2013 has seen our education department flourish. We are now visiting schools, colleges and groups, almost on a daily basis, to spread the Monkey World message, thanks to the fantastic support we have received from the wonderful team at Westerly Dorchester and their very kind donation of a car! Now we have our very own ‘Monkey Mobile’, we are able to deliver our message further afield, and deliver it in style.

The education team are looking forward to an action packed 2014, with lots of exciting projects planned for schools and colleges across the south, if you would like more information on our Education Packs for key stage 1, 2, & 3 together with Teachers Packs, or you would like us to visit your school, college or group, please call 01929 401022 or email us at education@monkeyworld.org.

COVERING THE CURRICULUM!
The Education Team are also available to conduct presentations on any topic, as so much links to the work that we do at the park. For example, if schools are studying citizenship, children can relate to the social interactions of primates; difficult subjects such as bullying and friendships can also be tackled with ease, as many of our primates at the park have suffered and have had to overcome fear, isolation, abuse and loneliness. Even class discussions on healthy eating can be illustrated by a talk from our team using the dietary needs of our primates at the park.

So the team are teaching much more than just the specific work that we do and feedback from schools and groups they’ve already visited has been fantastic!
A-mei returned to the Nursery group with her feisty personality. She is the dominant female of the group and has taken on the role of disciplinarian when the kids push their luck.

Oshine and A-mei compliment each other in the Nursery, with Oshine taking on the softer side of motherhood. She is always available for a reassuring cuddle or a shoulder to cry on. Jin took an instant shine to her and she has been known to share her nest with both Kai and Silvestre!

Joly was delighted when A-mei returned to the nursery and still seeks comfort from her, especially when she is feeling anxious or unwell. She is the most independent of the youngsters in the Nursery and will probably be the first to graduate when the time comes.

Lingga is the clown of the group who loves showing off to our visitors. She is close to Dinda, but has shown increasing independence over the last few months. Lingga is an intelligent orangutan who learns quickly.

Dinda looks more and more like her older sister Hsiao-ning and shares her sensitive character, especially when it comes to change and new experiences. She loves clicker training sessions and picks up new behaviours easily. Dinda loves the playroom in the Nursery, meaning she can be slow to move some mornings!

Kai’s main focus is play, although his developing hormones mean he is also starting to show a sexual interest in the ladies. He has been a focus for PCS during oiling sessions as his head becomes quite dry. The baby oil, combined with Kai’s good attitude, means we are able to maintain his skin really well.

Jin is following in his brother’s footsteps as an independent boy, but Oshine is always around if he needs a cuddle. He loves to wrestle with Kai and his buddy Silvestre.

Silvestre is the baby of the group in terms of his character, as he’s not as pushy as fellow playmate Jin. He still sleeps with Oshine and chooses to have his morning supplements with her, away from the more boisterous youngsters.

Hebe is a very gentle chimp, however she can be stubborn. She hasn’t learnt to give Paddy space when he is displaying. Instead she runs to him for reassurance, always at the wrong moment.

Kay is low-ranking in the group. She continues to be close friends with Athena, Hebe and Peppa. Kay, like Clin, doesn’t let a disagreement lie and often makes mountains out of molehills.

Lola has grown more confident over the last year. She was extremely brave when it came to having her yearly flu jab, which she is normally nervous about. This year she took it like a champion.

Micky is still very young at heart despite being one of the oldest in Paddy’s group. He is frequently found playing rough and tumble with Bart and loves to get the attention of the crowds by jumping and banging on the windows.

Although Paddy is no longer a young lad, he still commands the respect of every member of his group. Despite getting on in years, he still knows how to impress with his spectacular displays. He is a very kind and fair leader.

Peppa has turned into a particularly playful chimp in recent months. In the past, she had her moments and could be quite aggressive. This year PCS have seen her much more relaxed. This new easy-going Peppa frequently starts play sessions with the other chimps and PCS!

Zoe watches quietly over the whole group and is always aware of everything that is going on. Due to her keen eye she is very protective of others and, although she can be very gentle, when it comes to defending the group or disciplining other chimps she is a force to contend with.
**Small Monkeys**

By Emily Wren

**White-Faced Saki Monkey & Cotton-Top Tamarin**

Jethro continues to do well in his old age, and can often be seen enjoying his outside enclosure. He likes to rest and relax throughout the day, which he normally does by his favourite window where he can watch the world go by.

Uncus had a difficult start to the year after losing his companion, Alice. He had always been devoted to Alice and enjoyed spending his days looking after her and so it was hard to no longer have her by his side. Luckily Uncus has come to realise that he can have a companion in Jethro and now, when he’s not on the hunt for insects, he likes to spend time with Jethro, and even snuggle into all of Jethro’s hair at bedtime!

**Lemurs**

All our Lemurs are doing well up at Malagasy with all the usual antics going on. Blue continues to try to assert her dominance over the ring-tails, which they aren’t always too pleased about. Instead of slowing down in her old age, she’s becoming more mischievous and always thinking of ways to cause mayhem with the ring-tails. Fennel remains a very good dominant ring-tail female, often stepping in to keep the boys in line and sort out any disputes. Indiana is still the most dominant male and also one of the most confident and cheeky ring-tails. Himal and Citrus enjoy life near the top of the hierarchy. White-Spot and Houdini tend to be quieter, trying to keep out of trouble. Douglas is a brilliant character off in his own little world. To the relief of the PCS, Kayah and Rentin seem to be working through their differences. Old man George is still going strong, putting around his enclosure each day and generally enjoying his retirement days.

**Squirrel Monkeys**

The squirrel monkeys have had an eventful year and have undergone a few changes, including the sad loss of our old man Fidget, a great character who is missed by all. The girls coped well and continue to be full of energy and enthusiasm, with both Topsy and Turvey throwing their weight around trying to compete for the top spot.

Samantha prefers a quieter life sunbathing and chasing insects. Charlie, our young, handsome squirrel monkey, has taken charge of the three feisty ladies. All four get along brilliantly, and the ladies seem fond of their new handsome roommate. They are enjoying their newly renovated outside enclosure, and love nothing more than to go hunting each day for unsuspecting insects!

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**Marmosets**

Brass and Evi: Brass and Evi maintain their strong relationship. Evi is the more confident of the two, always eager to explore and investigate, whereas Brass prefers to assess things before he goes changing in. They make a great pair and together have a very sturdy bond.

Fred, Sammy and Leo: This cheeky trio has developed over the year into an absolutely lovely family group. After Leo’s rocky start in life his progress has been amazing, and he has grown into a confident, mischievous toddler who enjoys having a big play session with his big brother figure, Fred. When Fred isn’t busy wrestling with Leo, he is a very laid back individual who enjoys spending time in his outside enclosure, watching the world go by. Sammy is a great maternal figure and is very protective over her two boys. All three make a great team and snuggle up together every night in their nest box.

Max and James: Max and James continue to be a great double act. Max is definitely more outgoing and confident; always rushing about to explore everything. James is a much more gentle soul and laid back enough to deal with Mad Max along side him. He enjoys sunbathing and foraging for insects and is even happy to sit and groom his roommate for as long as Max wants! The pair balance each other out nicely and seem to have a blossoming bromance.

Gizmo, Lucky, Chica and Chuva: This family group of marmosets is definitely a lively bunch! The twins; Chica and Chuva have grown up into a pair of cheeky, playful characters, often playing hide and seek, and whenever one is, the other isn’t far behind. Gizmo can often be tempted into a game of rough and tumble with his daughters, whilst Lucky enjoys pottering about searching for insects all the time keeping an eye on her family.

Comet and Tya: Tya has coped with a few changes this year, firstly coping with the sad loss of her foster mum Gabi. This left Tya and Rattler together who continued to get along well, but with more new marmoset arrivals at the park it was time to think about mixing our groups up to find the best possible pairings for everyone. New arrival Comet proved to be a lovely young led with lots of energy and was chosen as a new companion for Tya. This pairing was a brilliant success and they get along famously. Tya continues to be the more confident and boisterous character with Comet being a gentler soul, but he is more than happy to get stuck into a massive play session with Tya.

Rattler, Red and Basset: This year’s new arrivals Red and Basset became Rattlers new family after a reshuffle of our groups. This trio now makes up a lovely family group with all members getting along well. Rattler remains a quieter individual who now likes to protect his family. Basset is a typical youngster, bouncing off the walls, full of energy and always looking for her nearest playmate. Red is a calm and collected individual who loves her new family and lifestyle.

Milo and Clyde: This pair had a rough start to the year both arriving in terrible condition. Clyde also had to cope with the loss of her partner Charlie and still born babies. The past few months have seen an amazing improvement for both marmosets. Milo is a sensitive soul who can easily be affected by change, but he has settled in well and is a lovely cheeky character who can often be seen playing in his blankets. Clyde, who found it difficult to move when she first arrived, is now running and jumping at a great speed. She loves her food, and equally enjoys diving into a basket and playing in all the blankets and toys.

Lenny and Solomon: Lenny and Solomon continue to do well. They make a great team. Lenny, as the elder of the two, takes life at a slightly slower pace than Solomon who enjoys going outside and running along the hanging tunnel system.

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**GORDON’S GROUP**

By Jarno Swandi

We have finally found the right combination of females for Gordon – mature, experienced ladies who have helped to improve his technique! As a result, he is calmer and there is no longer a need to separate him overnight. He has developed a very powerful and impressive long call that can be heard around the park.

Despite the switch around, Amy remains the dominant female although Hsiao-quai can be equally pushy. Amy is a formidable character but we have seen her softer side of late as she loves to watch over and play with baby Awan.

Hsiao-quai has had a busy year, with a temporary stay in the nursery to help settle her youngest son Jin. After this, she returned to Gordon’s group with Awan. As an experienced mother, Hsiao-quai has adopted a relaxed approach with her foster daughter which is fantastic for the other females as they get to interact with the baby.

The move from Tuan’s to Gordon’s group was unsettling for herself. She benefits from all the caring adults in her group her.

Tuan’s Group

By Luis Mesa

**Tuan’s Group**

Tuan is our most mature male orangutan and this is obvious by his relationship with the females. Tuan shows affection towards his ladies and makes sure he knows where they are at all times. Both Hsiao-lan and Roro show Tuan a lot of respect and will spend hours grooming him. Despite Tuan getting older now, he remains active and takes full advantage of the climbing structures in his enclosure.

Hsiao-lan moved in with Tuan when Amy and Lucky left to join Gordon’s group. Hsiao-lan’s strong and independent personality has helped her become Tuan’s favourite lady. She keeps Tuan’s attention at all times. Hsiao-lan also enjoys Roro’s company. She hates getting wet, so as soon as there is any sign of rain she will run to the black tubes in the outside enclosure for shelter where she remains until the rain has stopped.

Roro gets on very well with Tuan as she has lived with him for a long time. Despite her and Hsiao-lan’s initial differences, Roro has really grown to like Hsiao-lan and gets on very well with Tuan as she has lived with him for a long time. Despite this, Roro show Tuan a lot of respect and help with the babies.

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TAU’S GROUP

Tau continues to be a confident dominant male and has a great relationship with his second-in-charge Bruce, always greeting each other with a big scream. From day to day though they tend to spend time apart, with Tau favouring the dominant ladies Babe and Debbie. Bruce on the other hand tends to spend more time with Fifi and Jane, often engaging them in exuberant play sessions. Tau’s group had their playroom renovated at the end of the summer, with more platforms on different levels. This allows a lot of the sub-groups to relax and feed more comfortably in the playroom. Flo and her friends favour the lower levels while Molly’s gang forage up high. Naturally Tau was the first to explore this new playroom when it was finished, closely followed by Bruce, proving that the boys are settling into their roles as protectors of the group.

TARose group

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WINSLOW’S TROOP

This year has been full of ups and downs at Winslow’s troop, but overall the group has come together well and is by far the most energetic of the capuchin troops.

Donny and Fabion, the two youngest boys, had a little trouble fitting in with the ladies to begin with - particularly Donny who was a bit over excited and too full on for some of the shy girls. Both boys have learnt a lot over the last year and the ladies have become more accepting of their boisterous personalities. Winslow has taken charge of the group and is usually respected by all, however some of the younger boys, such as Erico, Philippe and Franco, band together and challenge Winslow if the opportunity arises. The ladies favour Winslow at the moment, and the two matriarchs, Mary and Lucy, are often at Winslow’s side. Long-time favourite female Amy ‘Winehouse’ passed away over the summer due to kidney failure. She will be greatly missed, but we all have fond memories of her time here at Monkey World and are very proud to have given her a good five years here at the park.

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MONKEY LIFE

By Louise McCance-Price

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FILMING NEVER STOPS

You will probably have seen the Primate Planet Productions crew around the park filming for the next series. Work on Dao Tien in Vietnam continues and at the park, it’s been a very busy year so we’ve made sure we’ve covered it all for you.

Just a few highlights are chimpsanzen Cherri gave birth to twins and baby Thelma is going strong; Gordon’s oranges have a feast with durian fruit and baby woolly monkey Bueno Junior had his first birthday and has graduated into the outside enclosure for the first time. The UK Pet Trade gathers pace and Alison’s on a mission petitioning for better conditions. All this and more will be on the next series, please contact info@primateplanet.tv.

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What a year for Hananya’s group! This year the community of chimps have grown a lot and not only in number. The birth of Cherri's twins brought with it new lessons to be learnt aboutchimp life, responsibility and what it really means to be part of a chimpanzee community.

Hananya, the laid back leader, has grown in confidence this year and is now really taking the shape of a strong leader. He seems to have more respect from the other members of the group; despite allowing certain individuals take bananas out of his mouth!

Tikko pushed his luck a little with alpha male Hananya earlier in the year, but is now showing more respect to his leader. He has stopped over-reacting to Hananya’s displays and gives Hananya a wide birth if he is in a bad mood. Tikko recently had a visit from the dentist to reduce his overgrown teeth. Tikko's teeth reflect the handsome man he is.

Simon has finally showed his nice side to the world this year. He took the role of Cherri’s protector during her pregnancy, cuddling Cherri and her bump during disputes. Simon didn’t stop there; he continued to protect and support Cherri after she gave birth, never straying too far and always quick to return if either baby cried. Simon continues to be very attentive to Cherri and Thelma and is well on his way to becoming fun Uncle Simon.

This year Semach has really shown his devotion to dominant male Hananya. Semach always sticks by him, joining him in any displays and is always on hand for a quiet grooming session. Semach takes full advantage of this friendship by helping himself to any of Hananya’s treats, even without Hananya’s permission! Semach is very intelligent and is top of the class when it comes to operant conditioning, although sometimes his short attention span gets the better of him.

Arfur is a very playful chimp, he loves doing backwards roles and stomping his feet whilst waving his arms around in the other chimps faces. Most chimps look to ignore him, but Arfur can always rely on Kuki to join in the stomp. Arfur has really filled out over the last year and he is now one of the biggest chimps in Hananya’s group.

Cherri surprised all the chimp staff earlier in the year when she started to show signs that she was pregnant. Cherri co-operated by giving a urine sample for the vet staff to confirm the pregnancy and, from this point on, Cherri’s bump grew very quickly. On 25th September Cherri was found with hot one, but a little upset. She was very attentive to both babies, named Thelma and Louise. Despite this, the odds were stacked against her. Twin chimp births are uncommon and the survival rate is low. At two weeks old, twin Louise died and we found that she had a hole in her heart. Cherri was upset and a little lost for a few days. She soon turned all her attention to her surviving twin and is doing everything a new mum should be doing. Cherri clearly adores Thelma and regularly holds her up to take a good long look. It is still early days, but whatever happens from here we all remain very proud of Cherri who is a shining example of a rescued and rehabilitated chimpanzee.

Thelma is growing fast. Her eyes are changing from a bright blue to a light brown and she seems to be focusing and taking in the world around her. Thelma’s feet have got longer and she is losing the bright pink skin colour she was born with. Thelma is also discovering her vocal cords, doing very faint pants alongside her mother Cherri. She is noisiest when sleeping due to her unusually loud snoring! We are still keeping a close eye on Thelma, as she is still very delicate member of Hananya’s family.

Peggy had a tough start to this year with a minor back injury that reduced her activity. After a couple of weeks, and some medical treatment, Peggy was back on form and didn’t the boys know it! She is a kind but stern individual, who will not stand for the boys winding up the younger ladies of the group. Peggy’s relationship with Trudy remains strong, with PCS regularly finding the two cuddled up first thing in the morning.

Valerie remains a firm favourite with Hananya, who allows Valerie to get away with more than most. She is a very kind chimp, who is rarely in a bad mood. Valerie loves playing with the other chimps, but is also happy to play a game on her own – we sometimes find Valerie sitting inside a duvet cover, happily laughing to herself.

Eveline has found a new focus since the arrival of baby Thelma. Cherri encouraged Eveline to stay close to her since she gave birth, with Eveline taking a role similar to that of a big sister to Thelma. Being so close to Cherri everyday has given Eveline a chance to bond with Simon, making them good friends. With Simon on her side, Eveline is no longer the shy individual she once was.

Marjoline is the diva of Hananya’s group. She knows exactly what she wants, and if she doesn’t get it has a tantrum! Marjoline is currently being a little more patient and is learning not to take food from Hananya’s mouth. She is a big fan of the honey tray enrichment, loves using tools, but again loses her temper when the honey runs out!

Trudy still takes advantage of her small size, crying to Peggy when she wants some of her food. However, she does not let anyone mistake her small size for cuteness and does an impressive display at any new person who enters Hananya’s house. Trudy loves her 12pm scatter and becomes very excited if she discovers raisins are on the menu.

Honey is the most excitable chimp in Hananya’s group. Whether it’s fruit, pellet, bottles or Kong’s, you can always rely on Honey to give the biggest reaction. She loves going out in the morning to search for breakfast. She is very loyal to her leader Hananya and is always on the lookout for any honey around the enclosure. Honey is – very fussy when it comes to taking any medication. She doesn’t approve of. Zeynep has put on weight this year and, for the first time since being born on Monkey World, she no longer receives extra food.

Kuki has a good friendship with Valerie. The two can often be seen tickling each other and playing a game of chase. Kuki has a calm and collected side and this has allowed her to get close to Thelma. She is particularly interested in Thelma’s head, regularly laying close, resting her hand on the top of Thelma’s head and grooming it.

Jess doesn’t see what all the fuss is about when it comes to babies. Poking her face into the ones in the bouncer is all she can be bothered with. Jess is very much like her mother, Clin, sharing her unique vocalisations and quirks. Johni is independent and loves nothing more than winding up the younger members of the group. However, when she gets a taste of her own medicine she is none too pleased. Johni tends to overreact to being disciplined but, whatever happens, Johni can always rely on Trudy’s company and forgiveness.
**Woolly Monkeys**

By Sandra Rainey & Karen Swann

**Levar’s Group**

Julio and Diego’s move to France had a big impact on Levar’s group. The group were quieter without the boys’ boisterous play sessions and young Ayla missed her playmates. Her little brother, Mani, has grown a lot in the last year and these 2 siblings are now inseparable. The adults took the opportunity to enjoy a little quiet time and reaffirm bonds, with Branco, Piquita and Kuna all spending lots of time hanging out together and Levar overseeing everyone in his usual gentle manner.

The peace was well and truly disturbed in the spring when Bueno Jr began his introductions in to the group. For the adults this was an all too familiar experience having already been through the process with each of Kuna’s boys. Ayla and Mani were not sure about the new arrival and took a while to get to know him. They started by testing how robust this new ‘toy’ was by pulling his tail and prodding his little round belly at every opportunity.

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As Junior settled into the house more and eventually became a full time member of the group, the 3 youngsters learned to get along better and Mani especially has grown to adore his new wrestling partner and best friend. When Junior needs some reassurance, his favourite group member is Kuna who is remarkably protective over Junior. The group have settled and family life is returning to normal.

**Oaska’s Group**

This year has seen big changes for Oaska’s group with Lena and Milo moving to Apenheul Primate Park in the Netherlands and the arrival of Pacaja. Pacaja has settled well and we are starting to see her true, more dominant nature. We knew that Xingu was pregnant and on November 23rd she gave birth. Xingu is proving to be a wonderful mother and as such we have not been able to tell if it is a boy or a girl yet. For proud Dad Oaska, it doesn’t matter as he is totally taken with the new arrival but will not be pushed about by the youngsters and has no problem putting Pacaja in her place.

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**Chippy’s Group**

This year has been about establishing and reaffirming bonds for Chippy’s group. When Chippy and Branco (who PCS call “Little Branco” to distinguish him from Branco in Levar’s group) arrived at Monkey World he ruffled a few feathers at first. The introductions went smoothly, with baby Eva at just 6 months old being the first one to approach the very impressive looking Chippy and give him a welcoming snuffle. Chippy, at 12kg, is the biggest of our dominant males and looks very intimidating. However, it didn’t take long for him to settle and show his true nature – extremely soft and caring.

Sara kept her distance at first, but was quickly won over by Chippy’s charms following her emergency caesarean section birth to Bueno Jr. Eva was the one to initially bring out Chippy’s gentle side, using him as a climbing frame and chew toy, and Enzo was not long to follow. Yarima has allowed Chippy to mate with her and everyone has fingers crossed that both Sara and Yarima will be pregnant soon. We were concerned about what Paulo’s reaction to the new boss would be, however Paulo has grown into a lovely, diplomatic young adult male and sometimes the two males are seen having a little play together. Paulo also joins in with Chippy’s dominance displays.

Little Branco has had a bit of a tougher time adjusting to his new life here at Monkey World. He lost his mother at only 7 months old and Chippy had adopted him, but with no female influence during an important stage of his life, Little Branco had developed some bad manners. Little Branco first latched on to Yarima and relished in the attention of his adoptive mum and siblings. Recently however, he has been too pushy with the others and regularly annoys Sara and gets in Chippy’s way when he is mating Yarima. We are hopeful that this is all temporary and Little Branco will grow out of his teenage stage soon.

**Spider Monkeys**

By Jenny Leaming

Pumpkin, Hickory and Flint continue to settle in well down at the capuchin complex. The summer has been a relaxing one, sunbathing in the tunnel to their enclosure and exploring their new home. Hickory is still a little nervous of dominant lady Pumpkin, but the building of a new tunnel and extending their bedroom space indoors has resulted in three, more relaxed, monkeys. The changes have also given Hickory the extra space he needs to have quiet time away from his younger and more playful housemates.

Pumpkin and Flint generally get on quite well, providing Pumpkin gets her own way and has first choice of food. Flint is the siring bean of the group and often looks all arms, legs and tail as he runs around his enclosure. Primate Care staff supplement his feed with extra food and are happy that he is maintaining weight despite his hyperactive personality.
THREE LORIS LADIES RETURN TO THE WILD

Thanks to the kind donations from Monkey World and EAST supporters we have successfully radio collared and released three pygmy loris named Kiem, Lam and Hope. They were confiscated from the illegal trade and following a short rehabilitation period on Dao Tien, have been returned to the wild. We are hopeful that their short time in captivity means that they will have kept their wild behaviour and knowledge of the forest. The Monitoring & Data Collection Team is led by Mr. Binh and is our first Vietnamese led team to enter the forest everyday tracking the loris.

As I write this newsletter our team are on a rescue of two more loris from the coast of Vietnam near Muine. Our awareness work is spreading throughout South Vietnam, which means we are getting calls to collect more primates in need as public attitudes towards wildlife change. We are currently in the planning and fund-raising stages to build a specialised loris complex on Dao Tien, using all the knowledge we have gained on loris rehabilitation over the years. This will give us the capacity to accept loris from an extended area, increasing the importance of this amazing little, endangered primate. We would welcome any support to help us reach the target of 100 million Vietnamese Dong for this project (£3,050 or $5000).

A STEP-MUM FOR KIZZY

In the next months we will be building two more semi-forested enclosures, with the aim to have every young gibbon living in the trees thus increasing the potential for rehabilitating forest fit gibbons for release. To give as many gibbons as possible the opportunity to live in trees, we are trying to create family groups of three to four individuals - a group representing as much as possible a wild family group with normal social politics. Our first group evolves around Kizzy, the little gibbon we rescued back in November 2012 with a compound fracture of her arm. Now fully fit, she has been taken to the trees rather nervously and is often found sleeping in the low bamboo. Without hesitation she has accepted Dao, a seven year old female, as her mum. Dao is happy with this, and even goes for a hug without Kizzy asking. These gibbons appear to be great adoptive mums, something we have done many times on Dao Tien and at Monkey World, giving orphaned infants the best chance for a normal life.

EDUCATION AWARENESS IN LOCAL SCHOOLS AND EARLY MORNING MARKETS - A HUGE SUCCESS

In the last week of November we kick-started our EAZA-supported Gibbon Awareness Campaign with two events in the local community. The first was at Phu Binh High School, where our team introduced students to the world of golden-cheeked gibbons - a very special primate living on their doorstep, but that they knew little about. Mr. Ngoan and two of our PCS on Dao Tien engaged the students with details of their work and the gibbons in their care. The students were incredible, asking thoughtful questions and showing a keen interest in protecting Vietnam’s native wildlife. Many of the students wanted to volunteer with us. Two days later we took our display to a local market, giving out leaflets and talking to people about golden-cheeked gibbons. In total we reached over 750 people and will revisit both areas in a month to see if the events made a positive impact on people’s views of conservation. We will also be continuing with this campaign in the coming months across more communities local to Cat Tien National Park. And in Dorset, on April 12th & 13th 2014 we are having EAST family days at Monkey World which will be a fun interactive way for the family to learn about our work in Vietnam and what it takes to work in the jungle. Bring your young conservationists along for a fun and educational day!

STUMP-TAILED MACAQUES & PATAS MONKEYS

STUMP-TAILED MACAQUES

Life at the Stump-tailed macaque house has been as grumpy as always, Sam and Kelly remain in the dominant positions and, therefore, enjoy a life filled with relaxation and grooming. Sylvie is always keen to get outside in the mornings, closely followed by an impatient Miriam, who often shouts at the PCS for not being quick enough preparing the rooms with her dinner! Noreen is a relatively quiet individual who enjoys cuddling up with most individuals for a snooze, whilst Charley tries her best to stay out of trouble. The real trouble maker of the group, Jonathan, likes to wind everyone up until he gets a reaction, but has formed a closer bond with the lowest ranking male Phil after Paddy passed away. Paddy was 31 years old when his health deteriorated, but that made him one of the oldest stump-tails on record. We all had, but which we said farewell to a very fond member of the stumpy group.

PATAS MONKEYS

It has been a quiet year for our two old ladies. Sissy Jo continues to be the more dominant of the pair, as well as a bit of a snob! She enjoys spending the majority of her time in the outside enclosure taking life at a very slow pace. Sally’s Group

Sally is still a motherly figure, but gets more time to herself these days and enjoys quiet moments away from the youngsters. However, she’s not too old to join in the occasional play session. She’s still in charge, but has to think twice before trying to tell Bryan off!

Lulu has never felt comfortable in confined spaces and is really enjoying her new, much larger house. However, she dislikes blankets being hung up by PCS and always pulls them down immediately! She shares a good bond with Sally and the two enjoy grooming totally.

Bryan is growing into a very impressive looking chimp. Although fun loving and very kind natured he occasionally struggles to cope with his changing hormones!

Ash is growing up into a fine young lady and seemingly gets bigger by the day. She’s a very intelligent chimp and it looks like she will prove to be a very capable and respected adult.

Rodders is still as mischievous as ever and his new house has provided him with many new game opportunities. He now enjoys chasing through the building, displaying at visitors in the big windows, and trying to pull the CCTV camera off the wall with Ash’s assistance.
GOLDEN-CHEEKED GIBBONS

Tien & Kim: Over the last few months they have formed a very close bond and are constantly together. Kim and Tien are now singing together and have a lovely duet helping them to strengthen their bond and establish their territory.

Jake, Zoey & Zak: Jake and Zoey have been trying to entertain the very energetic and playful Zak. One parent plays chasing games, wrestles and entertains Zak, while the other rests and then they switch. Their daily game plan keeps their little mischievous chap busy throughout the day.

Peanut’s Family: With two other youngsters to contend with, Peanut quickly moved on when her eldest left the family. Pung-Yo was unfazed by Tien moving but was more disturbed by his new neighbours, the siamangs. Tia Nang is growing up fast and becoming quite sensible and serious, although she still loves playing with Teo. As Teo matures he is finding it hard when he doesn’t get his own way.

Tito & Vietta: Tito and Vietta have moved to the end of the main gibbon house into one of the much larger aviaries. There is much more space to practice their acrobatic skills and the new windows create a lovely place to sunbathe, groom and play, or just sit and watch the world go by.

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Fox: Fox is still our happy-go-lucky guy, full of fun and loves to be outside in all weather. He has made along the main gibbon house, has a good view of the orangutan nursery, and loves watching the antics of the orange people.

Nini: Nini prefers to be indoors most of the time, but did enjoy sunbathing this summer. Nini was extremely brave with his flu vaccine this year, sat very still, and all he wanted in return was a back rub.

SIAMANG GIBBONS

Sam & Sasak: Sam and Sasak have settled in well to their new home at the bottom of the park. Both love to forage for their own breakfast in their woodland enclosure. The siamangs enjoy resting in the sun or being inside to enjoy some mutual grooming. Then it’s time for tea and an early night for our most gentle-natured gibbons.

Sam & Sasak

LAR & AGILE GIBBONS

Nike & Ella: Nike and Ella have been transformed moving into one of the new aviaries. Nike is much calmer and easier going. He enjoys Ella’s company, but is much more welcoming to Primate Care Staff. At 29, Ella has re-found her playful and energetic youth due to the added space and height of her new enclosure. PCS have noticed that Ella is calmer, happier, and nowhere near as cantankerous in her new environment!

Paul & Kitty: Kitty has been kept quite busy these last few months by all the builders working on the house and nearby enclosures. She enjoys displaying at them and never wants to miss an opportunity to make one of them jump! Paul is generally a kinder nature and continues to amuse himself with a variety of tickling sticks or his favourite squeaky toys.
**FORTHCOMING EVENTS!**

**Saturday 15th March 2014 – Jim Cronin Memorial Supper Club**
A rare opportunity to enjoy the park when it would normally be closed to the public and observe the primates as they bed down for the night, followed by a delicious dinner with wine and sumptuous desserts. Tickets are priced at £29.00 each and are on sale now.

**Saturday 19th April 2014 – An Evening with Mike Colbourne**
With a career spanning over 50 years, Mike has a fair few stories to tell. Join us for this very special evening to celebrate the life and times of Mike Colbourne. Tickets priced at £10 each, including refreshments, and are on sale now. For your book place, contact us on 01929 401018 or email us at fundraising@jimcroninmemorialfund.org.

**Supporters’ Accommodation!**
The Jim Cronin Memorial Fund is pleased to announce that the new Monkey World supporters flat is now ready and available to rent.
The flat consists of a fully equipped kitchen, lounge with TV, DVD player and Freeview, bathroom with bath and overhead shower, one bedroom, consisting of either a king size bed or 2 single beds and private off road parking. The flat is centrally located in the nearby village of Wool and is surrounded by a wide range of amenities for your convenience.

Priced at just £65.00 per night for up to 2 people, house guests also benefit from early entrance to the park from 9am and breakfast on arrival at the park, on each day of your stay (minimum 2 nights).

Full terms and conditions for renting the flat are available on: www.jimcroninmemorialfund.org/Pages/flat_rental.html.

For more information, or to make a booking, please contact us on 01929 401018 or email fundraising@jimcroninmemorialfund.org.

**Sleepover Dates!**

**Saturday July 19th 2014: Family Sleepover Event.**
Saturday 13th September 2014: Sleepover Event – Adults only.
Friday 31st October 2014: Spooky Halloween Sleepover Event – Adults only
Saturday 15th March 2014 – Jim Cronin Memorial Supper Club
Forthcoming Events!

There are many ways in which you can help us to rescue 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.1155350, which supports endangered primate rescue and rehabilitation in Asia.

Without your help our rescue and rehabilitation work would not be possible. If you are on holiday and see a monkey or ape being used, abused, or neglected, please let us know. Take down all the details and try to get a photo, we follow up on as many reports as possible.

Help by donating goods such as fruit, vegetables, bread, or strands of garlic. We are in particular need of cod liver oil capsules and 60mg chewable vitamin C tablets. Any type of melon is also good as they are not too fattening! For the gibbons and monkeys they love exotic fruits such as pomegranates, fresh cranberries, blueberries, pineapples, etc. but due to the cost they are not part of our regular fruit and veg order. And for our capuchin monkeys they love nuts in the shell that spend time breaking open – walnuts, hazelnuts, pecans, and almonds in the shell are all good. For more information about items our monkey and apes would love please go to our website at www.monkeyworld.org.

Our small monkeys and gibbons like small to medium sized baskets. They are good for the squirrel monkeys, capuchins, 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. 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 tub-tugs. 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. American football and rugby balls seem to have a tougher exterior – monkeys and apes love playing with them and they last a little bit longer.

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.