

# 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 **Marshall Court Hotel** continue to collect donations and sell 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 Krumhorn**, 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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*Olivia Cronin*

*All the best for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Help by donating goods such as:

FOOD	SUPPLEMENTS/OTHERS	TOYS
Melons	Pure Baby Rice	Big Dog Toys
Pomegranates	Cod Liver Oil Capsules	Feeding Balls
Blueberries	Primrose Oil Capsules	Kong Toys
Cranberries	60mg Chewable Vit C	Tub Trugs
Pineapples	Baby Oil	Rugby Balls
Mangos		Basketballs
Nuts in the Shell	EQUIPMENT	
Vegetables	Small/Medium Baskets	
Garlic	Blankets & Towels	
Herbs	Bedding	
	Hessian Sacks	
	Thick Ropes	
	Red or Black Fire Hose	

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 monkey memorabilia and ape accessories for anyone who loves primates. There are excellent ideas for 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.



Kiki

Jim Cronin  
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## APE RESCUE CHRONICLE

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# ORANG-UTAN CRECHE

By Jarno Swandi  
& Kate Diver



Awan and Oshine

**Oshine** has matured over the last year with Hsiao-quai around to guide her. Kai has been showing a lot of interest in Oshine but Oshine is yet to be convinced. She still has a close relationship with Silvestre who sleeps in her hammock every night.

**Hsiao-quai** is an amazing female and a great role model as she has successfully raised her own two sons and her adopted daughter. She is a very strong character which has gained her a lot of respect from the other orang-utans.

**Kai** is growing up fast and is becoming a very handsome and confident male. He is a very clever individual who needs a lot of stimulation.



Kai

**Jin** is a tough and strong individual who loves to play. He enjoys having Silvestre and Awan around and the nursery is never quiet when those three are enjoying a big play session together.



Silvestre



Hsiao-quai

**Silvestre** is a very friendly individual who has shown his softer side during recent introductions with the babies of the group. However, he is inclined to throw a tantrum around Primate Care Staff if he doesn't get what he wants.

**Awan** is a very independent little lady although she still sleeps with mum, Hsiao-quai, every night. She is very active and will move from the indoor to outdoor enclosure on her own. She loves to play outside when the weather is fine.

**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.



Rieke

**Bulu-mata** is now 14 months old and although increasingly independent from his PCS carers he has started to show a more sensitive side in recent months, especially in his approach to new things. Bulu is happy to follow Rieke's lead during introductions with the nursery youngsters, Silvestre and Awan. He chooses to sit very close behind Rieke while she tests the water, once he is happy the situation is safe he begins exploring. He especially loves to play in the wood-wool.



Jin



Bulu Mata

# PADDY'S GROUP

By Rob Kedian

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.



Bixa

Busta

Cindy

Clin

Gamba

Zoe

**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.



Paddy and Bart

**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 his 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.

**Cindy** is getting older and is happy to spend her time relaxing or grooming with other high ranking members of the group. However, she still makes sure to break out her mischievous side from time to time, just to keep the others, and PCS, on their toes!

**Clin** is content to spend her time grooming with others or "singing" to herself. She is usually a happy chimp and has a strong love of food. At meal times Clin can usually be seen with her own 'dinner tray' – aka a cardboard box.

**Eddi** is a fairly low ranking female in Paddy's group. She has plenty of energy and maintains a very strong bond with her brother Bart. The two of them enjoy play and chase sessions on most days.

**Hebe** is largely content to while away her time sleeping in her favourite hammock. However, she will always find the time to enjoy a grooming session, or two, with her good friend Peppa.

**Lola** is a low ranking member of Paddy's group but often manages to get choice bits of food by presenting to Paddy so that she can get right in the thick of things and snatch and run before anyone has noticed! Lola is close to Peppa and Athena.

**Bart** continues to grow and mature. He is becoming calmer in nature and is learning a lot about group life and politics from his excellent role models...even if he hasn't quite yet grown into his ears!

**Athena** was one of Kay's close companions in the group. She is now adjusting to life without her good friend. She still gets energized come feeding time and can be heard pant-hooting away with excitement from some distance!

**Bixa** retains her place near the top of the hierarchy as she is still one of Paddy's most loyal females. She doesn't let her duties get in the way of the occasional game or two with Bart however.

**Beth** is also a high ranking female who is rarely far away from the action. A minor illness laid her low for a few days late in the year but it couldn't keep her down for long and she's now back in full force.

**Cathy** is a good natured chimp with a stubborn streak. She likes to get her own way which means she doesn't go outside until she is good and ready! Cathy has a fun side and maintains a close friendship with Grisby and Clin.

**Chatta** is often quite bold and was the first of Paddy's group to investigate the snowman intruder in their outdoor enclosure (built by PCS during a brief snow earlier this year). Chatta confidently strided towards it and plucked off its carrot nose while the others stood back!

**Grisby** has always been close to Cathy and Clin and she looks out for her friends. Grisby is quick to support them when needed and sometimes even joins Cathy when she's unwilling to go outside for breakfast.

**Peppa** - Losing a good friend in Kay might be tough for Peppa but luckily she has plenty of other friends around to get her through difficult times. Peppa was a great comfort to Kay during her final days, being happy to spend time with her and giving her some much needed companionship.

**Zoe** is an elder member of the group and a role model to some of the younger members. She has a particularly close bond with Bart and spends a lot of time looking out for him, even when his raucous behaviour seems intolerable to the others.



Hebe



# COMMON, GEOFFROY'S & UNKNOWN MARMOSETS

Where to begin?! 2015 has been an incredibly busy year for the small monkey team with the arrival of fifteen new marmosets, 14 common marmosets and one Geoffroy's. 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.



Ronnie, Jerry, Pikachu and Tom

**Tom, Jerry, Ronnie & Pikachu** – Tom's condition has improved greatly since his arrival and he now weighs the same as his sister, Jerry. We recently reintroduced Tom and Jerry to their younger siblings Ronnie and Reggie.

Ronnie was welcomed back with open arms but when Reggie started showing sexual interest in his sister we decided to remove him from the group. Tom, Jerry and Ronnie have adopted one of our newest arrivals, Pikachu, into their family. Pikachu was confiscated by the police during a drugs raid and was found running loose amongst needles and drugs. We don't know his exact age but he is less than a year. He is quite wary of people but loves his new adopted mum, Jerry.

**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 might expect to see in an older animal. They are getting on really well and Ronnie can often be seen holding onto Oscars cheeks giving his face a good clean.



Reggie and Oscar



Lionel and Mickey

**Max, James & Lenny** – Max and James have been joined by Lenny. James and Lenny got on very well from the start which seemed to put Max's nose out of joint but all three have settled together well. These three are all older boys and enjoy spending their time sunbathing and grooming.

**Mickey and Lionel** – These two are forever on the go, making the most of their large enclosure. Mickey was the first resident in the new house and initially wary of his new neighbours, Paddy's chimpanzee group!

By Karen Swan



**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.

**Fred, Sammy, Luna & Leo** – Luna, a 10-month-old Geoffroy's marmoset, arrived at the end of October. He is very playful and LOVES Fred, however, Fred finds Luna quite annoying and tries to stay away from him. The two are getting along now it is wonderful to see Luna with two adoptive parents. Sammy has taken on the maternal role and is staying close to Luna. Unfortunately she has decided that there isn't room in her family for Leo as well and has pushed him out. We have moved Leo and started introducing him to Reggie and Oscar.



Fred

**Hazel & Solomon** – Hazel and Solomon make the most of any good weather and much prefer to be outside. They are both quite wary of new things, they will investigate but at a slower more cautious pace than the other marmosets.

**Gizmo, Lucky, Chica & Chuva** – This family are very food oriented which makes them good candidates for clicker training. We use positive reinforcement to train behaviours, such as moving rooms or walking into a crate when requested.

**Mojo & Albert** – Both of these two have very stubborn personalities and won't do anything they don't want to. They both enjoy spending time outside when it's sunny or if it's a bit chilly they will curl up in their favourite basket by the window.



James



Tya, Georgia and Maximillian

**Maximillian, Tya & Georgia** – When Max moved in with Tya and Georgia they all got on well. Tya and Georgia have very different personalities. If Max wants to groom or rest he will spend time with Tya whereas if he wanted to play he would be with Georgia.

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.

**Rattler, Red & Bassett** – This group have not calmed down at all in the last year. If they're going somewhere they're running and always together. They are a nice settled group except when there is gum involved and then it's every marmoset for themselves.

**Milo & Clydie** – Milo and Clydie have a good relationship and have lovely play sessions. Milo likes to know what is going on so spends more time outside watching everything. He can get stressed quite easily if there are too many people around so we have housed them in the quietest area we have. Clydie is more of an indoor monkey and only really ventures out when the sun is really shining.

**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 Tya. She liked him 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.

**Brass & Evi** – This year Brass and Evi moved into the new marmoset house with a sunnier outside enclosure. They love being out in the sun but because of their very pale skin they were at risk of getting sunburnt so, as with some of our macaques, we had to try and apply sunscreen. Neither were very keen on this!



Brass

## SMALL MONKEYS

By April Bradley

### Squirrel Monkeys

Our group of four squirrel monkeys, Topsy, Turvey, Samantha and Charlie have had a good year and have made the most of the sun we've had this summer. Primate Care Staff have been giving the squirrel monkeys new puzzle feeders to occupy them which have proven to be very popular. Charlie is usually the first to solve the puzzle and get to his favourite treat – insects! The girls will cheekily pick up any treats that Charlie drops.



Topsy

### Saki Monkey

Despite his age Jethro continues to make the most of each day enjoying his favourite treat – cashew nuts. Jethro is always 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.



Jethro



Charlie

### Cotton-top Tamarins

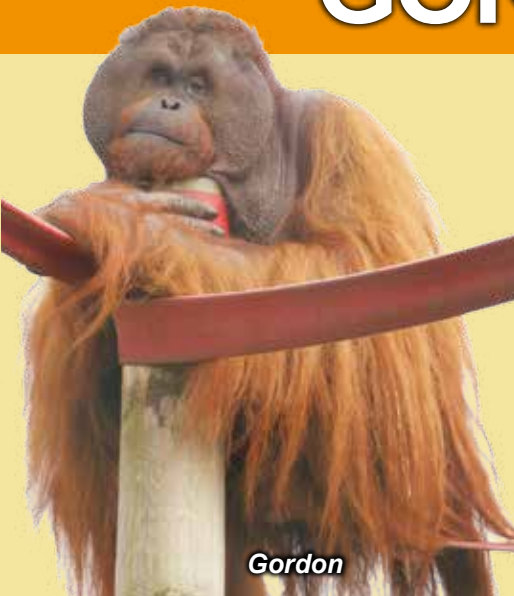
Earlier this year Uncas was joined by a new friend, another elderly male cotton-top who we named 'Hawkeye'. Hawkeye has settled into life at Monkey World and has given Uncas the companionship he so desperately needed. These two boys have formed a nice friendship but it isn't without its ups and downs. Uncas 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.





# GORDON'S GROUP

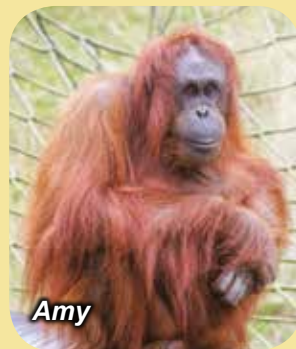
By Luis Mesa



Gordon

**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.

**Amy** is possibly the cleverest orang-utan at Monkey World, closely followed by Gordon. This pair have to be watched closely by Primate Care staff as they always seem to be plotting something! If you come to visit us soon you may find that Amy is a bit grumpier than usual as she is currently on a diet. Amy's favourite thing in the world is food and she somehow managed to put on a bit of extra weight over the summer. Primate Care Staff manage her diet closely and encourage her to be as active as possible.



Amy

**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.

**Lucky** has a very good relationship with Amy and really enjoys it when Gordon decides to give her a bit of attention. She is a bit afraid of Hsiao-lan and will try to avoid her as much as she can. Lucky is the most ambitious climber in her group and enjoys sitting at the very top of the poles in her outside enclosure where she has a good view of the rest of the park.



Hsiao-lan

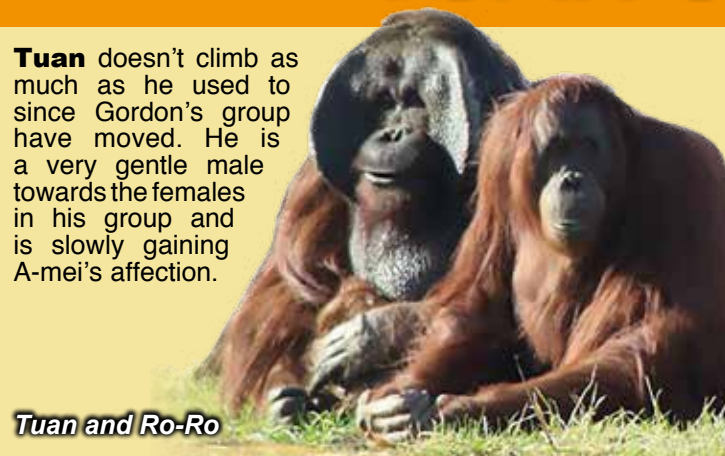


Lucky

# 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.



Tuan and Ro-Ro

**Roro** is a shy orang-utan who has a good relationship with Tuan. She can sometimes be seen playing with new friend Lingga and daughter Dinda but she also likes to be on her own, hanging out on the rocks at the bottom of the enclosure which is a real sun spot.



Dinda

**Dinda** is growing up fast but will still throw a tantrum if she doesn't get what she wants. Lingga is still her best friend and they wait for each other at put-to-bed.

**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

**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.



Lingga

**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

# 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.



Jimmy

**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 with. 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.



Paco

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



Sammy

**Sammy** has been enjoying access to their newly re-furnished 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 chap and is frequently found in the afternoon sharing grooming sessions with Freddy.



Seamus



Buxom

Carli

Freddy

Jestah

Kyko

Pacito



# CAPUCHIN & SPIDER MONKEYS



Phillipe

## 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 Phillipe, 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!



Fabian



Onslow



Franco



Mary

## 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 flirty females. Even Gizmo, the groups 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 sides of 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 quite enough. And with the help of the PRIMATE CARE STAFF and the odd piece of new furniture, many of the individuals whose preference has been for lower level living continue to expand their horizons and reach slightly more dizzying heights....of a couple of feet off the ground at least!



Mini



Terri

## 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 flirty 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 everyone is in for tea.

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 before going back together overnight. Some individuals in particular seem to have the knack of interacting with animals in different groups, such as low ranking Flo and Ginger, who are often groomed by more dominant individuals. Ginger hangs out with Ester regularly and although Ester's initial grooming technique left Ginger's coat a bit patchy, it has improved and Ginger's hair is growing back!



Tau



Ester



Kiera



Ruby

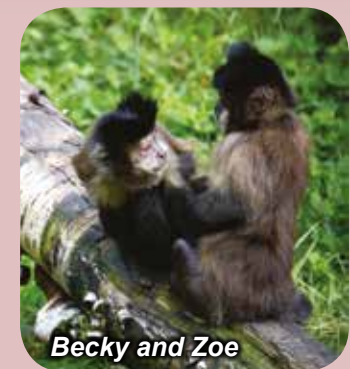
## Erico's Troop

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 karabiner clips from the hanging enrichment in the house. Shawn 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!



Caeser

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!



Becky and Zoe



Ringo



Shaun and Becky

## 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 also 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 the playful and giggly side to his personality. He does also have a stropky streak and is quick to shout at someone if he feels they have interrupted his one on one keeper time!



Flint

Primate Planet Productions

# MONKEY LIFE

Primate Planet Productions

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;

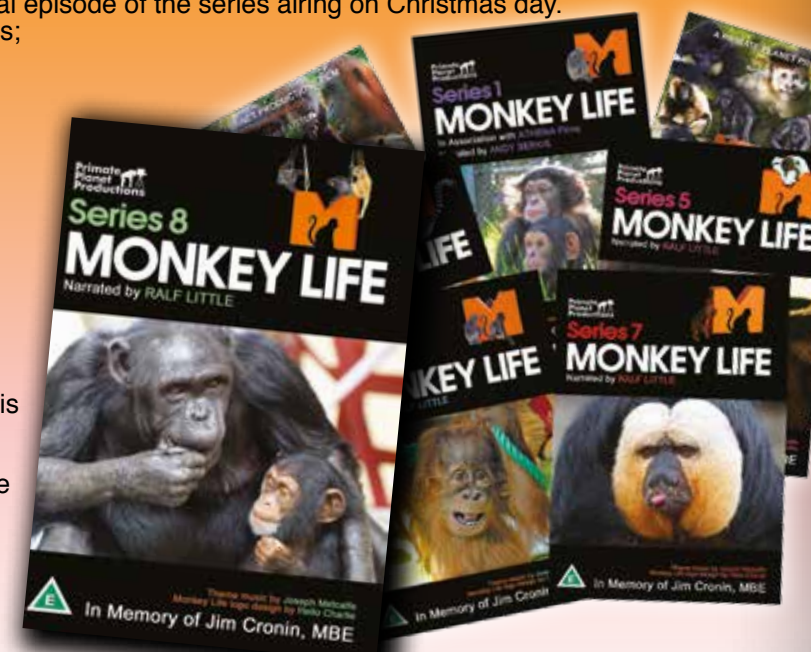
- Freeview Channel 11,
- Sky Channel 152,
- Freesat Channel 144,
- Virgin Media Channel 123
- Virgin Media Ireland Channel 133.

This new series is PACKED full of wonderful and emotional stories and of course more rescues. It would be great to get your comments about the new series via our Facebook and Twitter pages so please do get in touch and let Sky Pick know you want to see **MORE MONKEY LIFE!**

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# HANANYA'S GROUP

By Lisa MacDougall



Tutti

Eveline

Jess

Kuki

Marjoline

Patricia

Tikko

Trudy

## Hananya's Group

Hananya's young, loud and playful community have 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. Tikko doesn't appear to mind.



Hananya

**Simon** has been able to relax as Thelma gets older and more independent. He is back to his playful self doing acrobatics on the hosing, playing chase with Semach, or having a tickle fight with Tutti. He still always makes time for a cuddle with Thelma if she needs him.

**Semach** has always played the clown and can make fun out of every situation! He enjoys a dog toy soaked in juice or bouncing a tennis ball. Semach particularly enjoyed the disco light the PCS set up earlier this year. Running in and out of the moving lights had him entertained for hours. Despite a short attention span, Semach is top of the class when it comes to operant conditioning (clicker training) and knows more behaviours than any other chimp.



Simon, Cherri and Thelma

**Arfur's** boisterous and overzealous nature meant that, for the first year, Cherri kept Thelma at a safe distance. More recently Arfur has become Thelma's number one playmate! These two are often seen together, wrestling and chasing each other in the playroom.

**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.



Thelma and Hananya



Thelma

**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 some positive reinforcement 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 or getting ice lollies out and will announce the forthcoming treats to the rest of the group and then hang around waiting/hoping to Hoover up any leftovers!



Group Grooming Session



Honey and Valerie

**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 cosy 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 Kongs, 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 her 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.



Johni and Patricia



# WOOLLY MONKEY UPDATE

By Emily Wren

## 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.



Oaska

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!



Bueno Jr



Levar



Chippy

## 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 slowly 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.



Pacaja and Oriana

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, Sabio, 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 roommate 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.



Yarima and Carlos

## 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.



Mica



Mica and George



# STUMP-TAILED MACAQUES

By Nicola Smith

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.



## DAO TIEN UPDATE



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 lorises to follow but reports with a big smile how he has watched Nguyen, one of the first lorises 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.

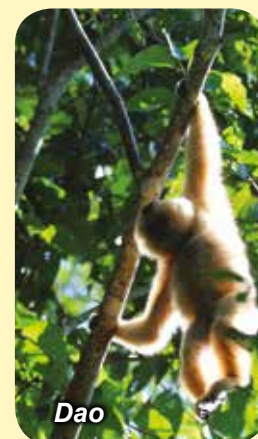


Mr Thanh and Mr Viet

11 pygmy loris 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 loris, different from the more common pygmy loris, as it is generally considered to be extinct now in most regions in Southern Vietnam.



Tri, Environmental Police Biologist



Dao

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 liking 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 loris, 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!



Dao Tien Team Wishing You a Happy Christmas

# SALLY'S GROUP

By Ruth Harris

**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.



Sally



Lulu

**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



Bryan

**Bryan** has become more and more confident this year. His dominance displays have been even more impressive as he shows off to the adjacent chimp groups. Bryan has the respect of the other group members, however Sally will still defend what's hers. His attempts to discipline her sometimes work, but not always!



Ash

**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.



Rodders





# OUR GIBBONS

By Cat Talbot & Carly

## 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.



*Peanut and Teo*

**Peanut's Family** - Peanut still very much loves her balloon basket and spends a lot of her day in there relaxing, playing, grooming and keeping a close eye on her energetic children as they fly through the trees around her. Tia-nang is also maturing and is turning out to have a sweet and gentle nature. In the last few weeks she has started her colour change with blonde hairs appearing on her head and wrists. The not so baby of the group, Teo, is still very spoilt and used to getting his own way making life a bit trying for the ever accepting Pung-yo as he bears the brunt of his tantrums.



*Tien and Kim*

**Tien & Kim** - Kim has matured into a blonde bombshell this year and has a wonderful personality to go with her looks. She is a keen learner and was the best at taking her flu jab this year. Tien has gradually become a more confident individual, although he has a naturally wary nature and can, in fact, be a bit of a wimp. At the time of writing Tien is the only gibbon not to have sat still long enough to get his flu jab! Their relationship grows stronger every day and no-one can fail to say 'aw' when you see them cuddling.

**Tito & Vietta** - Vietta has definitely become our most photographed gibbon over the last year and never fails to pose for a camera. Her kind, gentle and beautiful face has won her many an adoring fan. Tito loves to interact with the PCS and his cute face often wins him a tickle or massage and even the odd manicure. He also loves the new hammock in his enclosure, a great place to relax in the sun, watch the world go by and be close to his rock, Vietta.



*Sam and Sasak*

## 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, though she struggled to grasp 'open mouth' which slowed her progress. This gave slow starter Sam a chance to catch up, with very ticklish feet he didn't like them touched but now does just as well as Sasak, and all for a cheerio, dried fruit or mealworm!

## Mueller's, Lar & Agile Gibbons

**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

**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 head 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.



*Paul the Agile Gibbon*

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.

**Fox & Ella** - Ella has found companionship in her new best friend Fox. They both share the same favourite things - grooming & being groomed, wrestling, tickling and all round play leading to lots of laughter being heard in the main gibbon house. Fox is a sweet chap who has always liked things neat and tidy, but living with Ella means his bedroom has become a mess. However, Fox doesn't seem to care in fact we have noticed he is more territorial and definitely protective of his new best friend.



*Fox and Ella*

**Nini** - Nini can be a tricky little man to spot as he likes to be indoors, however when he does come out to burn off steam he tends to have a silly five minutes where he delights in jumping, twirling, doing back flips and throwing & catching toys not letting the fact that he only has one arm slow him in any way.

# RING TAILED LEMURS

By Joanna Page

The end of March was a sad time for the small monkey team with the passing of our elderly ruffed lemur, Blue. A firm favourite with staff and members of the public alike, Blue's lively character will be missed by all.

Life is never dull in the Malagasy woodland however and our two youngest troop members are certainly keeping things entertaining. Kurt and Friedrich are now fully integrated into our ring-tailed lemur group. Being young and slight, the twins found themselves at the bottom of the hierarchy, giving Whitespot and Houdini someone they could finally be dominant over.

Friedrich's intelligence and Kurt's social graces have seen the boys slowly start to climb the social rankings and although Houdini still outranks them, Whitespot has found himself once again at the bottom of the pile. Himel is another member of the troop who has experienced some social difficulties as the new group was forming

Now that the group is more settled, Himel is a mid-ranking male again and a good friend to all, particularly to Kaiyah who he enjoys great wrestling sessions with. The arrival of the young boys has had a positive impact on another of Kaiyah's relationships, that of her and Renton. These two boisterous characters, known for their on again/off again friendship, appear to have put their differences aside for some time now and can often be seen grooming each other.

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. Cirrius 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.

The two troop members that our youngsters found hardest to integrate themselves with were Fennel, the dominant female, and Indiana, our dominant male. Indiana continues to let the boys know who is boss but is now happy for them to join in the regular group huddling sessions. Fennel is a strong leader and puts everyone, including Indiana, firmly in their place, especially at feeding time! As time has gone on, the boys have learnt to let Fennel have her food and eat it and in return, Fennel gives the boys an occasional groom.



*Malagasy "Bundle"*



*Indiana and Cirrius*



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