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NEW RESCUE! JAMES THE MARMOSET

We were asked to give a home to a 5+ year-old marmoset named James. He had lived for several years at the back of a reptile shop in Canterbury. The new owner of the shop knew that James needed specialist care and that the environment in the shop was not good for him. James settled straight into life at the park. He had a lot of new things to discover, natural light, a window to sit and watch the passing staff, an outside enclosure, and a new neighbour. James enjoys his insects, loves exploring and it seems that nothing fazes him. It took only a few minutes to tempt him outside and now he goes out at every opportunity. We chose Max to try as a new companion as he was on his own following the passing of Betty Boo. There was a lot of interest between the two, they chittered regularly and each pressed their noses against the mesh to get a glimpse of the boy next door.

The initial introductions have gone really well. James is very keen and has good social skills while Max is more cautious. The two boys sleep together every night and have been grooming every day, so we hope that their newfound friendship will continue to grow. Never a dull moment!!

NEW ARRIVALS! MARMOSET BIRTHS

On the morning of May 15th, Jeremy discovered an abnormal lump on Squeak the marmoset. It was a baby and the father Bubble was close by her side to help with the new arrival. We suspected that Squeak was pregnant when she was rescued, but we did not know when to expect the baby. Squeak had given birth to twins, which is usual for common marmosets, but only one infant had survived. The surviving baby looked strong and healthy.

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Both families are progressing well with both Mums and Dads having an equal role in caring for their new babies, so we hope that their newfound friendship will continue to grow. Never a dull moment!!

AND A NEW MARMOSET HOUSE!

After months of careful planning and construction the new marmoset complex is now complete. With 14 large bedrooms, it gives each group the space they need to exercise and play as well as being able to contact call between each other. The ropes and moving branching create a more natural environment that helps build up vital muscle tone.

First to move in were the 2 Stoobridge pairs, Gizmo and Lucky with their 2 babies and Bubble and Squeak with their single infant. Initially they were cautious of their new, larger environment but soon they were leaping from branch to branch to explore the house.

Gizmo spends a lot of time observing the goings-on of the outside world from his window whilst Bubble and Squeak enjoy watching them. They have adapted well to their new bedrooms and we look forward to getting their outside enclosures done soon so lively Solomon can enjoy playing in the summer sun.

Squeak and new baby

James the marmoset, inside the pet shop

James and his dad get along brilliantly!

James’ first steps outside

Gizmo and babies

Squirrel monkey Samantha, prior to her rescue in East Sussex

Gismo the capuchin lived alone as a pet in Ipswich

Sinbad the capuchin

 please sign our petition against the UK primate pet trade

To date we have collected more than 31,000 signatures! Please help us to achieve our goal of 100,000!

For many years Monkey World has been rescuing monkeys from the LEGAL pet trade in Britain and over the past 6 months we have rescued 10 marmosets from private homes and a pet shop. 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, 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.

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 regardless 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 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! Let us know if your MP is willing to help.

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.
NEW ARRIVALS!

The 15th of May was a big day for everyone at Monkey World… but none of us knew just how big! When Jeremy started his morning rounds we had three new marmoset arrivals from two different mothers (see Page 2). That was quite a surprise! However, there was more to come - when Jeremy checked on Bueno’s group of woolly monkeys, he found 6 monkeys rather than the 5 he was expecting! Yarima had also given birth on the 15th to a beautiful baby girl that has now been named Eva. At first we were concerned that young Enzo would be upset by the arrival of a little sister, but he has adjusted wonderfully and Yarima is still prepared to make a fuss of him. Little Eva is strong and healthy and the whole group are doing very well.

New arrivals!

Our beautiful new orang-utan had a dramatic arrival. We were expecting Hsiao-lan to give birth at any time, but on the morning of May 2nd we found Hsiao-lan laying down and looking a bit shocked, but with no infant… Hsiao-quai had tight hold of the new baby. We decided to remove the baby from Hsiao-quai and see if Hsiao-lan wanted her beautiful infant back. After half an hour of Jeremy trying to get her to take the baby, we had no choice, and returned the newborn baby to Hsiao-quai who we knew would prove to be an excellent mother. Of course youngster Jin is only 3 years old and is still suckling from Hsiao-quai, so she has plenty of milk for both of them. It is a shame that Hsiao-lan did not take to motherhood naturally, but many of our rescued apes don’t. In this instance the baby was very lucky to have been adopted by such a wonderful mother. In honour of her birth mother, Hsiao-lan, which means “little cloud” in Mandarin, we have named the baby Awan which means “cloud” in Indonesian.

Yarima with son, Enzo, and Eva (hiding)

Jeremy offered Awan back to Hsiao-lan, but she refused

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Hsiao-lan still takes an interest in baby Awan, even though she didn’t want to carry her

Moving House

On April 24th we moved some of our male capuchin monkeys from their bachelor home at the forest lodge, as we felt they were not doing as well as others. Tau and Bruce joined Fifi’s capuchin ladies, while Shawn and Cesar moved to Amy’s. For Tau and Bruce the change has been wonderful and both boys are enjoying the company of the ladies and gaining weight and physical condition. For Shawn and Cesar the change has not been as successful with the two boys really only making friends with 5 of the 21 ladies. As of today we are making plans for them to return to a smaller, geriatric sub-group of the boys. After 3-4 years at the park, the Chilean capuchins have settled very well but it will be a constant assessment to ensure that everyone has found their best place amongst our 4 groups.

May 10th was the date of another very important move. Sam and his new mate Sasak were moved back into the siamang forest enclosure. It is wonderful to see the pair of siamangs so happy together and back where they belong, in the trees.
Preparing for 2012 Releases

Recent health checks on La La, our black-shanked douc, and our two pygmy lorises, Talai and Son, found them fit and healthy and all good candidates for release. La La, who is eight months old, can now meet some gibbons as she is the only douc that we are caring for at the centre. She spends several hours a day next to Da and Tony, reducing her reliance on humans. La La is fascinated by the gibbons and is becoming more confident which is good preparation for meeting an adult female douc sometime soon.

Both pygmy lorises have gained weight and are fit for release this August along with Sylvia, an older female. We are now preparing for their release with surveys at the release site to make sure there are not too many predators in the area. There will also be a team following the progress of the lorises, as it is important to know if they return to the release site to feed or not. We are hoping that with the help of 4 camera traps we will capture the loris returning through the night.

We have two Masters degree students from Oxford Brookes University spending the summer at Da Tien to help us assess how some of our rehabilitated gibbons are doing and to conduct a survey of local people. Amber Dyson, working alongside our education officer Mr. Dat, is conducting interviews in local villages to find out about the illegal trade in primates, wildlife based traditional medicine use, and which species of wildlife are most often targeted. Meanwhile Lauren Clarke is doing a behavioural assessment on the gibbons and their rehabilitation in Phase I and II. It’s vital to evaluate how well the rehabilitation program is working and if it can be improved. The main question we have is how much of our 20 hectare semi-free enclosure is actually used by the gibbons. Use of space and travel is a major factor for successful rehabilitation of gibbons. Following Da and Lat after their release, we found that it has taken more time than expected (approximately a year) before they have become brave enough to travel a significant distance from the release site. To encourage greater travel and independent foraging, we have been busy planting six species of fruit tree in the 20 hectare semi-free. K Haoi and the Dao Tien team have been busy planting over 600 saplings that have been nurtured from seed. The hope is that in six years the trees will be fruiting and will provide sufficient food in the training area so that provisioning from the Primate Care Staff is minimal or even obsolete.

On September 1st & 2nd EAST will be holding its first awareness event for pre-school children and upwards. The opportunity to get involved with TEAM EAST through fun activities and to learn about the primates we rescue and rehabilitate in Vietnam. Learn about conservation techniques and try your hand at radio tracking or even singing like a gibbon. Lots of fun, lots of learning and lots of free prizes to be won!

EAST will also host a scientific symposium on September 7th. The Rehabilitation/Reintroduction Puzzle: a Synthesis of New Techniques. This meeting will gather specialists from many different disciplines to discuss current problems in primate rehabilitation, reintroduction, and conservation. Open to all, from university students to avid followers of primate conservation. Enjoy the opportunity to listen to some of the world’s most active and distinguished biologists and conservationists, including David Chivers, John Lewis, Alison Cronin, Chris Waser, Mike Brutford, John Williams, Stewart Muir, and others. For further information please go to our website at www.go-east.org.

Kids For a quid!

Under 16, $5.00 and £1 for entry including Free entry to the Sumatran Orang-utan Conservation Programme.

New arrivals La La the black-shanked douc monkey

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Now arrived La La the black-shanked douc monkey

James giving orang-utan Septian a tree climbing class

After a tour of the area I was introduced to the staff and residents. There were 4 recent arrivals that were to be kept in isolation until they were healthy and strong enough to join the others, as well as 4 individuals that were not suitable for release as they had health issues. Leuser and Gober were both blind - Gober had bad cataracts and Leuser was blinded when he was repeatedly shot with an air rifle. They had managed to mate and Gober was successfully rearing twins, a male and female, who were around 2 years old. Also on site was the socialization cage that was in the forest and had forty youngsters growing up together and learning valuable social skills. Last of all was the baby house with some shy and some very curious characters who had been recently rescued. I spent the following weeks helping out wherever I could, with the daily duties of cleaning and feeding, as well as helping with health checks and behavioural enrichment. One of my favourite jobs was the tree climbing classes where we would take individuals out in pairs and let them spend time practicing their climbing skills in the trees giving them valuable experience for when they would later enter the forest on a permanent basis.

Whilst at the site there were also 3 new rescues, two from palm oil plantations and one that was kept as a pet who they named James. He had been brought in very shy and underweight, but by the time I left he was looking much healthier and already building nests for himself. The other two had already been released as their behaviour was very wild. Following quick health checks they were put out in to a safe area of forest at the Janro release site in Aceh.

I also assisted with two releases. Anti and Nelly were sent off to the release site in Janro earlier in my stay at the quarantine centre. The Janro release site in the Ulu Masen of Northern Sumatra is 770,000 hectares of ideal orang-utan habitat, guarded by a wide river and savannah grassland so that the released orang-utans can walk away from the forest and become wild.

When Anti and Nelly were released, we followed them for some time making sure they were safe whilst being devouring by what seemed like a million leeches and biting insects. Each was fitted with a radio-tracking chip so they could be found in the forest. SOPC rangers would follow them until they were sure they were surviving, finding food and building nests, as a wild orang-utan should. They are doing very well and have now headed very deep into the forest.

I did have a few days off whilst in Sumatra, but instead of going to the beach I headed further into the forest in search of wild orang-utans. I was able to see a big male, which I followed for some time. I felt so privileged to be there alongside him in the forest. My work in Sumatra was thoroughly enjoyable and an enriching experience. It was a privilege to work alongside Dr Ian Singleton and his staff who are on the forefront fighting for the survival of the Sumatran orang-utan.
**Building & Maintenance**

Over the past few months our building and maintenance team have been working very hard to keep up with all the primate house and enclosure upgrades. At Sally’s chimpanzees, the enclosure chain link was replaced and at the same time we were able to expand the enclosure to give the 5 chimpanzees more room. The new fencing continued on at the siamang forest where we designed and built an entirely new enclosure fence in preparation for the arrival of our new siamang Sasaki. At the same time we were able to get professional climbers in to tighten up existing ropes that connected the trees and to add extra ropes and arial feeding tables on pulleys.

**SHOP TALK**

We demolished the whole bachelor chimpanzee climbing frame, as the main supports were old and starting to rot. A new larger and more complex climbing frame was constructed with loads more shelters, pipes, hoses, and cargo nets.

**Monkey Life Series 6 is in production now!**

By Louise McCance-Price

We’re just over half way through the editing of Series 6, which is going really well and is jam packed full of wonderful stories!

You’ll be seeing patas monkeys Mica and Sissy-Jo, and capuchin monkey Tau arrive at the park all the way from Slovenia. While baby Silvestre joins the Monkey World orang-utan crèche from Spain. When he arrives Oshine is still struggling to make friends, but she cannot resist the baby and the duo become inseparable.

There’s great excitement as Sara comes to Monkey World from Kentucky - she’s the last remaining female woolly monkey in the USA. Plus it’s another success for Monkey World’s woolly monkeys when Oaska, the alpha male re-homed from Switzerland, becomes a dad for the first time. Kiki, a chimpanzee who spent most of her life in solitary confinement in Lebanon is making friends and learning chimpanzee etiquette. At Dao Tien, Monkey World’s sister rescue centre in Vietnam, we follow the team’s unprecedented attempt to rehabilitate and return rescued endangered golden-cheeked gibbons back to the wild. Not one, but two families are given GPS collars and gain their ultimate freedom - their release into continuous habitat forest in Vietnam. And this is only in the first ten episodes!!! We’ve also started filming for Series 7, so there’s more to come.

**Visit the Monkey World Gift Shop, call us on 01929 401004 or go to www.monkeyworld.org for details and to order!**

New range of ‘Planet Ape’ Monkey World bags!

Beautiful new range of framed primate photographs and canvas prints

New pot pourri & reed diffuser gift sets

New caps
Over 25 years, Monkey World has assisted 23 governments around the world.

Butch’s group

Paddy’s group

Hananya’s group

Sally’s group

Tuan’s group

Amy and Banghi in 1988

1987

Spanish beach chimpanzees

Now we have 2 adult groups of orang-utans...

Gordon’s group

Now we have 3 adult breeding groups

Amy and Gordon in 1997

...And the European creche for young orang-utans

Nursery group

We started with our woolly monkeys with 2 confiscated babies. Now we have 3 adult breeding groups

In 2000 we found smuggled golden-cheeked gibbons in many countries. We started with several confiscated pairs at the park and doing research on wild gibbons in Southern Vietnam. In 2009 we opened the Dao Tien rescue centre and are now returning rehabilitated golden-cheeked gibbons, black-shanked doucs and pygmy lorises back to the wild.

Now, 25 years on we have 4 groups of chimpanzees.

In 2007...And the European creche for young orang-utans

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Thank you so much to everyone who attended the Gala Dinner, Dance & Charity Auction. Once again a fantastic event in aid of the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund, Reg Charity No 1126939 and despite money being incredibly tight for everyone at the moment, we raised over £25,000 for the fund. Thank you all so much for supporting this event and special thanks to our sponsors, Purbeck Ice Cream, and to Graham Mack our wonderful auctioneer. I think the pictures say it all really, an excellent time was had by all! More pictures are available online at www.jimcroninmemorialfund.org.

OH WHAT A NIGHT!!
One Man and his Bike

Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of Monkey World

On 13th July 2012, Monkey World's Animal Director, Jeremy Keeling, will be re-tracing the journey undertaken by the first nine chimpanzees to start their new life at the park. His non-stop motorbike adventure will cover approximately 900 miles, from Barcelona in Spain back to Monkey World, aiming to arrive back on the evening of Saturday 14th July. He will be back at the park in time for our spectacular ‘Party in the Park’ event, where he will be guaranteed a wonderful welcome home!

All sponsorship raised will be donated to the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund, registered charity number 1126939.

DONATE NOW TO SUPPORT JEREMY’S CHALLENGE!

ONLINE at: www.justgiving.com/Jeremy-Onemanandhisbike

Jurassic Jaunts Walk for Jim!

Our very good friends at Jurassic Jaunts have planned two special walks to take place during our anniversary week. The first walk will take place on the Monday 9th July 2012 and will cover 3 miles with one steady ascent, take in the stunning scenery as you walk from Durdle Door and over the hill to the beautiful Lulworth Cove. Why not dip your toe in the sea, have an ice cream on the beach, or simply just enjoy the view before making your way back to Durdle Door on a parallel path across the fields.

The second walk of the week will take place on Wednesday 11th July 2012. A scenic 2 mile walk taking in Swyre Head, the highest point on the Isle of Purbeck and giving fantastic views of Portland, Poole Harbour and the Isle of Wight. This walk is only 300 ft (90m) of ascent on good terrain and is ideal for families.

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‘Project Nim’ Movie Night at Monkey World!

Wednesday 11th July will see the park host a very special event in association with, and supported by, The Purbeck Film Festival. An opportunity to join us and watch the award-winning documentary film “Project Nim”, which tells the story of a chimpanzee taken from his mother at birth and raised as a human child as part of an experiment.

There is no charge to attend our movie night, but tickets must be booked in advance as space is limited. The film will start promptly at 8pm and snacks and refreshments will be available to purchase on the night. To book your place please contact us on admin@monkeyworld.org or call us on 01929 401018.

Project Nim

 particle in the Park!

The days events will be followed by a spectacular Party in the Park! Arrival is from 7pm, with live bands, acrobats, Jeremy’s arrival back from his massive “One Man & His Bike” journey, disco, fish & chips supper and the unveiling of the very special 25th anniversary cake made especially for us by the fabulous team at Choccywoccydoodah - it really is a event not to be missed! We still have a few tickets available for this very special anniversary event, so book now to avoid disappointment. Tickets are £20 per person for adoptive parents and includes entertainment, supper and a welcome drink, or £40 per person for non-adoptive parents. To book your ticket now call us on 01929 401018 or email us on fundraising@monkeyworld.org

25 Hour Monkey Bike Ride

Attempting a 900 mile journey inside 25 hours in aid of the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund (registered charity number 1126939), founded and supported by Monkey World - Ape Rescue Centre

By the time you receive this copy of the Ape Rescue Chronicle, Ian Mulry will be well on his way to the finish line. It’s a mammoth task and we would like to sincerely thank Ian and his team for attempting this challenge to raise funds for the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund. It’s a gruelling 900 mile journey from John O’Groats to Lands End on a monkey bike, which has a maximum speed of only 45mph and Ian is attempting to complete this challenge in just 25 hrs!!!

DONATE HOW TO SUPPORT IAN’S CHALLENGE!

ONLINE at: www.justgiving.com/monkeybike2012

TEXT: MOWO87 followed by either £3 or £5 or £10, depending upon your chosen donation amount, and send to 70070.

FUNDRAISING & EVENTS

By Shelley Fletcher
**BUNGEE MADNESS 2012!**

**Sunday 16th September 2012**

Calling all those brave supporters of the park who would like to join us and take their very own 165ft ‘Giant Leap for Ape Kind!’ Sunday 16th September 2012 will mark the second 165ft Bungee Jump event at Monkey World in aid of the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund (registered charity number 1126939).

We plan to keep you entertained in the run up to the very first brave bungee jumper. Not only do we have fantastic local band, the Brass Monkeys, providing the music again, but we also have teamed up with Maverick Slacklines who will be putting on a demonstration and workshop for you. So come along and ‘Jump for Jim!’ For application forms, please go to: www.jimcroninnmemorialfund.org/Pages/bungee2012.html.

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**INTRODUCING MONKEY MONEY**

Our new gift voucher scheme is a must for lovers of all things Monkey World! Beautifully designed by one of our supporters, these brand new gift vouchers will be available to purchase from the 1st of September 2012.

Spend them like cash in both the gift shop and in the variety of catering outlets at the park. With a choice of £50, £20, £10 and £5 notes available to purchase they will also make fantastic gifts for friends and supporters of the park. Each Monkey Money note will be despatched to you by Royal Mail Recorded Delivery, together with a very special 25th Anniversary gift voucher wallet. If you would like to purchase Monkey Money please contact us on 01929 401018.

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**JIM & CHARLIE: SPECIAL LIMITED EDITION MEMORIAL SCULPTURE**

**NOW AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE!**

This stunning miniature Jim & Charlie sculpture has now been completed and is available to purchase with all proceeds going to the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund. Reg Charity No 1126939. Beautifully made in England by the world renowned sculpture Steve Winterburn, and with a plaque that reads: “JIM & CHARLIE YOU ARE BOTH MISSED” these stunning cold cast bronze resin pieces weigh 2.8 kg and measure 28.5cm high x 22cm deep and come beautifully presented in an exclusive Jim Cronin Memorial Fund presentation box, together with a specially designed certificate of authenticity. We have a limited edition of just 300 pieces, each priced at £600.00 plus postage and packaging. Please note that each piece is made to order, so please allow 8 – 10 weeks for delivery.
Our 25th Anniversary Celebrations got off to a fine start with the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund Charity Gala Dinner & Auction. It was a wonderful evening celebrating everything we have achieved over the past quarter century and of course remembering Jim. As the week of July 14th approaches our team have been busy planning a week of activities, talks, and films culminating in the Party in the Park on the evening of the 14th. We hope you can all join us.

Of course we remain focused on the rehabilitation of all our rescued animals as well as rescuing more that need our help. The legal trade in primates as pets in Britain continues to be a big problem for us and more tragically for the hundreds of monkeys that are kept in solitary confinement as pets in Britain today. Please help us with our campaign to give ALL monkeys the legal right to specialist care by getting a copy of our Pet Trade Petition and collecting signatures from family, friends, colleagues, or schoolmates. So far we have more than 31,000 signatures, which is great, but our target is 100,000 so please help us to get people to sign on for the sake of all the monkeys currently kept in the legal British pet trade (see Page 3).

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, peanut butter, honey, jam, vitamins, hessian sacks, baskets, heavy dog toys, fire hose,(stationary, un-used stamps, supermarket vouchers, medical supplies, and hand made cards to be sold in the shop. We also have received more excellent photos that adoptive parents and visitors have taken at the park. Our Linen/Bedding Appeal has been great with people clearing out their airing cupboards and bringing in towels, duvet covers, sheets, curtains, and blankets for the monkeys and apes to build their evening beds or just to play and have fun with. At the park we have set up storage containers so that we can stock pile for the colder winter months. We have also been getting donations from the Charities Aid Foundation and Give as You Earn scheme.

We have received several donations and some have raised money by organising collection tins, quiz nights, donations instead of birthday, wedding, or retirement presents, and sponsored bike rides. All of your donations are put to good use – thank you so much. In particular we would like to thank Verwood Pet Shop who continue to collect donations for the monkeys and apes, Upham School for monies raised from a Christmas pantom, Yorkshire Building Society for a charity quiz night on our behalf, the Kong Company for a large donation of their toys, Luigi Pannozzo of Priftiz for a fully branded gazbeo, Avon & Somerset Constabulary for an extra large donation of bedding, socks, and plastic bottles, Riviera Hotel in Weymouth for more loads of bedding, Poole Dolphin Shopping Centre who allowed the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund and EAST to set up a charity stand at the centre, the staff at Canonbury Healthcare for a large donation of linen and fruit, and the kids at Three Legged Cross First School for fundraising and a donation of linen.

So many people have lost loved ones. Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Laura Blain, Chris Ellis, Muriel Leadbetter, Sylvia Gibson, Billie Goodwin, Rita Bird, Jeanette Bush, Mrs John Dixon, Dollyle Yates, Elizabeth Bradbury, Barbara Llewellyn, Rena Lazenby, and Lorraine Bannister. They will be greatly missed.

In this extra special year, Monkey World was not only honoured to receive the Dorset Business Award for Tourism, but we have also received a Certificate of Excellence from Trip Advisor. It is great to know that visitors to the park appreciate what we are doing in trying to rescue and rehabilitate monkeys and apes from around the globe.

There are many ways in which you can help us to rescue and rehabilitate more monkeys and apes. 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.
- Help by donating goods such as fruit, vegetables, bread, or strands of garlic. We are in particular need of cod liver oil capsules and 60mg chewable vitamin C tablets at present. Any type of melon is also good as all the monkeys and apes love them yet they are not too tainting! For the gibbons and monkeys they love exotic fruits, but due to the cost they are not part of our regular fruit and veg order. Now that your spring planting should be done, send us your left over seeds for herbs and vegetables that we can use next year.
- Our small monkeys and gibbons like small to medium sized baskets. They are good for the squirrel monkeys, capuchins, and marmosets to nest inside, but they need to be quite robust. We would really appreciate all sizes of “tubtrugs”, which are plastic carriers for gardening materials - we use them all over the park. We can also use more sheets, blankets, and towels. The monkeys and apes simply love them and we can never have enough.
- Heavy-duty dog toys, hessian sacks, un-used stamps, and thick ropes are always used. We are running low on “feeding balls”, “kong toys”, and heavy-duty rope dog toys. They keep the monkeys and apes busy trying to get the hidden treats from inside and we also use the rope pulls as part of the climbing structure for the monkeys.
- 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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