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Clockwise from bottom left: Merry with baby Noel, Da, Lat and Lee Lee





Da & Lat were both rescued from a roadside rest stop



Lee Lee was rescued from a petrol station after 17 years



Merry was captured as an adult and lived in a tiny cage for several years

By Alison Cronin

On August 7th we realised our dream and goal of releasing golden-cheeked gibbons back to the wild in Southern Vietnam. Over the past year two family groups of gibbons have been living in semi-wild areas at the Dao Tien Endangered Primate Species Centre in the final stages of their rehabilitation. Lee Lee, Merry, and their baby boy Noel and Da, Lat and their boy Ngoan have strong family bonds, have good skills in the trees, and have grown accustomed to eating wild forest fruit over the past year. It is currently rainy season in Vietnam and as such the forest is full of fruit so it was the perfect time to organise the gibbon's release.

Choosing the release site was no easy task. The team from Dao Tien had planned to release the gibbons into Cat Tien National Park and the island is located at the entrance to this National Park but surveys showed that wild gibbons had moved into previously vacant areas of forest that had been short-listed as potential release sites. As with everything that happens in the rescue and rehabilitation of these endangered primates, we aimed to research and document as much information as possible to ensure our rehabilitated gibbons stood the best chance of survival when they were returned to the wild. One of the first considerations was to identify an area of good quality forest, with lots of fruiting trees, that was not already part of other wild gibbon's territory. We did not want to disturb or disrupt any wild gibbons nor did we want our rehabilitated individuals to have to compete for their territory or food with others.

Marina Kenyon, Director of Dao Tien, and her Gibbon Monitoring Team found two release sites in the neighbouring national park of Vinh Cuu. The sites were perfect with loads of fruiting trees and no gibbons to compete with – just macaques and black-shanked douc monkeys for neighbours. It was a good choice for the gibbons added to which the Director of Vinh Cuu, Mr Mui is the same Director that we initially started the Dao Tien rescue centre project with in 2006! We were all very happy to have found such good release sites and to be working with such good friends. Mr Mui and his team in Vinh Cuu have been a tremendous help and support and will continue to protect the areas the gibbons are in from hunters.

At the release sites small cages were put together to hold the two families for a day or two after we had moved them out into the forest. We wanted them to be calm when we finally opened the door so that they did not run away in terror. We also put a feeding tray on a pulley up in the trees at the release site so that we give the gibbons supplementary feeds until we were happy that they were feeding themselves enough wild fruits and young leaves. The plan worked and on the day of the release, both families made their way out into the forest calmly. We have put GPS collars on the males, Lee Lee and Da, but not on the females as they are carrying babies and we did not want the collars to get in the way or trap a baby's arm. It is hard to believe, but this is the first time any gibbons have ever had radio or GPS collars so we had the collars made as light weight as



Only the male gibbons were fitted with GPS collars



Da, Lat and Ngoan ready to move to the forests of Vinh Cuu



Moving the gibbons out to the release sites was hard work



Lee Lee, Merry & Noel in their forest release cage

possible (240g) and monitored the boys for the first day or so to make sure they were not too upset carrying the collars.

Da and Lat were the first to be released and they headed straight up into the trees and fed from our supplemental feeding station. They kept an eye on all of us on the ground but kept their distance and stayed up high. Lee Lee and Merry were a different story. As soon as Merry headed out of the cage, she disappeared into trees, not to be seen again but this is her usual style. Merry was originally captured as an adult and has kept a lot of her wild instincts. In the semi-wild enclosure on Dao Tien, we rarely saw Merry as she always kept herself very well hidden and this is exactly what she did when released. LeeLee followed her while keeping an eye on us over his shoulder.

The released gibbons are checked every day by the Dao Tien Gibbon Monitoring Team, headed by Mr Binh. He has worked with Marina for years studying the behaviour and ecology of wild golden-cheeked gibbons and with the GPS/radio collars on it is not difficult to find both families every day. The early news is good. Both families are staying together and while LeeLee and Merry are travelling quite a bit they are not too far from the release site. Meanwhile Da and Lat are travelling less and are more reliant upon our supplemental feeds than the others. The areas both families are in are heavy with ripe fruit so they should be able to feed themselves but we are monitoring them carefully to make sure they are not losing too much weight. This is a very delicate and trying time – will the two families be able to feed themselves enough, will they stay together, and will they be safe from hunters in future? We believe that we have done everything possible to encourage and ensure they are able to lead a wild life in forests of Southern Vietnam, but only time will tell!



Can you see him? Lee Lee's first day in the wild



Da, Lat & Ngoan stayed up high in the trees



Data from Lee Lee's GPS collar shows he has moved 820m away from the release site and is moving around through fruiting trees

ONE ORANG ENCLOSURE BECOMES TWO...



Tuan and Gordon's groups both have their own outdoor enclosures now

By Cara Buckley & Kate Diver

Adult male orang-utans live an almost exclusively solitary life-style in the wild, interacting with females purely for breeding and can be aggressive when they come into contact with each other. Juvenile males will live together in captivity but it is very rare for adult males to tolerate sharing their territory and females with another adult male. Gordon and Tuan have not lived together for several years now, alternating outside access during the day and living in separate parts of the indoor enclosure at night. It was time to give them one enclosure each! In the early part of 2011 we began dividing the existing orang-utan outside area into two enclosures by constructing a large fence through the middle. As the orang-utans were losing space in width with the split we wanted to add extra height to the climbing structures to increase the enclosure size upwards.

Orang-utans are an arboreal species that rarely come to the ground. They travel, feed and sleep up in the forest canopy. One of the things that struck us about the old enclosure was how open it was and how exposed the animals must have felt up on the top platforms. With this in mind, the maintenance team placed the poles and platforms closer together than they have previously, creating an overlapping complex structure. Tunnels and shelters were also added to provide shelter and security. At this point the Primate Care Staff, working alongside specialist tree surgeons from Treefrog Climbing, dressed the enclosure with donated red fire hose. They linked the telegraph poles with lengths of hosing, added hammocks for the orang-utans to nap during the day, cargo nets and strips of hosing to make 'curtains'. This has created a much more dense and complex climbing apparatus than the previous enclosure.



Constuction work to divide the orang-utan enclosure



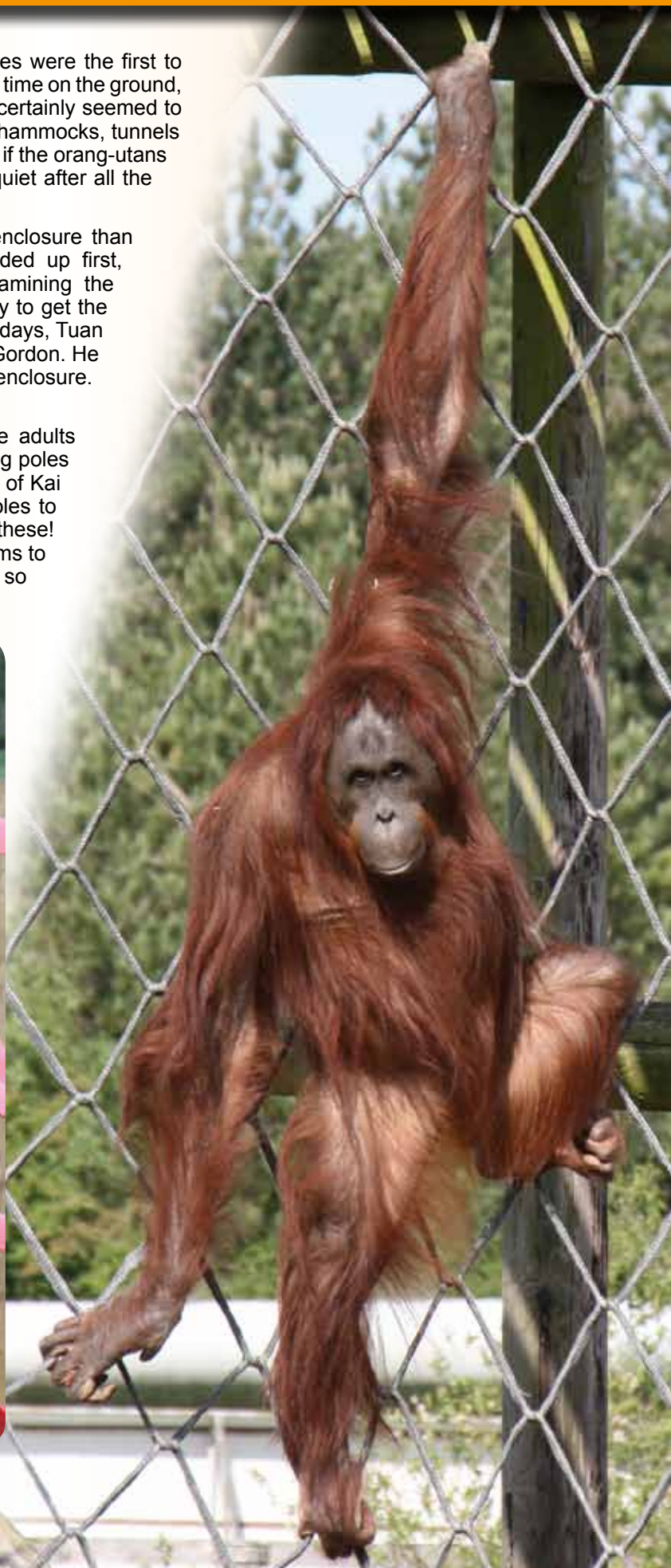
In June the task was finally complete. Gordon and his ladies were the first to explore their new enclosure. The orang-utans spent very little time on the ground, choosing to explore the upper parts of the enclosure. They certainly seemed to prefer the new design. The complex maze of poles, hosing, hammocks, tunnels and platforms meant that there were plenty of visual barriers if the orang-utans wanted to get away from each other for some peace and quiet after all the exploring.

Tuan's group were a little more reluctant to explore the enclosure than Gordon's group to being with, but Tuan and Lucky headed up first, followed by Roro. Amy, however, spent the morning examining the divide with a fine tooth comb before finally allowing curiosity to get the better of her at 3 o'clock in the afternoon! Since those initial days, Tuan has been regularly seen up high, looking over the divide at Gordon. He also chooses to nap in a shelter in the middle part of the enclosure. Amy still prefers the floor, largely due to laziness!

The design of the hosing took into consideration both the adults and the youngsters. Paper chain style hose loops connecting poles together and smaller hand-holes were provided for the likes of Kai and Jin. Long drop downs were placed along horizontal poles to aid natural brachiating. Gordon can often be seen using these! The final piece of the puzzle will be to construct pulley systems to get food and enrichment up high on the climbing apparatus, so watch this space!



Hsiao-quai & Jin (above) and Roro (right) enjoyed exploring their new enclosures



WOOLLY PRIDE AND JOY!

By Holly Barnes

At Monkey World there are three groups of woolly monkeys. Two are family groups and we have been hoping that our third group, led by Oaska, would eventually become a family. In the wild, woolly monkeys live in large groups that are based on strong family bonds. They are rare both in the wild and in captivity and the woollies at Monkey World are part of the European Endangered Species Breeding Programme (EEP). Woolly monkeys are not doing well in captivity with only 48 remaining in the international breeding programme. At Monkey World they have been flourishing, however, and we are now home to 17 woolly monkeys - more than a quarter of the world's captive population.

On May 23rd Lena gave birth to a baby boy who was named Milo. This was Lena's first baby and, as such, we watched very closely to make sure she was coping well with the infant. Despite Lena being a young, inexperienced mother she has always loved spending time with babies and spent a lot of time looking after Paulo in her previous group. Lena took to motherhood like a natural and spent the first few days of her son's life cuddling him, snuffling him (an affectionate woolly gesture) and making sure he was suckling well. Lena was carefully watched by Xingu, her younger cousin who we hope in the future will use the skills she learns from Lena to raise her own children.

Oaska has proved to be an excellent father. At 21 he is quite old and has only ever fathered one infant before which did not survive. Oaska, it appears, has never been happier and spends a lot of time sat very still near Lena and Milo chuckling to himself in the hope that Milo might come over for a cuddle. Milo is in awe of his enormous dad and as he has become more mobile has begun to go on short adventures. These involve, climbing off of Lena,

Baby Milo and his mum Lena



Milo's dad Oaska

tottering across the enclosure and climbing on to Oaska where he enjoys nothing more than snuffling and snuggling into his dad's long hair or biting his huge tail and laughing. Oaska thoroughly enjoys spending time with little Milo and can often be found following Lena and Milo in the hope that one of them might want to play.

Milo, whilst tiny, is a very brave little individual and supported by his parents and watched over by Xingu and Quapa, the two other females in the group, has started exploring his enclosure and feeding himself. Most mornings Milo can now be found riding out into the enclosure on Lena's back and getting comfortable in one of the group's feeding baskets where, surrounded by a selection of the woolly's favourite fruits and vegetables, he practices feeding himself, trying out his new milk teeth and working on his hand-eye coordination.



Lena & baby Milo



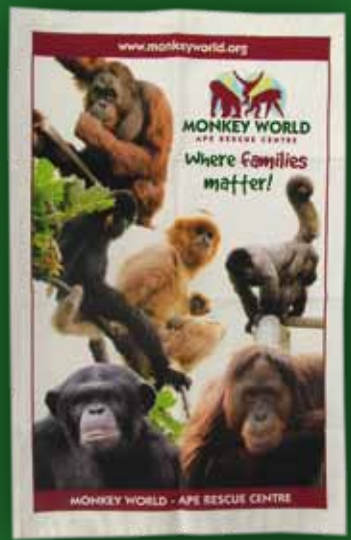
Oaska & Lena

Milo is the first woolly monkey grandchild at Monkey World, making Levar a granddad. As the first of a new generation at the park Milo is a very important little monkey, both to the staff and his family but also to his species as a whole. This is because, not only is his birth a sign of hope that woolly monkeys can still survive in captivity and be so content as to choose to have their own families, but also when he grows up he will play a very important role is helping to preserve his own, very rare species.

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OSHINE: A MORE HEALTHY MIND AND BODY!



Oshine before arriving at Monkey World



Jeremy helps Oshine settle on the scales for her weigh-in



The scales show Oshine has lost an impressive 20kg!

By Jeremy Keeling

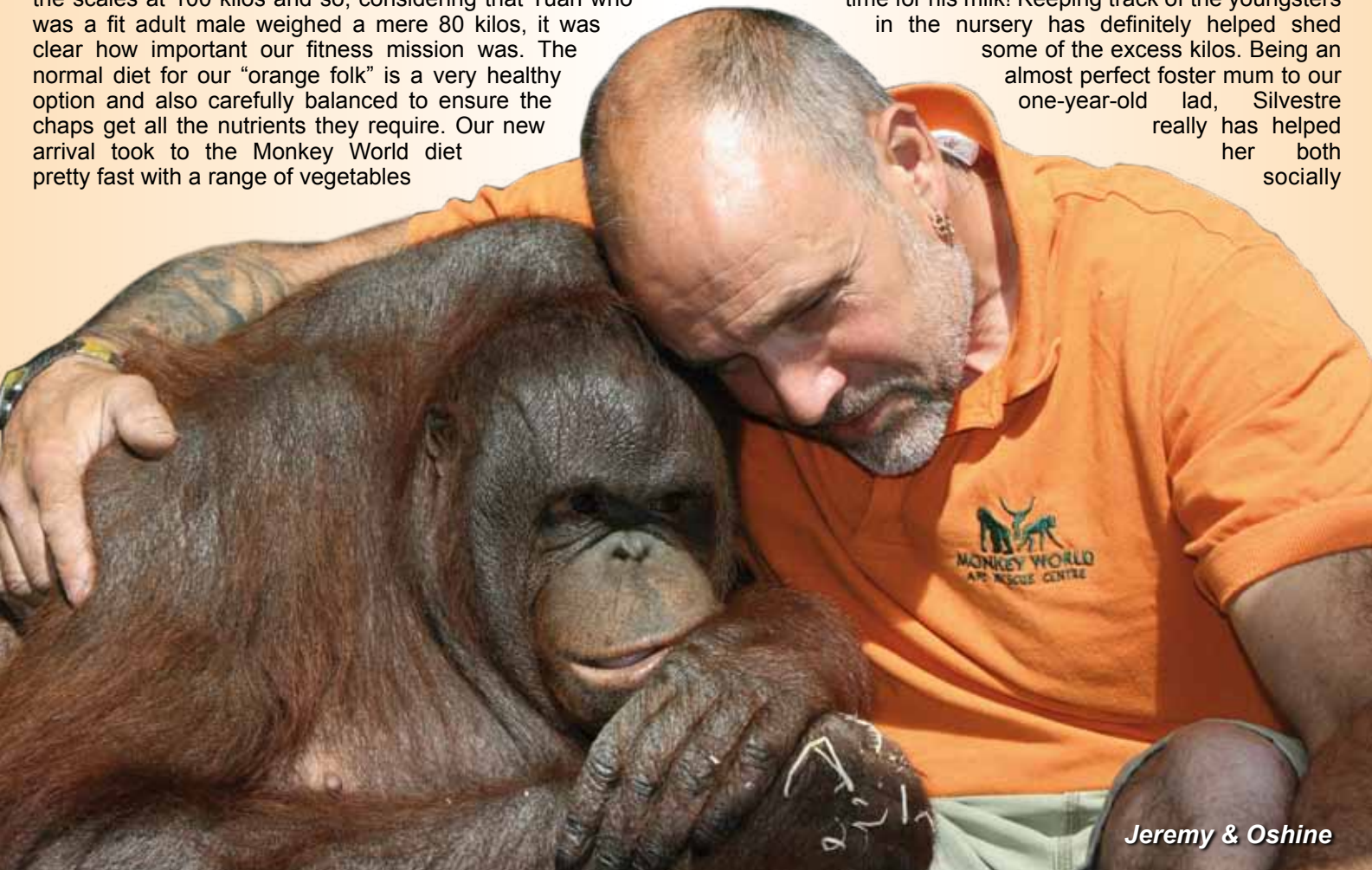
Oshine arrived at Monkey World on August 31st 2010 and although we were briefed on her weight issues prior to collecting her in South Africa, the truth of her vast bulk was very soon realised upon meeting her. It also became clear that she has a personality to dwarf her vast body in character and complexity.

Oshine's weight issues were a serious concern, as carrying such an excess of fat set her up for a range of medical conditions including heart disease and diabetes. It was of paramount importance that she shed those excess kilos as soon as possible. On arrival at Monkey World Oshine tipped the scales at 100 kilos and so, considering that Tuan who was a fit adult male weighed a mere 80 kilos, it was clear how important our fitness mission was. The normal diet for our "orange folk" is a very healthy option and also carefully balanced to ensure the chaps get all the nutrients they require. Our new arrival took to the Monkey World diet pretty fast with a range of vegetables

and some fruit and lean protein on offer.

As a very bright individual Oshine settled in very quickly especially when she added a new word to her vocabulary. I don't think that anybody had introduced her to the word or concept of "NO" before. It did not take long before she realized her demands for sweets or for my keys were not going to be granted.

Our Orang Nursery is a very busy place and keeping up with Joly, Lingga, and Dinda is bound to help shed some of those unwanted kilos. Three months after Oshine came to the park, baby Silvestre arrived as an orphan. Oshine immediately took an interest in the youngster, especially when it was time for his milk! Keeping track of the youngsters in the nursery has definitely helped shed some of the excess kilos. Being an almost perfect foster mum to our one-year-old lad, Silvestre really has helped her both socially



Jeremy & Oshine

and physically on our quest for a sociable, slim-line Oshine.

Regular weigh-ins have been easy as Oshine is a very tolerant lady and has been happy to sit on a plywood bench on weigh bars for a handful of grapes as a treat. We now have a record of Oshine's dieting success. So far the data is as follows:

OSHINE'S PROGRESS

Date	Weight
31/08/2010	100kg
25/10/2010	88kg
08/12/2010	87.7kg
04/01/2011	85.4kg
20/01/2011	86kg
11/02/2011	84.3kg
04/04/2011	81.6kg
10/05/2011	79.7
15/07/2011	80.2kg
18/08/2011	78.8kg

So between Oshine and us, 20% of our Orange cousin has left us in only 11 months! It is a great start to her new life here at Monkey World – a healthier body and an adopted son all in under a year.



Silvestre the Sumatran orang-utan



Oshine has adopted young Silvestre

By Alison Cronin

You may have noticed that we have been renovating one of the oldest monkey houses in the park. The plan is to move a couple of different monkey and gibbon groups around as the jobs are completed. It should go something like this:

1. We have had to replace the roof and incorporated skylights to bring natural light into the old house. The mesh cages are all new and the walls and floor have been fibreglassed to make a clean non-slip surface. Shelves and benches have been placed around the playroom and bedrooms and climbing wall hand-holds have been secured on the playroom walls. We have also planted up the outside cage and made a long tunnel connecting the house with the second large enclosure of Levar's woolly's.
2. The plan is to first move Bueno's troop into the new house so that we can get into the "Barn Woolly House" and renovate it. The idea is much the same – new roof with skylights and resurfaced walls.
3. Once their renovations are complete Bueno's troop will return to their house and Oaska's group will be able to move in permanently.
4. When the area that Oaska and his group are living has been vacated we will be able to move Sam, the siamang gibbon, from his old house up to this holding area. It is here that he will meet his new partner! It has taken a while to find the right lady and make arrangements but we are about ready to move her now and we want to do the introductions in an area that has more bedrooms and it easier to control.
5. We will refurbish the old siamang fence and house while Sam is meeting his new lady. We cannot tell you about her now but in the next edition of the newsletter we hope that Sam and his new partner will be well settled and we can fill you in on everything then!

SAM THE SIAMANG GIBBON



BUENO'S GROUP



OASKA'S GROUP

By Gareth Thomas



Samantha the squirrel monkey

Insects make up a significant part of the diet of many wild primates and at Monkey World we try to replicate the monkeys and apes natural diets both nutritionally as well as behaviourally. Capuchin monkeys have a wide variety of foods in their diet - eating fruits, nuts, seeds, and buds, but also insects, spiders, birds' eggs, and small vertebrates. Capuchins living near water also eat crabs and shellfish by cracking the shells with stones. We have over 80 capuchins here at the park and all four groups enjoy regular insect scatter feeds. Other species that enjoy these wriggly delicacies include the gibbons, marmosets, tamarins, squirrel monkeys and woolly monkeys. They try to hunt down and catch every insect they are given and sometimes it is not easy as Primate Care Staff often hide them in rotten logs, scatter them across areas of natural soil, bark litter, or wood shavings.

Some of the insects that we keep and breed in the park include the wax moth (*Achroia grisella*). This small moth in the wild makes their home in beehives, the larvae eat the wax of the honey comb until they turn into adult moths which then move on to find another hive. At Monkey World our wax moths eat a diet of bran mixed with honey and a molasses like mixture called glycerine that binds it to cardboard that the wax moths live on. Another insect which is popular among the primates at the park is the morio (*Zophobas morio*) Also known as the giant mealworm the larvae of this beetle is larger than a normal mealworm. This beetle has less chitin (the substance that fingernails are made of) in its exoskeleton than other species making it easier for the primates to digest.

The insects in the park are all cared for in different ways as each species requires specific housing so that they are healthy and have the optimum environment in which to breed. For example, the Indian green stick insects live in special net covered tanks called 'felexariums'. This type of tank allows them to climb up the side because of its mesh design. By providing them with as close to a natural state as possible the insects are

healthier and are in turn better for the primates who eat them.

As the person who co-ordinates the insect breeding at the park, I am always seeking to find new ways of improving their care as well as breeding new species to feed to the monkeys and apes. In future I hope to breed pink winged stick insects and migratory locust as these two species are easy to breed in large numbers. Both species are fast moving flying insects which should keep the monkeys on their toes, improve their hunting abilities, and provide another nutritious tasty treat.

INSECT APPEAL

If you want to help us feed our monkeys more insects you can help by donating:

- Tubs of meal worms, wax worms, or crickets purchased from pet shops
- Bran
- Honey
- Glycerine
- 5 gallon fish tanks
- Perforated plastic/metal sheets or fly screen
- "Flexarium" insect enclosures (pictured right)
- Min/max thermometers
- Electric heat mats



Harry the marmoset



Pepe the capuchin was kept as a pet



Uncas & Alice the cotton-top tamarins prior to confiscation



Marcel II lived in a bird cage on top of a stereo



Squirrel monkey Samantha, prior to confiscation

By Alison Cronin

For many years Monkey World has been rescuing monkeys from the LEGAL pet trade in Britain. These unfortunate monkeys come to us often in terrible physical and mental condition having been kept in tiny, indoor cages, in solitary confinement. Some of the worst conditions we have ever rescued primates from have been in the UK. This trade is legal, however, and as long as the monkeys are born in captivity breeders are able to sell the offspring at high prices asking up to £1300 for a marmoset, £2700 for a squirrel monkey and up to £4000 for a capuchin monkey.

Sadly there is little in the way of legislation protecting the welfare of these wild animals. Breeders often sell monkeys, telling unknowing buyers that the animals do not have any special needs and that they will only live for a couple of years. Both statements are untrue, but without any legal standards of care the monkeys are left to suffer in terrible conditions. You may remember Betty-Boo, the marmoset who lived in a birdcage for years in a Southampton sitting room, Gismo the capuchin that lived in an Ipswich garden shed and due to the poor conditions amputated part of his own tail. More recently we have rescued Samantha and Fidget the squirrel monkeys from a caravan and a garden centre, while Uncas and Alice the cotton-top tamarins were bounced from owner to owner in a birdcage. These monkeys were all LEGALLY approved pet monkeys in the UK.

We have done it before in 2005, and we are asking all our visitors and supporters again, to sign a petition telling the government that this is a terrible trade, causing suffering to hundreds of captive monkeys, and that you do not support the current legislation. The petition states:

"I would like to state my opposition to the legal trade in primates as pets in Great Britain today. We believe that it is the responsibility of the Government to ensure that any captive monkeys receive a standard of care that meets their behavioural and physical needs regards of whether they are kept in private homes or pet shops. We are asking the British Government to issue guidance to local authorities, responsible for granting licences for these exotic pets, to use the same standard of duty of care as they would for primates kept in zoos or wildlife parks (the Zoo Licensing Act). If a monkey is deserving of a certain standard of care in a zoo or wildlife park, by definition it is deserving of the same standard of care in a private home or pet shop. We would like our concerns addressed by the Government and Select Committee immediately."

Please help by signing our petition and getting in touch if you are able to help with collecting more signatures. Information is available on our website, the petition is online, and we are happy to send out copies to any of you who can help. You can also approach your MP to see if they will sign the petition and help to stop the legalised cruelty in Britain today!

We are hopeful that your opinions will matter and changes will be made to the laws that govern the keeping of primates as pets in Britain. We will keep you posted.



In 2005, Jim and Alison took their pet trade petition to Biodiversity Minister, Jim Knight



Capuchin Terri at previous home



Marmoset Betty Boo being kept as a pet



Sinbad the capuchin at a pet shop



Gismo the capuchin lived alone as a pet

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By Louise McCance-Price



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Kiki's move from Lebanon to the UK was filmed for Series 5



When rescued gibbons were released into a semi-wild forest in Vietnam, the Monkey Life crew were there to see it



The film crew followed the Monkey World team to South Africa to collect Oshine

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This is an exclusive opportunity to join myself and Mike for an informal, intimate, and delicious 3 course dinner at the park. With just 16 places up for grabs at each Supper Club event, I have no doubt that tickets will be in high demand.

The first event will take place on Friday 9th December 2011 and, what with it being so close to Christmas, our fantastic in-house catering team will be cooking up and serving a traditional festive meal for us, together with all the trimmings and a choice of sumptuous desserts.

This date also coincides with Gordon's 14th birthday, so I'm sure that Mike will have some stories to tell from years gone by and, in particular, what Gordon was like as an infant.

Arrival is from 6.30pm with dinner being served at 7pm, the cost is £65.00 per person to include all drinks and 3 course meal.

Full payment must be made at the time of booking and tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

The next Supper Club event will be held on Friday 10th of February 2012 and is a must for all lovers of chocolate!

For more details about our Supper Club events, please contact us on:
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Pictured: Gordon as an infant, being hand-reared by Mike Colbourne, and (top) Gordon now as an adult.



TEXT GIVING IS NOW OPEN!

Our fundraising efforts continue and we are always looking for new and interesting ways to not only raise funds for the park, but also raise the profile of the park and the work that we do. With this in mind, I'm pleased to launch our new 'Text Giving' fundraising scheme! Simple, quick and easy, this new initiative puts you - the supporters - firmly in control of what we buy for our primates!

Text donations can be made for £3, £5, or £10. To find out what you can donate to, go online to: www.jimcroninmemorialfund.org and check out the videos made by the staff. Once you have decided which project you would like to donate to, simply send a text to 70070 as follows:

To make a donation towards Alison's appeal for the Education Centre, text APES25 followed by either £3 or £5 or £10, depending upon your chosen donation amount, and send to 70070.

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THE GREAT BIG SLEEPOVER!



Campers arrive!

The first ever sleepover at the park was held on the 21st May 2011. It was a resounding success and raised over £5000 for the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund! Happy campers came from far and wide to join us for this very special event and it was a pleasure to spend time with so many devoted supporters of the park and the work that we do.

Seeing the park out of public hours is something very special. Sleepover guests were given the opportunity to watch our incredible primates bed down for the night and get up in the morning, which was a huge privilege. Seeing Semach making his giant nest, which stood at least 4ft tall (the majority of which was stolen from others in the group while there backs were turned!!) was fantastic! It was also lovely to see Bart settling down for the night by laying across mum Susie's tummy with Eddi snuggling in close as well.

A truly fantastic time was had by all! I have so many great memories: Jeremy playing his guitar; Mike with his poems and stories; a bit of singing; and everyone sitting round the camp fire wrapped up in blankets and duvets; enjoying a glass of wine and laughing at Dean who played the part of a non-human primate whilst Mike gave a demonstration of clicker training!! Alan Whittle and Sally's song, serving and eating a delicious full English breakfast to our tired and, in some cases, very wet campers.



The wonderful comments and thanks we received from those who attended made the sleepless night worthwhile. These can be seen at www.jimcroninmemorialfund.org/Home/Pages/sleepover. In fact, we enjoyed it so much we have organised another one for September 10th 2011! Spaces are very limited, as priority has been given to those on the waiting list from the last sleepover. I am also pleased to announce that a date has now been set for 2012 and a waiting list will be in operation from 1 September 2011.

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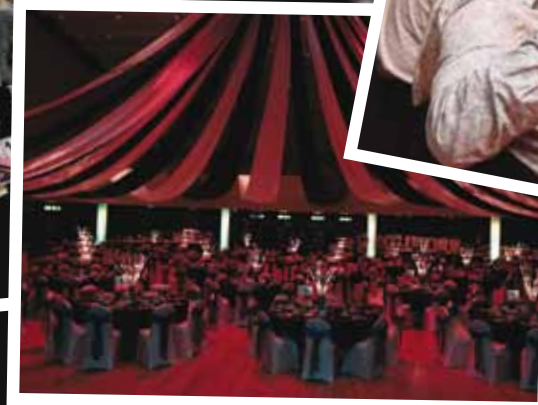
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The Gala Dinner, Dance & Charity Auction in aid of the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund, Reg Charity No. 1126939 is scheduled to take place on Saturday 7th April 2012 at the Lighthouse Theatre in Poole. With less than a year to go now until this event, plans are already underway to make this event extra special.

"An Enchanted Evening" awaits you and I do hope that you will join us. A champagne reception and delicious 3 course dinner will be followed by presentations and the opportunity to meet the team from Monkey World. The Charity auction is not to be missed and will feature exclusive park and primates memorabilia, as well as some very exclusive park experiences up for grabs. I have also made time in the schedule for dancing and have a fantastic group lined up for your entertainment.

For those of you who attended this event last year, I very much look forward to seeing you all again and for those who were unable to attend last year, do please put the date in your diary, it really is an event not to be missed, so join us in celebrating the life and achievements of Jim Cronin MBE in spectacular style.

Tickets are priced at £60.00 each and are on sale now - selling fast! Tickets are allocated on a first come first served basis and full payment will be required at the time of booking.



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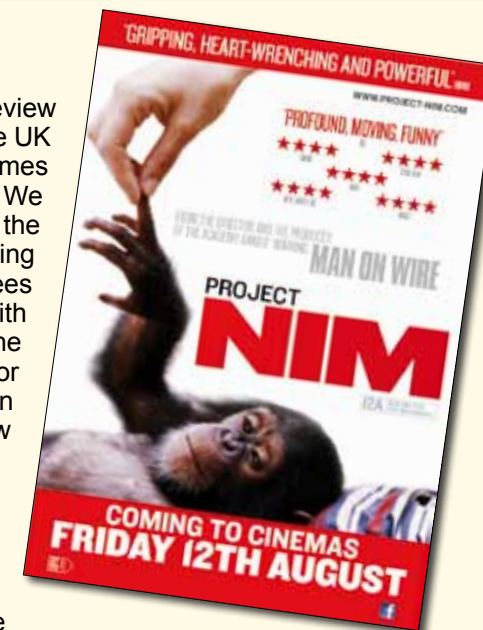


PROJECT NIM

We were recently given the exclusive opportunity to preview 'Project Nim', a film that had not then been released in the UK and was produced by Red Box Films and directed by James Marsh, director of the award-winning film 'Man on Wire'. We had been aware of the film as we had supplied footage to the film-makers to use in the opening sequence of Susie giving birth to Bart. We were guaranteed that no chimpanzees would be used in this film, and it was put together with original film footage and interviews of those involved at the time. Bob Ingersoll, who was in the film and played a major part in Nim's life, a 'good part' I hasten to add, also flew in from San Francisco to visit the park and watch the preview with us.

Project Nim is thought-provoking and yes, at times upsetting, but what it will give you is an incredible insight into one example as to why using chimpanzees in this way is wrong. This film shows how truly incredible, intelligent and forgiving chimpanzees are. The message in the film is clear, the shame in the eyes of some of those involved is also plain to see, and we all get to share the very special moment when Bob is re-united with Nim.

We will be holding a screening of the film, Project Nim, at the Rex Cinema in Wareham and - rescues permitting - Dr Alison Cronin will also be present. This event will be held on the 25th September 2011 at 2.15pm, and the venue and the bar will be open from 1.30pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance at £8 per person. Space is limited and tickets will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis with full payment being required at the time of booking. For more information, or to book your ticket, please contact fundraising@jimcroninmemorialfund.org or call 01929 401018.



TEAM BUILDING & COMPANY VISITS

Barclays Bank, Weymouth

We have had some fantastic events this year with a variety of different companies: the girls from New Look came down to the park, put on their gardening gloves and wellies and helped us with gardening. Plus the guys from Barclays Bank came down and helped us make hammocks for the guys.

If you can't get out of work to one of our team building days, we can come to your workplace to give a talk or presentation about the park and the work that we do. We were recently invited again to Barclaycard House in Northampton, where we set up our stand and spent the day talking to employees of Barclaycard about the park and our work and sold a variety of goods kindly donated to the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund by the Monkey World gift shop. It was a great day out and Barclaycard very kindly matched the money that we raised, £1 for £1! Thank you to Barclaycard!

If your company would like to participate in one of our team building days, please contact us at fundraising@monkeyworld.org or telephone us on 01929 401018.



New Look, Weymouth



THE COFFEE BEAN COMPANY

We are delighted to announce that we have teamed up with the Coffee Bean Company who are not only supplying us now with new fresh and very tasty coffee, but have also very kindly sponsored our new 'You Are Here' boards for the park. In addition, they have also launched their very own 'Pennies for the Primates' donation scheme, whereby they will donate 1p for every cup of coffee purchased at the park. Our visitors drink a lot of coffee so this is excellent news and will enable us to buy extra treats for the guys. Every single penny is important to us, so as you enjoy your coffee at the park you will also be contributing to the little things we do for our primates that make a big difference.



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It has been a very exciting Summer with our first release of rehabilitated gibbons back to the wild in Vietnam! It is too soon to say for sure that they will make it on their own but the early signs are good – they are staying up high in fruiting trees and feeding themselves even though we are providing them with supplemental food. This work is critical as there are many organisations that rescue wild animals and simply release them back into the wild without health checks or follow-up monitoring. It is clear to us that for gibbons they need a lot of rehabilitation and training in the trees to return to the wild. We will continue to follow and check our two families to see how they are doing back out in the wild. And of course the next two pairs are lined up and ready to move into the Dao Tien semi-wild areas for training and potential release next year.



Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development of Vietnam visit the park

Over the summer we have continued with our repairs and renewals in the monkey and ape houses. One of the original monkey houses has been gutted and refurbished ready for our third group of woolly's and the modifications to the orang-utan houses and enclosures has been huge! The dividing enclosure wall took quite a while to build as well as expanding/developing the climbing frames. Inside their houses we have also created extra bedrooms so that the ladies can get away from Gordon and Tuan over night and have a well-needed break!

Over the past few months many people have helped with our rescue and rehabilitation work by donating goods such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, dried fruit, seeds, garlic, bread, peanut butter, honey, jam, vitamins, fleecy blankets, pillow cases, blankets, sheets, towels, baskets, heavy dog toys, un-used stamps, biscuits for the Primate Care Staff, supermarket vouchers, medical supplies, and hand made cards to be sold in the shop. We also receive many excellent photos that adoptive parents and visitors take at the park. We have gratefully received several donations and some have raised money by organising collection tins, raffles, donations instead of gifts for birthdays, weddings, retirements and talks, cake stalls, 2nd-hand bookstalls, **Gift Aid, Payroll Giving, and Cash for Cartridges**. In particular we would like to thank **Joe Ashby-Martin** for a generous donation and several prints, **Huxstep Ambulance Services** for medical supplies, **Verwood Pet Shop** for continued support and donations, **Byrchall High School** Ashton-in-Makerfield for a sponsored weight loss program, **King's School Macclesfield** for organizing a charity disco, and **Sutton High School**, hairdressing students at **Guildford College**, and students at **Queen Elizabeth's School Wimborne** for charity collections. **Tesco's Distribution Centre in Southampton**, **Sainsburys Hedge End**, and **Co-Op Andover** have donated a great variety of fruit and veg over the past few months that the monkeys and apes love. It is great to see them getting such variety in their diet.

So many people have lost loved ones. Our condolences go out to the family and friends of **Laura Blain, Shirley Schwab, Renee Ambler, Janet Ann Watson, John Price, David Bellamy, Jackie Quirk, Thomas Bigland, Janet Bothwell, Pamela Joan Rendle, Doreen Pearce, Neville Williams, Graham Patrick Shaw, Elaine Gibbons, Adrian Drake, Sheila Ferguson, Eileen Joyce Weller, Jill Angrave, Brian Godsell, Tom Couzins, Margaret Chapman, Jane Hope, Marie Doyle and Pauline Willis**. They will be greatly missed.

In the coming weeks the new series of Monkey Life will premiere on Animal Planet. It is a very exciting series following all of our rescues over the past year. And there are still more to come – as I write this update emails are coming in about our next rescue. Never a dull moment!

Alison Cronin



Gamba, Cindy & Bart

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. As we are now releasing rescued and rehabilitated gibbons back into the wild we need your support to be able to purchase GPS collars for all of the gibbons we want to release, they are approximately £2,500 each!

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. Indeed we are off to collect some more needy monkeys in Europe shortly.

Help by donating goods such as fruit, vegetables, bread, or strands of garlic. We are in particular need of evening primrose oil capsules. Any type of melon is also good as all the monkeys and apes love them yet they are not too fattening! For the gibbons and monkeys they simply love exotic fruits but due to the cost they are not part of our regular fruit and veg order.

Our small monkeys love small to medium sized baskets and they are good for the squirrel monkeys, capuchins, and marmosets to nest inside - but they need to be quite robust. We can also use more sheets, blankets, and towels. The monkeys and apes simply love them and we can never have enough especially as winter sets in. Heavy-duty dog toys, hessian sacks, un-used stamps, and thick ropes are always used while "feeding balls" or "kong" toys keep the monkeys and apes busy trying to get the hidden treats from inside.

You can help by adopting a monkey or ape and you will receive a year's pass to the park, a photo of your monkey or ape, a certificate, and the Ape Rescue Chronicle three times per year. Establish a legacy for the long-term welfare of the primates and be remembered in the park.



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