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Meet Mica and Sissy-Jo the Patas Monkeys
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PADDY’S COMMUNITY

By Ruth Campbell

Athena - After treatment for a painful ulcer on her eye earlier this year, Athena has recovered well and continues to enjoy lengthy grooming sessions.

Bart is definitely the peacemaker of the group, reassuring anyone who needs it when disputes occur. He loves to test his baby status boundaries when it comes to stealing food from other chimp’s mouths, especially that of big sister Eddi.

Beth - As a high-ranking female, Beth interacts well with all members of the group. She irregularly takes advantage of her status at feeding times by ensuring she is first inside for tea and is normally seen carrying handfuls of food.

Bixa is one of Paddy’s favourite ladies in the group and they are regularly seen together. They often bed down together at night time.

Busta loves nothing more than a good play session with Bart, however never neglects his duties as Paddy’s second in command by performing daily patrols of the perimeter fence with pal Micky.

Cathy went through some painful dental surgery earlier this year. She has recovered well and finds eating much more comfortable now. Cathy is not an early riser and is frequently found fast asleep when Primate Care Staff arrive in the morning.

Chatta absolutely loves “oiling sessions” where Primate Care Staff spray oil on the chimp’s hands and feet to keep them supple.

Cindy is a gentle high-ranking female who greets us every morning. She especially loves to roll around on her back on the wet grass outside in summer, but at this time of year she is more frequently found curled up on a radiator inside.

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Eddi is a low ranking female and a favourite due to her friendly gentle attitude to life. She is regularly found enjoying a grooming session with Peppa in the afternoons.

Kay is frequently found hanging around with Athena enjoying a thorough grooming session. She also gets very excited when it comes time for dinner in the late afternoon.

Lola is a quiet member of the group. She doesn’t tend to interact much with Primate Care Staff, preferring to spend her time grooming with other chimps.

Micky is a very popular member of the group due to his gentle nature. He loves to bed down early for the night and can frequently be found half asleep while the others are still finishing dinner or making their nests.

Paddy is the dominant male keeping all members of the group disciplined and happy. Despite his outward appearance of being fierce, he is actually a gentle giant who can be a big wimp when it comes to yearly flu injections.

Peppa is one of the best in the group at clicker training sessions. She is also very enthusiastic when it comes to talking and is always the last to leave, making sure she forages for every last sunflower seed or raisin.

Susie is an excellent mum and despite her son Bart being four-years-old, she continues to keep a close watch over him. She beds down with daughter Eddi at night, but has been giving Bart the opportunity to practise his own nest-making skills.

Zoë is frequently found with Bart and always waits for him before going outside for breakfast in the morning. She is a very patient chimp and always waits calmly for her turn when Primate Care Staff hand out drinks or food items.

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Zak has just started his colour change and has become quite an independent little boy, spending a lot of time apart from Zoey. He has started exploring the outside enclosure, often found playing with Kim, his very enthusiastic big sister, giving both parents a bit of well-earned rest!

Alex & Mikado – At 18-months-old, Mikado has become very energetic and is keeping Alex busy playing a lot. Alex has become a very protective adoptive mum. Mikado has almost completed his colour change, with only golden fringes remaining on his head.

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Following the very tragic and sudden loss of Onion earlier this year, Sam had an initial period of depression but quickly picked himself up and started to enjoy life again. Back to his playful and mischievous self. It took a while to find the right partner and to organize, but on October 21st a 19-year-old female siamang, named Sasak, was sent to Monkey World from Dublin Zoo. Sasak had been at Dublin for a number of years and had several babies with her partner. The breeding program for this species did not want any more infants from Sasak and thus it was suggested that she come to Monkey World as we had given Sam a vasectomy several years ago. Monkey World does not breed our siamang gibbons because there are so many in need of homes in Asian rescue centres and it is very difficult to find good homes for the offspring once they mature and are pushed out of the family group.

After a couple of days alongside of each other, we opened the door and the two siamangs were both wary but very interested. They moved past each other, but made little or any contact. By the following day they were brave enough to mate, but were still reluctant to even sit side by side! Since then their relationship has blossomed, they stick together, groom, and have started singing strong duets every morning. We couldn’t be more pleased for the happy couple!

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By Jenny Chamberl

Arfur’s eyes have started to wander from Jess and he is often seen playing with some of the low ranking females. However, he still makes a bed every night for the two of them.

Cherri is still the number one female and is admired by both Hananya and Tikko, however Hananya wants her all to himself!

Eveline has really come out of her shell in the last year and has become good buddies with new arrival Kiki.

Hananya is still the dominant male in the group and continues to show off with his impressive displays. He is a kind leader and has everyone’s respect.

Honey gets very excited about any type of enrichment, making very distinctive happy noises when she finds something the Primate Care Staff have hidden.

Jess is stubborn by nature and is very difficult to medicate like when we try to give her the daily birth control pill. She has the Primate Care Staff wrapped around her little finger and generally gets what she wants.

Johni is starting to throw her weight around and is quite a madam within the group. However, she is as good as gold with the Primate Care Staff.

Kiki is a very confident chimp and has made some really good friends in the group. She loves building herself the perfect bed every night. The group’s routines are just getting familiar to her, but she is still learning when to use the correct vocalisations.

Kuki has regular stomping competitions in the playrooms with Patricia and Tutti when the high rankers are busy elsewhere.

Marjoline is not a morning chimp! She is always grumpy and very stubborn first thing.

Patricia is growing up fast and is getting darker with age. Despite her being one of the lower ranking chimps, she still manages to get her fair share of what ever is going. She grabs what she can with both her hands and feet then heads up high.

Peggy, being the oldest in the group and one of the high ranking females, keeps herself out of most of the politics. She will only intervene when she really needs to.

Semach is still as silly as ever, being the group clown. He entertains himself, Primate Care Staff, and probably the rest of Hananya’s group with his silly antics.

Simon is always up to mischief - every day. However his strong character is loved by all.

Tikko is the keenest to go outside in the mornings. He spends most of his time outside joining in grooming sessions and having sneaky liaisons with the ladies behind Hananya’s back.

Trudy’s health has improved a lot in the last year and she seems much happier in herself. Despite being the smallest in the group, she certainly sticks up for herself and gets what she wants most of the time.

Valerie’s popularity with the boys has increased in the last year, particularly with Hananya. She is usually one of the first to grab a stick when the termite mound is “loaded” and ready to use.

Zeynep can be very lazy and spends the majority of her time snuggled up somewhere in a blanket asleep.

We need to convince, or force, the government to reconsider legislation in regards to primates that are kept as pets in Britain today. It is currently legal to own monkeys or apes as pets in Britain and yet there is little legislation, if any, to ensure good welfare or their specialist care. Indeed some primates can be bought from pet shops like a goldfish or budgie with no licensing required! We want to start making a change by demanding a high standard of welfare for those monkeys that are currently kept in private homes. If we collect 100,000 signatures the Government’s Select Committee is obligated to review our petition. Ask your friends, family, and colleagues to join us.

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**COMMON MARMOSETS**

**Rattler & Tya** – On October 29th Monkey World was called by the RSPCA to check on the welfare of two young marmosets that were kept as pets in Plymouth. Alison Cronin went to the house to find two small marmosets running loose across a short branch tied to the curtain rail in the sitting room. The male, Rattler, was just over a year old and weighed 230gr. Both marmosets should have been living with their family groups but Tya in particular should have still been suckling and being carried a lot of the time by her mother and father. It was tragic to see. The two youngsters didn’t have a cage but were left loose in the sitting room. The short branch had a clear plastic pipe tied to it and along side was a small corner shelf with a damp and sticky cardboard box. This was Rattler and Tya’s home. At such a young age, Tya did not have good climbing skills and simply stayed inside of the plastic pipe that was filthy with faeces and urine.

**Rattler and Tya's previous home**

It was also the same place where some pieces of apple were given to the marmosets. It was clear that the sitting room and/or marmoset area were rarely, if ever, cleaned. The marmosets did not have an accessible water supply, appropriate food, or vitamins. It was a nightmare for the marmosets.

Rattler and Tya were seized and brought back to Monkey World for intensive care. The first night the two were set up in our hospital in order to keep a close eye on them and see what they were like physically and mentally. Luckily they had each other and tiny Tya was able to cling to Rattler for comfort. They were given six different food bowls and plenty of water and once settled the two started eating and didn’t stop! Sadly both marmosets appear to have already developed rickets, a condition where their bones bend and break as a result of inappropriate care. Rattler’s tail is bent in two places and Tya did not have good climbing skills and simply stayed inside of the plastic pipe that was filthy with faeces and urine.

Tya was just 6 months old and weighed only 100gr! Both marmosets should have still been suckling and being carried a lot of the time by her mother and father. Both marmosets have always lived life to the full at the park and this year has been no exception, taking advantage of the Cummings’ home family news.

By Donna Phillips & Alison Cronin

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**COTTON-TOP TAMARINS**

Uncus and Alice, our cotton-topped tamarins, have been doing well this year and after a re-vamp of their outside enclosure, have established the best sun spots and often keep an eye on what their noisy squirrel monkey neighbours are up to. Their physical condition has greatly improved since they arrived at the park but Alice is looking quite old.

**SQUIRREL MONKEYS**

Our squirrel monkey group has remained calm and steady this year. Fidget, the only male in the group, has settled in well. Living with the four toddler girls, he can be stressful at times but he deals with them well, mostly by ignoring them and turns his attention to hunting insects outside or patrolling the fence-line. He can be reluctant to come in some evenings, but eventually his belly gets the better of him and he comes in for dinner. Led by Alien, the females are a tight-knit group. She dominates at feed times, especially if there is a scatter of live insects. Alien spends more time with Samantha who is a much quieter character, but has become more involved within the group throughout this year. Topsy is second to Alien and shows a soft spot for Fidget occasionally. Shame he doesn’t feel the same! Turvy always makes herself known, usually with the clang of a bowl as she chucks it on the floor!

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By Louise McCance-Price

Filming is going very well on Monkey Life – Series 6 and we are delighted to partner with Discovery Communications Europe for our next series. We’ll keep you up to date on progress at The Official Monkey Life Facebook page (http://www.facebook.com/pages/Monkey-Life-The-Official-Facebook-Page/156090444409283).

Our crew has followed the Monkey World team to Vietnam, Spain, Slovenia, on rescues around the UK, and continues to film the dramas as they unfold at the park. We’re already preparing for the edit so we can bring you the next series at the end of 2012 on Animal Planet in the UK and Ireland, as well as in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

**Monkey Life – Series 5 on Channel Five**

I am very pleased to let you know that our latest series of Monkey Life will be shown late summer of 2012 in the UK and Ireland. We will let you know exact dates and times closer to the time.

**Monkey Life – Series 4, 3, 2 and 1**

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For information or questions related to the Monkey Life TV series, please contact: info@primateplanet.tv.

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**LEMURS**

The rivalry between our 10 ring-tailed lemurs and ruffed lemurs, Blue, continues at the Malagasy enclosure. Blue is always ready to stand her corner, especially from troublemakers Hmial and Cimius. Dominant female Fennel has her hands full with Kiyah who is very boisterous and keeps everyone busy – lemurs and Primate Care Staff alike. Indiana remains the dominant male and at feed times the lemurs of Ring-tail have lemons to stay away from him. Houttet and White Spot do well to fit in with the group, even if Douglas is throwing scent around. Our eldest lemur, George, enjoys time away from the group and the peace and quiet in his later years.
**Woolly Monkeys**

**By Sandra Rainey**

**Levar’s Troop**

Levar’s Troop have had a quiet year with Levar remaining a strong leader with a soft centre. Daughter Ayla has him wrapped around her little finger and is able to convince him into a play session with the slightest of giggles. Ayla is almost fully weaned and is a highly independent young lady. Mum Piquita seems to be enjoying her time away from Ayla, re-affirming bonds with best friends Branco and Kuna. Branco has always had his hands full keeping the ever boisterous Julio and Diego in check, however this year he has also had to contend with Diego’s appearance has changed dramatically this year, with large muscles under his lower jaw and across his back and shoulders. He looks a very impressive young male and should develop into an even more handsome adult. Diego has seen the most drama this year with a small operation to remove a testicular cyst. The procedure was very straightforward and he has recovered well. He is starting to lose some of his baby features and is at his happiest when hanging out with dad Levar and practicing dominance displays!

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**Osaka’s Troop**

Osaka’s Troop have settled into family life fantastically after the birth of little Milo in May. Lena has proved to be a natural mum, being protective when she needs to be but also relaxed enough to allow Milo to go off on mini adventures. These involve him toddling around the enclosure to explore his surroundings before racing back to mum for reassurance. Often his toddling leads him straight into Oaska, who is more than happy to lend his tail as a chew toy. Quapa and Xingu remain close, grooming together or chilling out in the sun. Both have been allowed to greet Milo and we have high hopes that this experience, as well as watching her own mother raise her younger siblings, will make Xingu an excellent mother herself one day. She has been seen fritting with Osaka and in the last couple of weeks has finally allowed him to mate with her!

Osaka’s group moved from their enclosure behind the park, to their brand new home in the park. The group have enjoyed exploring the new house and the large caged area, and they have also been given a tunnel that goes over the public pathway and into the siamang enclosure. Life is good for Osaka’s family.

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**Bueno’s Troop**

Bueno’s Troop - The year started quietly for Bueno’s group with Sara settling in and Enzo becoming more confident and independent. It then became obvious that Bueno was in need of some dental treatment when he lost weight and had an abscess appear. Bueno was examined at the park’s hospital and we found 5 rotten teeth - a canine and 4 molars. Bueno has recovered well and seems a lot happier.

There was more drama for the group when it was decided that their house and enclosure were in need of some repairs. In order for the work to be carried out quickly and safely the group were moved to a temporary enclosure. The maintenance team got busy making the necessary repairs and only a few weeks later it was ready for Bueno’s group to carry out their own inspection of the work! So far they are enjoying the extra space that has been created in the house and the new climbing structures the Primate Care Staff installed in the outside enclosures. Paulo and Enzo have become the best of friends, always getting into trouble together.

Yarima and Sara are often seen snuffling together, but are also competing for Bueno’s affections. With the hope that we will see both females pregnant in the coming year, Bueno will be kept busy for some time yet!

**Stump-tailed Macaques**

**By Donna Phillips**

It’s been eventful at the stump-tailed macaque house with modifications, losses within the group, and the arrival of new neighbours. David, one of the original males, and Fingers, one of the new females, became progressively ill due to kidney failure and died. Several weeks later we were given a shock when Rachael passed away in the night. Her passing was not expected and the post-mortem revealed that she had severe endometriosis and multiple tumours that had ruptured. It is a sad loss for the group, but at least Rachael experienced life within a group and the pleasure of enjoying the sunshine outside before she passed.

Led by dominant male Sam, the group of 4 males and 7 females mostly get along well. Other than Sam, the females dominate the rest of the males. Kelly, Norine and Miriam are dominant with Kelly particularly enjoying Sam’s attention. Sylvia and Charlie do well to stay subordinate members of the group, keeping friends with the top dogs but without all the politics. Maureen is known for her grumpy moods. Both she and Cola like to cause trouble at every opportunity and make this well known with their loud shrieks. Cola enjoys spending time with Jonathan. Phil and Paddy make up the bottom of the hierarchy.

The main event for the stump-tails this year was the completion of their large outside enclosure. It was something very different for them all consisting of long grass ‘meadows’, high beams and a small paddling pool. They have all enjoyed it, spending most days foraging and sheltering from the sun in the large tubes or in the shade of the platforms.
By Jenny Leaming & Alison Cronin

At the end of 2009 Monkey World was contacted by the owners of a male capuchin monkey that was kept as a pet in the basement of their home in Slovenia. His name was Tau. The owners were concerned as the monkey, which had been captured in Spain, had lost weight and hair, was frightened, aggressive towards people, and did not seem happy. Alison offered the owners advice on how to care for the monkey in the short-term and suggested that Tau could come to Monkey World to have a more natural life with others of his own kind. At first they did not want to let Tau go and hoped that he would become friendly. At 5-years-old Tau was fully mature with large, dangerous canine teeth and he needed the companionship of other monkeys. His owners did not want to let him go. Throughout 2010 Alison kept in touch with Tau’s owners, but they still were not prepared to give up on their pet monkey. Then in 2011, when Alison had made arrangements to collect another monkey from Slovenia (see Page 2), she got back in touch and said “This it, Monkey World is coming to Slovenia and Tau can come back with us, but it has to happen now.” They agreed as Tau was still unhappy in the basement and would not make friends with them. On August 29th Jeremy headed off to Slovenia, kindly sponsored by Brittany Ferries, and returned on September 1st with Tau and the patas monkey Mica.

Primate Adoption Scheme 2012

By Alison Cronin

The primate adoption scheme has been going for many years and very little has changed during this time. We are proposing some changes for 2012 and would love your feedback before anything is set in stone. We are proposing a new 3-tiered adoption scheme:

1. ARC Subscription – includes just the newsletter 3 times per year.
2. Primate Adoption – includes a photo, certificate, ARC three times per year, and an entry pass to the park for one year.
3. Celebration Adoption Pack - includes a photo, certificate, ARC three times per year, entry pass to the park for one year, PLUS a guidebook and a suitable gift to choose from (i.e. cuddly toy, t-shirt, hat etc.)

The ARC Subscription will be £15, while the prices of the child/senior citizen and adult Primate Adoptions will remain the same. Schools/Club Primate Adoptions will be £150 while Group Primate Adoptions will cost £250. Celebration Adoptions will only be available for children/senior citizens and adults and will cost £30 and £40 respectively.

We hope that the new 3-tiered option will better meet everyone’s needs and we would love to hear your ideas or thoughts. Thank you for your continued support and please let fellow monkey and ape fans know about our Primate Adoptions.
Sally’s Community

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I can now confirm that one of the events for the 25th anniversary celebrations will be a spectacular “Party in the Park!” A traditional circus big top will be the setting for this very special event, which will take place on the evening of Saturday 14th July 2012. Tickets for this event are priced at £20.00 per person for adoptive parents, or £40.00 per person for non-adoptive parents, to include arrival drink and buffet.

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Please Note: Tickets for this event will go on sale on the 30th January 2012.

Calling all those brave supporters of the park who would like to join us and take their very own Giant Leap for Ape Kind! Sunday 16th September 2012 will mark the second Jim Cronin Memorial Fund Bungee Jump and Monkey World will once again host this event in aid of the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund. The 165ft high crane will be positioned in the park for those brave enough to join Alison (rescues pending) and Jump for Jim. For more information on this event, please call us on 01929 401018 or email fundraising@jimcroninmemorialfund.org.

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By Lynn Wyllie

Ben has been a favourite of the high-rankers since he arrived, but this year has seen much more discipline for him. He has a strong friendship with Sammy, and will take every opportunity to display at staff and other members of the group.

Butch is still in a top position within the group, spending most of his time with friends Buxom and Jestah although this alliance doesn’t appear as strong as it used to be. Butch has been a strong leader of the group for many years, but this year there has been a shift, with Paco gaining even more respect and support from the other boys. Butch has a real soft spot for Sammy, often throwing tantrums when Sammy doesn’t follow through.

Buxom has had a good year, taking full advantage of his high status within the group to get first pick at any enrichment or frozen treats the group are given.

Carti has been spending more time playing with friends Rocky and Kyko, away from the watchful eyes of the big boys.

Freddy is still a low ranker in the group, but has settled into his position more over the last year. Throughout the summer the Primate Care Staff made sure Freddy got his fair share of the frozen goodies.

Primate Care Staff and the other chimps can make a game out of anything.

Pacito has become even more playful and mischievous, often instigating quarrels between group members. His current favourite pastime is annoying Freddy, resulting in a love/hate relationship between the two.

Paco has gained even more respect from the group members recently. He and Butch both have support from within the group with neither being the clear-cut alpha male. Paco’s displays are most impressive, making all the other boys run for cover. Although he has enough respect from the group to be in charge, he rarely intervenes in disputes.

Rocky is gaining more respect from above and below. He has a good attitude towards the higher rankers, keeping him out of trouble. Given the opportunity, Rocky loves playing with enrichment, boxes, and blankets.

Sammy is a popular member of the group, who likes to do his own thing. He still loves play sessions, but is very big and rough! He likes all group members, especially Ben.

Seamus is one of the most playful individuals in the group, both with Primate Care Staff and the other chimps. He can make a game out of anything.

Gypsy is receiving on going treatment for his chronic thrombocytopenia, a condition that means he has a low platelet count in his blood. He is responding well to treatment and is in excellent condition, enjoying life with the boys.

Jestah still spends a lot of time with Buxom and Buxom. Together they make up the “terrible trio” and when together are feared by all! Jestah has been spending more time with the group members, forming bonds to support his position.

Jimmy is a quiet but playful member of the group who gets on well with all of the boys. He is a clever boy, stays out of trouble, and has earned respect from the rest of the group.

Kyko has a fantastic friendship with Rocky, often engaging in light-hearted play sessions. He is one of the kindest natured chimps in the group.

Mojo spends a lot of time following around the higher rankers, which can often lead to trouble. He definitely lives in hope that one day he too will be high ranking!