

APE RESCUE CHRONICLE

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Letter From the Editor

This summer is probably one of the busiest ever, with more new buildings and animals arriving all the time. Our new Malagasy reserve will be open by the time you read this and it is simply spectacular! All of the ring-tailed lemurs now live in the forest along with some of the ruffed lemurs. Visitors are allowed to walk through the animals reserve as long as they stick to the path and follow a strict code of conduct.

There are many new arrivals. First you should come and **hear** Sage and Sam our new Siamang gibbons. We have given the pair the old ruffed lemur habitat so that they can swing through the trees 30ft. above the ground. They sing a beautiful duet in the morning and evening and they can be heard for miles. We are also now in the process of building a new woolly monkey house. Some of you may remember Siri and more recently Polly, the two wild caught woolly monkeys we rescued over the past couple of years. In the next three weeks a group of five woollys will arrive at the park and at the beginning of next year, once she is a bit older, Polly will return to us as well. We are also pleased to see three new baby lemurs this year. As always we are continuing our chimp rescue work, and we are hoping to collect another group of chimps shortly. We will keep you posted.

If you visit over the summer you might catch a glimpse of some visitors who will be in the park over the next three months. Tigress film productions has chosen Monkey World as the subject of a seven part series for Meridian television. So stay tuned next spring when it is due to be on air.

As usual we would like to thank our many supporters who have sent in presents for the last batch of birthdays. Arfur, Jess, Cathy, Grisby, Gamba, Paco, Clin, Rodney, and Evie all received cards and packages and remember there is a long list of birthdays over the next couple of months. Is your chimp a birthday boy or girl? I am also grateful to all of you who have been sending in vitamins and minerals for the chimps. It does help to keep everyone healthy and their skin in good condition. The pig-tails have received another kind donation to assist in building them a waterfall and remodelling the indoor area. We are also preparing for the 2nd annual Pedal for Primates bike ride. Many thanks are owed to Lorraine Pryce who once again has been instrumental in organising the event. Lorraine has also been a huge help to Monkey World by assisting us with our computer system. Thanks to Lorraine, everyone receives the ARC and all adoption information on time.

Alison Cronin, MA
Scientific Director

A SAD DAY FOR CHIMPS AROUND THE WORLD



Simon and Peggy Templer in 1980 with some of the chimps they rescued.

During March of this year, Simon Templer passed away while on a holiday in Nairobi. He and his wife Peggy started chimpanzee rescue in Spain in 1978 when Peggy was upset by the sight of a lone female chimp, kept in a small cage at a pet store in Barcelona. She purchased the chimp, not knowing what else to do and thus embarked upon a personal campaign to stop the illegal trade in chimpanzees for beach photographers props or otherwise.

Simon and Peggy dedicated themselves totally to the chimpanzee's cause; writing letters, setting up a half-way house for confiscated chimps, and literally battling with beach photographers on the southern coast. Their time and dedication was not in vain and they managed to enlist the support of the King of Spain, Prince Phillip, the World Wildlife Fund, and the International Primate Protection League. In 1986, Jim Cronin went and visited Simon and Peggy and discussed their rescue campaign and how he could pos-

sibly help. This was the start of Monkey World - Ape Rescue Centre. The following year Jim opened Monkey World and brought the first group of chimps from Simon and Peggy's half-way house; this was Paddy's group. Peggy passed away a couple of years later, and Simon soldiered on with their cause. Since then all of the chimps from Spain have come through the Templer's home, 27 chimpanzees in all. Simon remained an advisor to Monkey World, he was also a constant source of inspiration, and perhaps most im-

portantly, a dear friend.

It is safe to say that nobody has done more for the cause of the Spanish beach chimps. In 1992 Simon received an award from the Jane Goodall Institute for a lifetime's dedication to the well being of chimpanzees.

The last Spanish chimp arrived at Monkey World during September '96, was found tied up outside a garage on Simon's birthday, and was thus named after him. We named a female chimp who was rescued in Gran Canaria in 1991 after Peggy, and as it happens, we are planning to introduce 'Simon's' nursery group to 'Peggy's' group next year. We hope that the introduction will go smoothly as bringing Simon and Peggy together will serve as a reminder of the Templer's love and dedication to the plight of all chimpanzees.

DOCTORS, DENTISTS, AND SURGEONS

Over the past couple of months, we have had three different human doctors at the park to check some of the chimps and in one instance, operate. It all started on April 11th when our vet, Dr John Lewis, came to the park with Peter Kertesz, who is a dental surgeon in London. While Peter works on humans four days of the week, every Friday he dedicates his expertise to exotic animals who need his help. Our chimp Busta was a perfect candidate. After moving Busta to his new enclosure (see A.R.C. no.5), we discovered that Busta had four broken canine teeth which were decayed and needed attention. While John administered the anaesthetic, Peter got to work drilling and cleaning out Busta's mouth. In the end Busta required three extractions and two root fillings, and he is clearly a much happier chimp for it. While Busta used to be quite aggressive with other chimps and keepers alike, he is now much more relaxed and is often seen playing with Micky and Jimmy.



Above: Peter Kertesz cleans out one of Buster's infected canine teeth.

Above right: Graham Porter examines Mona's eyes.



On May 27th Mr Graham Porter, an ophthalmic surgeon, came to Monkey World to examine Charlie and Mona's eyes. With John assisting, Graham needed to get a close look at both chimp's cataracts to see if they would be operable. Using techniques developed on humans, the plan was to remove the cataracts so that Mona and Charlie could see better. As it turned out, one of Charlie's eyes was fine and the cataract in the other was too mature and solid for an operation. In Mona's case, both her eyes had cataracts, but neither were operable. However, one cataract had slipped back in Mona's eye thus giving her a small area of vision. Graham suggested that if we could administer drops to her eye once a week, we could dilate her pupil such that her area of sight was increased. Jeremy Keeling believes he will be able to give Mona her drops through the wires of her indoor den, and we will keep you posted on her progress.

Finally on June 10th, Mr Neil Hunt, an orthopaedic surgeon, came to the park to examine Hananya. The week prior, Hananya had an extremely stiff neck and was spending a lot of time curled up on the ground sleeping. While we had both of our vets see Hananya, take X-rays, and blood samples, it was still not clear what his problem was. Neil volunteered to check the young chimp to see if he had any similar symptoms to any of the children he regularly treats. Since Neil had not seen any of the chimps before, Hananya was happy to let him examine his shoulder and neck. Although nothing obvious was found, Hananya was still in a great deal of pain, which both vets and doctors agreed would be best treated with anti-inflammatory medication. During the past couple of days, Hananya is appearing to brighten up and we are happy to welcome Neil to our unique team of anthropoid physicians.

PHOTO CALL...



Left to right: A new greenhouse shelter for Paddy's group; The pigtales enjoy playing with the food balls; Athena and Grisby have to work to get food out of the food balls.

I am sure you regular chronicle readers are familiar with Freddy's origin as far as any of us know it. For those of you who are unaware of his history let me fill you in. Freddy was found wandering around a park in Austria presumably someone's pet who grew into a typical chimp, which at seven or eight years old, the word 'pet' is totally irrelevant to a chimp. Monkey World stepped in and offered him a home.

On his arrival he was introduced to the Nursery group, it was felt he was too small to go into a group of older animals on his own. Initially it was fine then but then he began to bite the babies, particularly "Arfur". It rapidly became clear that Freddy's future was not with the younger generation.

"Chico's" mob was chosen for his next introduction. Although we gave them a fair trial, it became clear that Freddy's problem was that he had no comprehension of the fact that he was a chimpanzee. His manner was one of, "What idiot put me in with these damn monkeys?!" He then spent some time alone before another attempt of match-making was tried. This time it was Rodney's group numbering 16 animals. Again, it was only a matter of days before we recognised that this option was no better. So it was back on his own again. At this point our options were becoming fewer and fewer and I was beginning to wonder whether I'd met my match in finding a chimpanzee companion for our mixed up friend. His lack of chimpanzee social knowledge manifest itself in all introductions to other animals. Usually Freddy would choose the largest individual in a group, Chico for instance, and attack him. When you are a quarter of the size of your adversary, with no allies, and most individuals have taken an instant dislike to you, this can only be a bad plan.

As you can imagine, I was flummoxed as what to do next!

Around this time I took Kyko out of Chico's group, for his own

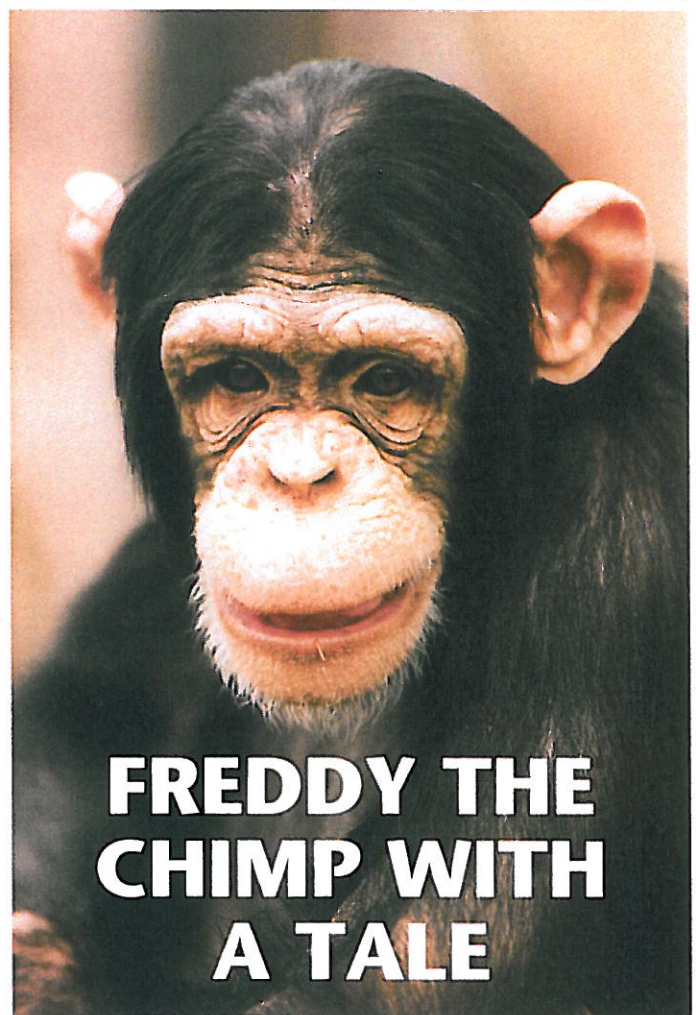
social failings, and felt it another opportunity for Freddy. This was a partial success inasmuch as they co-existed, rather than became friends, but this had to be preferable to keeping anyone on their own.

The next stage was to try and introduce Butch, Jestah and Buxom to Freddy and Kyko. Because of the size and reputation of the 3 big boys this was quite a daunting step. Going on the past experience of the 3 tyrants, I thought I would have to use a tactic which I usually avoid at all costs; introductions through the mesh. The reaction was instant from all 3, "Freddy must die" was the clear message.

Back to the drawing board.

A few weeks later, I devised another cunning plan. I isolated Buxom for a couple of days to get rid of some of the competitive camaraderie that he shares with Butch and Jestah. When I felt he was lonely enough, it was time to try the introduction.

It went very well and although Freddy was very stressed, Buxom was more interested in his re-introduction with Kyko. By the time he got around to Freddy, Buxom's excitement had died down and it turned into fascination, let's face it, Freddy is very different. Luckily Buxom was just fascinated and while Freddy was scared, he did not attack Buxom, which was how he had approached males previously. In fact he just sat, rigid with fear, whilst Buxom thoroughly examined and then groomed him. Intense grooming of a rigid and bemused Freddy went on for 2 or 3 days,



by Jeremy Keeling

Buxom never tiring of it. Gradually Freddy realised this was what had been missing from his life, and he began to enjoy it all.

Next it was Jestah's turn. He is more of a hooligan than Buxom, although they are similar - they are half brothers. A brief hello to Buxom, then "What have we got here?" to Freddy. As I wiped the perspiration from my brow, gosh, flip, and oh dear were some of the expletives I did not employ! "Leave my mate alone!", was the instant reaction from Buxom to Jestah, in no uncertain terms. After a brief, disinterested look by Jestah, it was decided that Freddy was uninteresting anyway. "Come here Kyko. How have you been?"

PHEW!!!!!!

Last, and by no means least, came Butch's turn. Butch has already proved his capabilities as a terrorist with others, always attacking younger and/or smaller animals. He is also dominant over Buxom and Jestah and this introduction was certainly more of a worry than either of the other big males. Butch's instant "Die Freddy" feelings were predicted correctly,

however a more surprising reaction came from Buxom, Jestah and Kyko. All 3 of them made it abundantly clear to Butch that Freddy was in fact their property, and not to be tampered with! But Butch has a ritual to put his mark on any newcomers smaller than himself, and when introduced to Freddy and Kyko, he instantly realised that they were easy prey. Kyko's left leg and Freddy's right arm were his targets and both received nasty wounds and skin tears, but no damage to their muscles. The wounds healed nicely, and in a remarkably short time.

Once his ritual was over, Butch ceased to seek blood, and he went through a very aloof and dominant phase. "You just try it on mate". Needless to say no one did.

To conclude, several other changes and introductions have been undertaken with, and around Freddy, concerning various other misfit male chimps. The long term plan is to create a bachelor group. Watch this space and wait for an update!



YOU CAN HELP TOO



'Susy' needs a hand

There are many ways which you can help Monkey World to rescue more chimpanzees and to rehabilitate the animals we have already rescued. Any donation money goes into a 100% fund which means that every penny goes to the animals; NO administrative costs are removed. At present Monkey World has been requested to rescue 15

chimpanzees in 5 different countries and we desperately need your help to assist these animals, after all it was your support which helped us to rescue the Israeli babies. At the park we have been using donations to improve the animals' enclosures. For Paddy's group we have built a new greenhouse area, dropped in 100 tons of boulders, and created a pond. Your support has also allowed us to build the 'Tunnel of Fun' which we will be using in the next couple of weeks to introduce Paddy and Rodney's groups together. The next big project is supported by 'Banghi's Nose' appeal and we plan on breaking ground for the new orangutan house within the next couple of months. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Monkey World also started the **Laurie Parkin Education Centre appeal**. We are hoping to raise enough funding and support to build a multi-media centre with a lecture theatre and educational material. While we have received several kind offers of expertise and funding, we are in need of more help. Please let us know if you can help in any way.

You can help by **adopting a monkey or ape** and you will receive a year's pass to the park, a photo of the monkey or ape, a certificate, and the Ape Rescue Chronicle three times per year.

Donate goods such as fruit, vegetables, or bread. The primates also need vitamins and minerals such as cod liver oil, primrose oil, and vitamin C. Thick diameter rope is always at a premium in the park, so help the monkeys and apes to get arboreal by donating any spare ropes you may have.

Establish a legacy for the long-term welfare of the animals and be remembered in our memorial garden.



Left: Sally enjoys a drink, while Bob, Semach and Arfur look on longingly.

Below: Tigress Productions filmed Charlie's eye examination. (See Editor's Letter on front page).



NEWS FLASH!!

On 24 & 25 June we introduced Rodney's group of 16 to Paddy's group of 7. While at the time of writing this, it is too early to predict the final results, but it would appear that the new group of 23 chimps are getting along well. We are hopeful that Rodney and Paddy will join together to form an alliance to govern the large group.

A big thank you goes to all those who helped us to build the new 'Tunnel of Fun' which has been integral to bringing these groups together. We will keep you posted.

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