition of the ARC.

Thank you so much for your continued support. Without it we would not be able to help all the monkeys and apes that we do. All the best for a Merry Christmas and a 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. 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. The adoption scheme is now up and running online at our website, making easy and thoughtful Christmas gifts! Establish a legacy for the long-term welfare of the primates and be remembered in the park.
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