LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It has been an amazing year with loads of building projects across the park to improve and refurbish all our monkey and ape houses and enclosures so that they are the very best they can be regardless of how old they are. And there is a new small monkey house with loads of enclosures that is sadly already FULL. The tragedy of the legal trade in primates as pets continues in the UK and we rescue as many as possible. As I write we are making the final arrangements to take our petition of more than 110,000 signatures to Downing Street. It should happen in the coming weeks so please keep in touch as we would like all of you to join us on the day outside No.10.

While editing this edition of the ARC, I couldn’t help but notice what a beautiful edition it is with so many wonderful photos of our monkeys and apes! Almost all of the photos have been sent in from supporters and adoptive parents. Thank you for sharing these brilliant images with us, in particular Kevin Bulmer, Janet Horsman, Richard Holt (as always), Holly Gordon, David Hutcheson, and Nik Ellis (what a magnificent cover shot of Bryan!) have allowed us to use and share their photos. Remember if you have visited and have particularly good photos please do send us high-resolution images for us to share with everyone else. Thanks guys.

You have all been so generous with donations for the monkeys and apes. We have had dog toys, baskets, hoses, ropes, vitamins, peanut butter, baby rice, fruit (dried and fresh) and vegetables donated. Every last bit is put to use and helps us to provide the very highest standard of care for our rescued primates. Verwood Pet Shop continue to support our rescue work with a donation box. HTC Health has donated their surplus stock of evening primrose oil, and Marsham Court Hotel continue to collect donations of cuddly toys to support primate rescue. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Our thoughts are with the families and friends of supporters who have sadly passed away. We would like to remember Margaret Knight, Lynne Graves, Margaret Parsley, Brian Yates, Bridget Lishman, Syl Ashworth, Lynne Graves, Evelyn Doyle, Susan Sherratt, Beryl Collins, Daniel Krumphorn, and Priscilla Richardson. They will all be dearly missed.

By the time your newsletter arrives, Series 8 of Monkey Life will have started! It has been more than a year since the last series and this one is full of action. I have really enjoyed seeing the new programs that have been put together with a greater emphasis on the lives of our monkeys and apes and not as much of us humans. It is hard to believe that we have filmed our guys for the past 18 years! Monkey Business and Monkey Life, together, must be one of the longest on-going soap operas/documentaries on television. We hope to continue to make more programs so please show your interest and support and write to Sky Pick, Primate Planet Productions, and/or our FB page to express your interest.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

In addition to the list above, there are many other items we need to care for our rescued primates. Please see our Amazon Wish List that has all kinds of different goods that we currently need. We also have an Online Shop (http://www.monkeyworld.org/Monkey-World-Online-Gift-Shop) & Gift Catalogue full of unique Christmas gifts.

We are continuing to rescue more monkeys and apes that will need our full care and attention for many years to come. Please help with their on-going care by joining our Primate Adoption Scheme for yourself, your family and friends. As an adoptive parent 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.

There are many ways in which you can help us to rescue and rehabilitate more primates. All donations go into a 100% fund - NO ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ARE REMOVED. Monkey World is not a registered charity but we have established the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund for Primate Conservation and Welfare, UK Registered Charity No.1126939 and the Endangered Asian Species Trust, UK Registered Charity No.1115350, which supports endangered primate rescue and rehabilitation in Asia.

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.
**ORANG-UTAN CRECHE**

**By Jarno Swandi & Kate Diver**

**Bixas, Busta, Cindy, Clin, Gamba, Zoe**

Over spring/summer the fence for the Bachelor Boy’s enclosure was rebuilt. During this time both groups shared Paddy’s enclosure on an alternating basis. The group adjusted quite well even if they were not particularly happy with the boys roaming around their home! Just recently mid-ranking female Kay sadly passed away following a short period of illness. All efforts were made to save her but Kay had a large uterine tumour that had cut off the blood supply to her lower legs. Specialist vets removed the mass but she never recovered. A beautiful and kind natured chimp, she will be dearly missed by all her friends.

**PADDY’S GROUP**

**By Rob Kedian**

Paddy is firmly in control of his group and is still a very popular leader that everyone wants to spend their time with. Despite his busy schedule he still finds time to spend with his son Bart and enjoys the occasional game with the other boys.

Busta is a boisterous member of the group and is at his happiest when he’s in and around the action or enjoying an energetic game with Bart. Busta does have a calm side, however, and his bond with Micky is very strong.

Gamba is still very mischievous and is always up to something. His days are rarely boring. He showed uncharacteristic calmness during this year’s flu jabs and took it all very bravely!

Micky is a gentle and caring soul that has required a little extra help this year to help his hands and feet from getting too dry. In addition to the regular oiling sessions the group get, Micky now gets his hands and feet moisturised daily to help keep them supple and crack free.

**BULU-MATA**

**By Jarno Swandi & Kate Diver**

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Rieke is now 10 months old and is almost as heavy as Bulu. Both babies are gaining weight steadily although Rieke’s love for her food is obviously helping her! After receiving antacids in her milk feeds during her early months for reflux, Rieke appears to have outgrown this phase and is no longer requiring them. She is a very determined young lady who is beginning to wear the trousers in the two infant’s relationship.

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COMMON, GEOFFROY’S & UNKNOWN MARMOSETS

Where to begin? 2015 has been an incredibly busy year for the small monkey team with the arrival of three new marmosets, 14 common marmosets and one Geoffroys. In March this year we opened our new small monkey house, a large building with facilities for seven groups of marmosets, and now just nine months later this house is full with all new residents coming from the UK primate pet trade. When new animals come in we have to decide on a group for them to join and then the introductions start. In the wild, marmosets live in male/female pairs or small family groups. At the park we currently have 26 males and 11 females, because of this some of our males live in bachelor groups. However, getting groups of unrelated males to live together can be difficult and groupings do sometimes need to be changed.

Reggie & Oscar – Reggie is now living with another new arrival, Oscar. Oscar is a very small marmoset and at first glance looks young but his teeth are in very poor condition which you would not expect to see on an animal of this age. Oscar is very cautious of new things, he will investigate but won’t do anything unless he is very sure of what it is. Neither were very friendly with one another at first but it isn’t without its ups and downs. Uncus still displays some unusual behaviours, such as moving his ears and tail train behaviours, such as moving rooms or walking into a crate when requested. He still displays some very oddities well and Hawkeye copes with them all. Unfortunately Georgia became seriously ill just recently. A vet was called in to perform investigatory surgery. She was found to have a stricture, or very tight part of her intestine, which stopped her from absorbing the nutrition she needed. She recovered from the surgery but passed away the next day. We are waiting for final tests but it would seem that she had a congenital malformation of the gut.

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Hazel & Solomon – Hazel and Solomon make the most of any good weather and much prefer to be outside. They both enjoy spending time sunbathing and grooming.

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By Karen Swan

By April Bradley

Comet, Douglas & Loki – The most playful group in the park. Loki has become much more comfortable being with other marmosets and has recently had a full wrestling play session with Douglas. Comet is a very dominant animal and likes to keep an eye on the other groups of marmosets.

Jock & Colin – Jock still prefers to spend most of his time indoors but he does like watching what’s going on outside through the window. Colin on the other hand loves being outside and makes full use of the enclosure. These two have a really close bond.

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Toby – Toby arrived at the park an old and unwell little monkey. He was very nervous when he arrived but came out of his shell when we introduced him to his new friends. Toby instantly and was very flirty. Unfortunately his health deteriorated quickly and even with intensive care we had to make the difficult decision to put him to sleep. This will always be the hardest part of our job but we were glad that Toby was able to live with and be with Tya when he passed.

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Saki Monkey

Despite his age Jethro continues to make the most of each day enjoying his favourite treat – cashew nuts. Jethro is always the first to arrive there to greet the public as they pass by his favourite spot at the window. Jethro shares his enclosure with the squirrel monkeys but is often too busy making friends with people to pay them much attention.

Uncus was joined by a new friend, another elderly male cotton-top who we named ‘Hawkeye’. Hawkeye has settled into life at Monkey World and has given Uncus the companionship he so desperately needed. These two boys have formed a nice friendship but it isn’t without its ups and downs. Uncus still displays some unusual behaviours, particularly at feed times. However, Hawkeye copes with his oddities well and the pair share a nest box together every night.

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**GORDON’S GROUP**

By Luis Mesa

Gordon is now 18 years old and no-one can question his authority within the group. However, he has calmed down recently and the females are now finding him easier to handle. Gordon enjoys spending time with all three females but it looks like his favourite girl will always be his mum, Amy. Gordon and Amy don’t recognise each other as mother and son as his birth was premature and Amy abandoned him. These two have very similar characters and they both like destroying things, digging, eating and sitting by the window watching the visitors go by.

Hsiao-lan has grown very confident in Gordon’s group and has developed a friendly relationship with Gordon and Amy, often she can be seen grooming one of them in the outside enclosure where she likes to spend most of her time. For the most part Hsiao-Lan is a calm individual who likes to watch the wildlife that passes by the enclosure. However, she is dominant over Lucky and every so often will chase her and give her a hard time.

Lingga is still her best friend and Amy doesn’t get what she wants.

**TUAN’S GROUP**

By Jarno Swandi

Tuan doesn’t climb as much as he used to since Gordon’s group have moved. He is a very gentle male towards the females in his group and is slowly gaining A-mei’s affection.

Lingga is a cautious female who likes to stay out of trouble. She has a good relationship with the Primate Care Staff and is never too far from Dinda.

Joly is always busy doing something. She loves to play and is a real character. Joly is a clever female who loves the operant conditioning sessions.

A-mei has been showing a lot of interest in Tuan recently and can often be seen sat close to him. She maintains a close relationship with Joly and the other young females.

**THE BACHELORS**

By Ruth Harris

Ben is now a very impressive, handsome male. He has become skilled at his dominance displays although they can still land him in some trouble with Butch, Buxom and Jestah.

Butch continues to be well respected disciplining low rankers extremely well, however, now that he is getting on in years he has been stepping back and allowing Jestah to shoulder some of the leadership responsibility.

Buxom is a force to be reckoned with and not a chimp to be crossed, however, on occasion he does show his playful side.

Carli has been doing well this year and continues to increase his strength. It probably has something to do with the extra milk drink he gets daily, which he loves.

Freddy has been dealing with a few issues with his haemorrhoids this year. He went through surgery to reduce the piles, is off all medications to control the condition, and now seems much happier.

Gypsy still really enjoys his afternoon grooming sessions with Jestah. In fact, it can sometimes be difficult to prise the two of them apart.

Jestah has always had issues with his skin, either eczema or a bad reaction to something in his environment. Yet none of the others have this problem. This year has been no different and Primate Care Staff have worked hard to keep his dry and flaky skin under control.

Jimmy continues to be an amazing friend to Sammy, staying close and backing him up when arguments occur.

Kyko has a gentle nature and is good friends with Gypsy and Rocky. He has a tendency to hang back in the pavilions in the mornings and get attention from PCS. He is very good with his operant conditioning.

Mojo is a middle ranking chimp, which can be a difficult position to be in. He is frequently disciplined by the high rankers for disciplining and picking on those below him.

Pacito has been particularly keen on socks this year. He likes to carry them around once the treats inside are finished. Thanks to kind donations, he has a constant supply and is never seen without one!

Paco continues to gain respect amongst the other high ranking individuals and frequently uses that respect to get first dibs on any food being handed out by Primate Care Staff.

Rocky is very political and is frequently seen trying to gain friendships throughout the group by grooming both high and low rankers.

Sammy has been enjoying access to their newly re-furbished and extended enclosure. He has been climbing more often especially on the higher platforms which hopefully will help with his weight loss program.

Seamus certainly hasn’t changed character over the last year. He is still the much-loved cheeky chappie and is frequently found in the afternoon sharing grooming sessions with Freddy.
Sonny’s Troop
Sonny’s group have maintained the status quo within their hierarchy, with Sonny continuing to extend his interest beyond the ladies of Veronica’s gang to encompass a whole range of feisty females. Even Glimmer, the group’s mystery man, has been the subject of a few admiring glances from girls such as Lilia and Jenny. Personalities continue to develop within this group, from the feisty and assertive Cecelia to the more laid-back Cecilia and Jill to the ever cheery disposition of Mushroom. Lizzy and her small gang of “robustus” females remain a force to be reckoned with, watching over any squabbles within the group and stepping in when Sonny’s brand of laissez-faire leadership is not sufficient. This group is our most diverse with several small subgroups of individuals such as Molly’s, Kelly’s and Maddie’s gangs. We do see interaction between groups including play, grooming and the inevitable squabbling. Everyone initially comes in for tea in their subgroups and are participating in co-operative feeding sessions together and these sessions seem to have helped the relationship between the 3, sometimes feisty monkeys. The 2 boys in particular have been seen having some good play sessions. Female Pumpkin is the dominant individual and, at feed times, does an excellent impression of a hoover. Flint is as energetic and highly strung as ever, he is usually the first to alarm call at anything potentially scary such as a balloon in the nearby trees! He is very fond of towels and blankets and can regularly be seen with one on his head. Hickory has grown in confidence this year and often shows off his most mischievous streak and is quick to shout at someone if he feels they have interrupted him on one of his many keepers.

Spider Monkeys
Our trio of spider monkeys have been at the park for 3 years now and are doing very well. They can often be seen sunbathing in the tunnel system that links their enclosure to the house. All 3 are participating in co-operative feeding sessions together and these sessions seem to have helped the relationship between the 3, sometimes feisty monkeys. The 2 boys in particular have been seen having some good play sessions. Female Pumpkin is the dominant individual and, at feed times, does an excellent impression of a hoover. Flint is as energetic and highly strung as ever, he is usually the first to alarm call at anything potentially scary such as a balloon in the nearby trees! He is very fond of towels and blankets and can regularly be seen with one on his head. Hickory has grown in confidence this year and often shows off his most mischievous streak and is quick to shout at someone if he feels they have interrupted him on one of his many keepers.

Tau’s Troop
Dominant male Tau is a very popular man with the 21 females in his group, as well as Mary in Winslow’s group from across the bedrooms! He is usually being followed by a trail of females known as the ‘Tau train’, this regularly includes dominant females Babe and Debbie and mischievous sisters Daisy and Ester. Joining these regulars are a variety of feisty females desperate for some attention from Tau. The groups other male, Bruce, doesn’t spend a lot of time with Tau, although they do come together to shout at Winslow’s group once every so often for tea.

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Erico’s Troop
Erico has firmly established himself as dominant male at the capuchin lodge this year and is proving a hit with the females since moving from Winslow’s group in 2014. He is a very intelligent capuchin and one of his favourite pastimes is removing kapok fibres from the hanging enrichment in the house. Shawna has settled well into his role as number 2 in the group and seems to be enjoying life without the responsibility of being in charge. He has been enjoying regular play sessions with older male Marlow and also several females. This group have access to the forest enclosure and use it to its full extent as many of the group were wild caught before going to the laboratory and love climbing trees, digging for bugs and foraging. Elderly female Sooty has probably foraged every inch of the enclosure! Over the summer we rebuilt their cage enclosure which was enlarged with new structures, climbing frame, and grass. The group were very excited to be let back in and Erico thoroughly tested that everything was properly secured. Our pet trade pair Caesar and Phoebe can often be seen in the cage area. These two are especially close and sleep together at night. However poor Phoebe does get frustrated waiting for Caesar, who is often chattering away at someone at the mesh or window, while she wants to come in for tea!

MONKEY LIFE

By Toby Dipple & Amy Cripps

 Winslow’s Troop
Winslow’s is a tight group that combine intelligence and youthful exuberance with the odd moment of wanton destruction, especially where environmental enrichment is concerned. If it can’t be figured out, it can definitely be broken! Winslow is a strong leader flanked by his second-in-command Phillip, who continues to grow in enthusiasm with age. The group saw out the end of the summer with an outdoor adventure as their playroom was renovated, providing ample opportunity to enjoy sunny evenings and observe the maintenance teams at work from their bedroom space. And when their new play area was returned it was greeted not only with a chorus of happy noise but also a thorough perimeter check to ensure that no one had missed a bit!

Sonny’s Troop
Sonny’s group have maintained the status quo within their hierarchy, with Sonny continuing to extend his interest beyond the ladies of Veronica’s gang to encompass a whole range of feisty females. Even Glimmer, the group’s mystery man, has been the subject of a few admiring glances from girls such as Lilia and Jenny. Personalities continue to develop within this group, from the feisty and assertive Cecelia to the more laid-back Cecelia and Jill to the ever cheery disposition of Mushroom. Lizzy and her small gang of “robustus” females remain a force to be reckoned with, watching over any squabbles within the group and stepping in when Sonny’s brand of laissez-faire leadership is not sufficient. This group is our most diverse with several small subgroups of individuals such as Molly’s, Kelly’s and Maddie’s gangs. We do see interaction between groups including play, grooming and the inevitable squabbling. Everyone initially comes in for tea in their subgroups and are participating in co-operative feeding sessions together and these sessions seem to have helped the relationship between the 3, sometimes feisty monkeys. The 2 boys in particular have been seen having some good play sessions. Female Pumpkin is the dominant individual and, at feed times, does an excellent impression of a hoover. Flint is as energetic and highly strung as ever, he is usually the first to alarm call at anything potentially scary such as a balloon in the nearby trees! He is very fond of towels and blankets and can regularly be seen with one on his head. Hickory has grown in confidence this year and often shows off his most mischievous streak and is quick to shout at someone if he feels they have interrupted him on one of his many keepers.

Spider Monkeys
Our trio of spider monkeys have been at the park for 3 years now and are doing very well. They can often be seen sunbathing in the tunnel system that links their enclosure to the house. All 3 are participating in co-operative feeding sessions together and these sessions seem to have helped the relationship between the 3, sometimes feisty monkeys. The 2 boys in particular have been seen having some good play sessions. Female Pumpkin is the dominant individual and, at feed times, does an excellent impression of a hoover. Flint is as energetic and highly strung as ever, he is usually the first to alarm call at anything potentially scary such as a balloon in the nearby trees! He is very fond of towels and blankets and can regularly be seen with one on his head. Hickory has grown in confidence this year and often shows off his most mischievous streak and is quick to shout at someone if he feels they have interrupted him on one of his many keepers.

Tau’s Troop
Dominant male Tau is a very popular man with the 21 females in his group, as well as Mary in Winslow’s group from across the bedrooms! He is usually being followed by a trail of females known as the ‘Tau train’, this regularly includes dominant females Babe and Debbie and mischievous sisters Daisy and Ester. Joining these regulars are a variety of feisty females desperate for some attention from Tau. The groups other male, Bruce, doesn’t spend a lot of time with Tau, although they do come together to shout at Winslow’s group once every so often for tea.

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Erico’s Troop
Erico has firmly established himself as dominant male at the capuchin lodge this year and is proving a hit with the females since moving from Winslow’s group in 2014. He is a very intelligent capuchin and one of his favourite pastimes is removing kapok fibres from the hanging enrichment in the house. Shawna has settled well into his role as number 2 in the group and seems to be enjoying life without the responsibility of being in charge. He has been enjoying regular play sessions with older male Marlow and also several females. This group have access to the forest enclosure and use it to its full extent as many of the group were wild caught before going to the laboratory and love climbing trees, digging for bugs and foraging. Elderly female Sooty has probably foraged every inch of the enclosure! Over the summer we rebuilt their cage enclosure which was enlarged with new structures, climbing frame, and grass. The group were very excited to be let back in and Erico thoroughly tested that everything was properly secured. Our pet trade pair Caesar and Phoebe can often be seen in the cage area. These two are especially close and sleep together at night. However poor Phoebe does get frustrated waiting for Caesar, who is often chattering away at someone at the mesh or window, while she wants to come in for tea!

MONKEY LIFE

By Susan Tunstall

Monkey Life series 8 launches on Pick from Monday 30th November at 7pm!
Pick will be showing one episode each weekday with the final episode of the series airing on Christmas Day. Pick is available in the UK and Eire on the following channels:
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For information, or questions related to the Monkey Life TV Series, please contact info@primateplanet.tv.
HANANYA’S GROUP  

By Lisa MacDougall

HANANYA’S GROUP

Hananya’s young, loud and playful community has had a relaxing year. The newest member of the group, Thelma, enjoyed her second birthday and the summer sun brought about fun and games in the long grass at the back of their enclosure.

Hananya has really stepped up this year and is less likely to accept other chimps taking food out of his mouth! Being a gentle giant, Hananya has always opted for the easy life. To keep the peace it was easier to let certain ladies take what food they wanted. His new tactic involves giving a small piece away in order to enjoy the rest of the food for himself.

Tikko remains 2nd in charge and pushes his luck with Hananya, especially where Cherri is concerned. Tikko spends lots of time grooming his fellow group members and has a lot of their respect as a result. Due to Hananya’s reduced generosity, food motivated chimps such as Simon, Semach, Marjoline, Valerie, and Kuki have turned to Tikko for a helping of his snacks.

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Cherri has really been able to relax her mothering duties this year, safe in the knowledge that her community will always look out for her little toddler. Cherri now has time to enjoy more adult company, even if it is to just sit with her friends and watch the world go by.

Thelma is growing up fast and is a confident and happy chimp but has developed a short temper! If anyone dares not to share food with her, she makes sure everyone knows about it. Luckily, mum Cherri holds her back when she takes things a little too far. Thelma’s favourite food is grapes and knowing this has made it easy for the PCS to introduce her to some operant conditioning.

Peggy is the gentle soul of the group and remains calm and collected at all times…unless there is a duvet cover laying around. When she finds one she climbs inside and loses herself in a game of peek-a-boo! Peggy enjoys the winter, particularly if it snows. While the novelty of snow wears off with the other chimps, Peggy spends her day collecting snow to eat, knowing the PCS are always on hand with warm drinks.

Trudy is our very own little diva. She knows exactly what she wants in life and that’s a raisin scatter and cuddles with Peggy. Unlike the other chimps, Trudy is not so keen about young Thelma. Up until Thelma arrived, Trudy was treated like a youngster by the rest of the group, probably due to her small size, but now it is all about Thelma and Trudy doesn’t get away with as much as she used to. Luckily for Trudy, Peggy will always have her back.

Valerie has a great sense of humour and finds the smallest things amusing. She is very food motivated and enjoys enrichment items involving tasty treats. Valerie is Hananya’s favourite female and it maybe because of this relationship that she has such a relaxed and carefree attitude.

Marjoline has finally met her match and it comes in the form of baby Thelma. The two don’t have the best of friendships and seem to enjoy winding each other up. Marjoline has always had anxiety about going through doors and would only be happy if she had an armful of wood wool as a security blanket. With lots of encouragement and help from the enrichment team, Marjoline now regularly leaves the house with her arms empty!

Eveline has stepped into the role of big sister and regularly carries Thelma around. Her new responsibilities have even given her confidence enough to put the boys in their place when necessary! Eveline spends more time with high ranking individuals and is forever loyal to Cherri.

Tutti remains loyal to Hananya and always joins him in his patrols. She loves food and is an excellent forager, finding the smallest morsels that the others have missed. Tutti is always the first to notice the PCS making up drinks and when she finds one, she will carry it with her for several days looking very pleased with herself!

Honey loves a crowd and can always be found wherever the biggest group is hanging out. She is a playful and happy chimp who loves a spinning game. Like Tutti, Honey has a very loud voice and always announces feeding time to the rest of the group.

Kiki is a shy chimp who likes to keep herself to herself. She’s not a fan of big crowds but enjoys a game of chase with her close friends or a small group grooming session. Tutti is one of Kiki’s close friends and is always able to drag her into a game, usually resulting in lots of giggles.

Kuki is quite a confident character especially as she is now spending more time with Cherri and in particular Thelma. She comes across as a very “entitled” lady even though she is low-ranking within the group. Kuki makes wonderful beds in the evening and loves the thick blankets that have been donated.

Jess has had to find a new hobby since her best friend Arfur has been busy with baby Thelma. She spends a lot of time telling off the neighbouring orang-utans by stomping her feet, attempting to throw things over the fence, and shouting at them. Despite all her efforts, Jess is yet to get a reaction from Gordon’s group.

Patricia is a fairly lazy chimp who does not like the cold weather. If she does decide to go outside on a cold day she makes a run for it, with arms folded, grabs some breakfast, and sprints back inside. Patricia loves thick cozy blankets and is most content in a big warm nest inside.

Johni is a chimp who is focused on the top spot, although she knows not to push her luck with dominant ladies Cherri and Peggy. She loves noisy toys, especially the squeaky Kong, and when she finds one, she will carry it with her for several days looking very pleased with herself!

Zeynep is always the sleepy one! Come rain or shine, Zeynep can be found wrapped in a blanket. This year she earned trust with Cherri who allowed her to carry Thelma now and again. Zeynep appears happy with her new relationship with Thelma, although maybe a little nervous at the same time.
**WOOLLY MONKEY UPDATE**

**OASKA’S GROUP**
Oaska’s group continue to do well together. Oaska looks after his group, has a big heart, and always wants to please people, although can get a little over excited at times! Piquita has had a busy year raising Lucas. Lucas is a very lively and confident individual, and it wasn’t long before he was off his mum’s back and out on his own exploring all his enclosures had to offer. He has now become firm friends with the other youngster of the group Xavi, and they love having rough and tumble play sessions together, which usually result in a pile up on top of Oaska’s head! Xingu is a very gentle soul, and can have her hands full keeping energetic Xavi in line.

But mother and son have a very good relationship, with the pair of them having good play sessions together. Meanwhile Ayla is growing up and reaching sexual maturity. She can often be seen flirting in Oaska’s direction, however hasn’t become brave enough yet to let him get too close!

**LEVAR’S GROUP**
Levar’s group is one of the mostly lively we have at the park as it is mostly young males. Levar heads the group, but takes on a much quieter role now in his old age, preferring to keep himself out of the way of any antics going on and relaxing in the outside enclosure. Bueno Junior is growing into a very handsome young man, and fits well in this group having a good relationship with all the others. He is particularly close with Levar, often waiting for him before he ventures into the larger outside enclosure and snuggling up next to him at night.

The other two boys Mani and Enzo also have a good relationship with Bueno and all three of them play wildly together. Older female Quapa remains the boss of this group and seems happy being in charge of a load of boys!

**CHIPPY’S GROUP**
Chippy’s group have had an eventful year, starting with the arrival of Pacaja’s baby girl Oriana. Being Pacaja’s first baby she was very protective of her new arrival, however over the year she has proved to be an excellent mother and has settled into her new role becoming a lot more relaxed. Oriana has taken a little while to build her confidence within the group, staying very close by to mum. However, over the last few months she has started to come out of her shell much more, venture further away from mum, and is interacting a lot more with other members of the group.

Chippy’s group welcomed another new addition after Yarima gave birth in May to her baby boy, Carlos.

Yarima has always been a fantastic mum and settled into motherhood quickly and smoothly. Carlos is a small, yet very confident individual who is very curious about the world surrounding him. Eva is having a hard time coming to terms with the fact that her mum has a new baby to care for now and she doesn’t receive as much attention from Yarima as she used to. This has been difficult for her to accept but she is coping well and has a close relationship with the boss Chippy.

Eva never strays too far from his side and even gets him to play with her, especially if she pulls his tail enough times! Chippy continues to be a larger than life character in the group, being very gentle and protective with the babies, keeping a close eye on his females, and always enjoying meal time! Paulo is growing into a very attractive male woolly monkey, and has developed a lot more of his muscles this year. He continues to be one of the most playful, and amusing individuals here at the park, enjoying watching the world go by from the outside enclosure, displaying at anyone who goes past, and trying to learn what it’s like to be the dominant male of a group.

Chippy’s group said goodbye to adolescent Branco who left Monkey World in October and made the trip over to Basel Zoo in Switzerland. Unfortunately Branco had become too boisterous with the females and babies in this group, upsetting everyone, and therefore he needed to be kept separate from the ladies. Basel zoo were able to offer Branco a new home, in their refurbished facilities, along with another adolescent male, Sabin, from Apenheul zoo. On October 27th Branco walked into his travelling box and we started the long drive across France to Switzerland. Branco was a star pupil on the way over, not complaining once, and being more fascinated with all the activities around him. Once we all arrived safely at Basel zoo, Branco was introduced to his new home and his new in mate straight away. It all went amazingly well, both boys seemed to be very happy to meet each other, greeting each other with a snuffle, and happily eating and sleeping side by side.

**THE ODD COUPLE**
Mica and George, our ‘odd’ couple, are still going strong, and have recently moved into a new luxurious retirement pad. Their new enclosure is more suitable for the aging couple, and is designed so it is easier for George to get around. The indoor area has a viewing window so now Mica can keep an eye on what’s going on from the warmth of her bedroom. The pair have a much quieter existence away from the noisy, grumpy stumpys, and have marmosets and woolly monkeys as their neighbours instead. George is still doing remarkably well considering his old age of nearly 32, and took the move in his stride.

**By Emily Wren**

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**THE ODD COUPLE**

**Mica and George**
STUMP-TAILED MACAQUES

It’s been a relatively quiet, uneventful year down at the stumpy house. Sam and Kelly remain the dominant individuals, and Noreen and Charley have maintained their places in the hierarchy. However, Maureen, Miriam and Sylvie seem to be in a different position in the hierarchy on almost a daily basis, keeping the Primate Care Staff on their toes. Unfortunately, Phil, our oldest male, lost his eyesight with cataracts. He only had sight in one eye for a number of years and over the last year he lost the vision in his other eye. During the summer he was getting around reasonably well but in the past few weeks Phil was struggling to get around and would get upset when approached by some of the others. It is never easy but we had to make the difficult decision to put Phil to sleep.

Some enclosure modifications, that loosened the ground, have prompted a new found enthusiasm for foraging in the outside enclosure and the group enjoyed the long summer evenings. Floh is more integrated into the group now, and has been spending quite a bit of time with the other low-rankers, Jonathon and Maureen. She really enjoys being groomed and always returns the favour, but she is still a little bit nervous around the more dominant individuals.

For these individuals we are looking for other captive homes, especially with a football or a cardboard box. He spends a lot of time with Bryan these days as their relationship grows stronger.

11 pygmy lorises were confiscated by environmental police and brought to Dao Tien in the last month! A follow up visit to check on the lorises and collect data on their weight gains was done by the leader of the group, Tri, a Vietnamese biologist specialising on primates and geckos. Tri offered his support for our work as it is clear that so much effort is needed to establish the present status of bengalensis slow lorises, different from the more common pygmy lorises, as it is generally considered to be extinct now in most regions in Southern Vietnam.

The gibbons on Dao Tien are doing well. The only gibbon struggling is Dao, a beautiful female, who has been living in one of our semi-forested areas for over one year with youngsters Kizzy and Dong. As Kizzy and Dong zoom by like wild gibbons, Dao still goes slowly and is clumsy in the trees. She is a very kind female and acts as a surrogate mother for little ones so she can take her time while she provides the necessary social education to the orphaned youngsters. Sadly for some gibbons release is not possible, due to disease or lacking humans too much.

For these individuals we are looking for other captive homes with good welfare that will allow Dao Tien to continue with our rescue work. The Vice Director of Cat Tien National Park, Nguyen Van Thanh, who has been to Indonesia to learn more about slow lorises, is now travelling with us to sites in Southern Vietnam to see if they are suitable for our gibbon release project. We hope that 2016, the year of the monkey, will be a special year for Dao Tien seeing many more primates returned to the wild, supporting the Vietnamese Government to save these amazing primates from local extinction. With strong team support it looks like it should be a good year!

SALLY’S GROUP

Sally seems particularly chilled out this year and has been slightly more accepting of Bryan’s dominance displays although she does still look to Lulu for support when she feels he is becoming overly confident.

Lulu continues to show PCS what a wonderful natured chimp she is by coming to greet them straight away when they stop by. She is partial to a cup of warm berry tea, especially on a chilly winter morning. Lulu is enjoying her new house and all the extra space it provides.

Ash is a quiet, observant chimp who is always watching what is going on in the group. She has become quite playful recently not just with PCS but also with her fellow house mates. Ash has a very strong relationship with Sally and the two can often be seen engaged in a long grooming session.

Rodders is much loved amongst the staff and his group, and who wouldn’t with that cheeky grin but he is a very naughty boy! Rodders has a tendency to get over excited especially with a football or a cardboard box. He spends a lot of time with Bryan these days as their relationship grows stronger.

Christmas is always a good time in Vietnam, as the monsoon rains finish, the forest is in full leaf and the cooler nights follow. Vo Thanh Binh, who leads our release projects, is very tired with so many loris to follow but reports with a big smile how he has watched Nguyen, one of the first loris’ we released, holding on to large trees, gouging holes for gum, and making several holes in one tree within an hour. Nguyen was a pet loris in Ho Chi Minh City, so excellent news that a pet loris still knows exactly how to be wild.

By Nicola Smith

By Ruth Harris

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Golden-cheeked Gibbons

Alex & Mikado - Mikado is nearly 6 and is showing signs of maturing, most notably by becoming territorial and a bit moody, although he does still loves to play and show off for the public. Alex is fairly laid back and is very tolerant of Mikado, however, it will be interesting to see how their relationship develops as he reaches adulthood.

Jake, Zoey & Zak - The little man of the house Zak is also maturing and at 5 years old he is developing big boots and is testing both his mum and dad’s patience as he pushes the boundaries. Zoey is truly a very good mum and generally quite easy going, well until it comes to food and she no longer tolerates Zak pinching it from her. While being the disciplinarian of the family Jake makes sure he is tough but fair and still spends lots of time playing with his son so there is never a dull moment in this group.

Paul & Kitty - Our most fun loving gibbon Paul loves playing in front of the viewing windows for the public & can be quite goofy. As he is so much more confident in himself these days, he often demands that Kitty plays with him by hanging above her and stepping or sitting on her till she spends until she wrestles with him! Kitty secretly enjoys these games too but only for short periods as she has a busy day planned sunbathing, searching for insects in the long grass and keeping watch for intruders into the house.

Shuang & Fennel - Shuang is a 2 year old female who has experienced some social difficulties who has experienced some social difficulties who has experienced some social difficulties who has experienced some social difficulties who has experienced some social difficulties who has experienced some social difficulties who has experienced some social difficulties who has experienced some social difficulties who has experienced some social difficulties who has experienced some social difficulties who has experienced some social difficulties who has experienced some social difficulties who has experienced some social difficulties who has experienced some social difficulties who has experienced some social difficulties

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Adidas & Dalumie - Adidas likes to keep an eye on all the staff at Monkey World and spends most of his day outside with a good view of the staff room. He has also become more confident with the big scary chimps next door and doesn’t run past them anymore. Dalumie is the smallest in stature of our adult gibbons but has one of the biggest personalities, she makes sure her opinions are well known. She has a very distinctive voice which is usually joined by Adidas’s showing how strong their bond is.

Paul & Tien - The most lovable gibbon pair of the group Paul & Tien have a loving relationship that develops as he reaches adulthood.

Ringing the changes

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Renton’s rambunctious nature has gotten him into trouble in the past but he was one of the first members of the troop to accept and befriend Kurt and Friedrich. Cirrus was another troop member who quickly befriended the boys and has shown himself to be a lovely, friendly character that will huddle and groom with all troop members, regardless of rank.

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Siamang Gibbons

Sam and Sasak are still a wonderful happy couple and share everything in everyday life. This year they have both become superstars at operant conditioning. Sasak understood very quickly and in just a few short weeks she was presenting 8 different body parts, points of interest - she struggled to grasp ‘open mouth’ which slowed her progress. This gave slow starter Sam a chance to catch up, with very xilish feet he didn’t like them touched but now does just as well as Sasak, and all for a cheeroo, dried fruit or mealworm!

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- Two x VIP tour of the park for 2 people + a 2 night stay
- Two x ½ day photography tours for 2 people + a 2 night stay
- Two pairs of 2 tickets to a sleepover event in 2016
- One original Jethro artwork
- £100 Marks & Spencer Gift Card
- Two Marks & Spencer Gift Card £50
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