

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Sue, Bella & Alison in the Monkey World office

Rescuing monkeys and apes from smuggling, abuse, or neglect is not an easy task but it is wonderful when you can give an individual a family and a more natural life back again. At the same time, it is never easy to say goodbye to those who you have worked so hard for, those that have become "friends", and those that you care so much about. This year we have lost several individuals and it is something that we must all be prepared

for. As our 30th anniversary year approaches, seven of the original nine chimpanzees are still with us, albeit a bit stiffer and a bit greyer, and caring for them in their old age is a task we embrace just as much as caring for our new arrivals. We are also aware that several of our supporters have passed away and our thoughts are with the families and friends of **Gwendolen Cann, Carol Charlton, Kim Ostocke, Mal Whitby, Melanie Constable, Maureen Hart, Phyllis Hill, Rene Ronchetti, Susan Harris, Sharon Lee, Reg Holdstock, and Mrs M Dunkley.** They will all be dearly missed.

As winter closes in we turn our attention to making sure the lives of our rescued primates are as comfortable as possible – are all the "cat-flaps" in good condition to keep the heat in the houses, are the boilers and air-handling units working well, have all the apes taken their flu vaccines, and are we prepared for the inevitable colds that will go

around? There is a lot to do and we receive so much help and support from you, our adoptive parents. Thanks so much for your very generous donations, special goodies and treats, and sheets and bedding. Everything is used to give our monkeys and apes the most interesting, good, and healthy lives possible.

Monkey Life Series 9 is still playing on Pick so be sure to tune in for the new programs every Sunday night. We are already filming Series 10 and I can tell you that there will be several rescues of monkeys and apes to follow in the coming months! I don't want to give too much away but it is looking like we will have some very "ugly", very "dark", and very "orange" rescues to tell you all about. Can you guess?!

Wishing you all the very best for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Alison Cronin

HOW YOU CAN HELP

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.

In addition to the list, there are many other items we need to care for our rescued primates. Please see our **NEW Christmas Amazon Wish List** that has different goods that we currently need. We have gone through our stores and our most needed items are now on the list.

We also have an **On-line Shop** (<http://www.monkeyworld.org/Monkey-World-Online-Gift-Shop>) & **Gift Catalogue** full of monkey memorabilia and ape accessories for anyone who loves primates.



Gift Catalogue

We are continuing to rescue more monkeys and apes who 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.

Jim Cronin
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FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS



PADDY'S GROUP

By Lisa MacDougall & Vicky Keers



Paddy's group have had a tough year losing two members of their community - the sudden passing of young female Hebe in August and more recently the devastating loss of their leader, Paddy. The group appear resilient and are a strong unit. The loss of the alpha male affects everyone in the group and they are currently experiencing a period of adjustment while they figure out the hierarchy. Paddy was a wonderful leader, both fair and kind, supportive, and a great disciplinarian. Paddy had the greatest of respect from his group and looked after them for many years...since the park opened in 1987. Currently we have given the group time to settle while discussions amongst the chimpanzee team take place to decide the best future for this group. Watch this space!



Bart: is still a very playful chimp but is beginning to show his mature side. He acts as a good peacemaker, offering reassurance to anyone who needs it, especially after group disputes. He was particularly affected by the sudden loss of Hebe as they spent a lot of time together. Luckily for Bart his big sister Eddi is staying close to his side.

Eddi: is maturing into a well-adjusted female. Normally calm and collected she is easily persuaded into a game of tug-o-war with Busta. Eddi loves this game and will not accept Busta getting bored. If he tries to walk off, she hits him with the blanket and runs off, knowing he cannot resist a game of chase.

Busta: is an upbeat chimp who is always busy. He is not the most patient individual and if he is waiting for food he bounces up and down. Busta always find someone to play with especially his close friends, Micky or Bart.

Gamba: usually started most of the mischief in the group but over the last few years he has calmed down and doesn't annoy the ladies as much anymore. He is now in his mid-twenties and finally relaxing a bit more. Gamba is a very playful chimp, especially if it includes a rough wrestle and chase with Busta.

Micky: loves wrestling and playing under a blanket. He will play with anyone who is game or on his own if there are no takers! He is a gentle chimp who likes an early night and will be tucked up in his nest before some of the others have finished eating dinner.

Bixa: was one of Paddy's favourite females and was out of sorts prior to and following his death. Bixa is adjusting to life without her long-term friend and leader. Bixa loves her pill cup and bananas in the morning and is normally the first in line.

Cindy: plays an important role in Bart's life, giving him much needed support. She is one of the oldest chimps on the park, but she isn't slowing down. Cindy loves to display seemingly unaware that she is not able to move as fast as she once did. When she's not showing how big and strong she is, she can be seen doing teddy bear rolls.

Beth: may only have one toe on her right foot but she uses it to her advantage, wiggling the toe through the mesh at Primate Care Staff, knowing no one can resist saying hello to her. Most chimps use their dexterous feet to carry food. Instead Beth has developed a method in which she uses her whole arm and it means she can carry more than the others.

Zoe: is sensitive, caring, and likes to know everyone is ok. After Lola's eye surgery, she waited outside Lola's bedroom desperate to check her friend. In the weeks that followed Zoe waited back in the morning to make sure Lola made it out with the group.



Cathy: has made massive progress with her training this year as she used to hang back in the playroom every morning. With a bit of encouragement she now heads out with the others allowing Primate Care Staff to have more time to clean and make the playroom extra fun. Cathy now has breakfast with best friends Clin and Grisby and has finally realised that the early bird catches the worm.

Clin: is as unique as they come. She still "sings" a song before and after dinner, carries her toy of the day around in her hip "pocket", and fashions a toe ring out of a paper cup. Sweet and gentle natured, she may have many quirks, but we wouldn't have Clin any other way.

Grisby: sticks close to her friends Cathy and Clin. She likes the relaxed life and loves her food. Grisby has a hidden temper that flares during any group disputes but the rest of her group don't worry as she makes a lot of noise but rarely takes it any further.

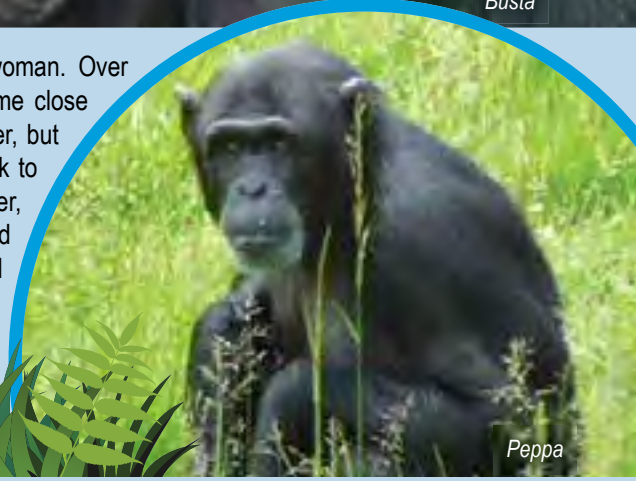
Lola: was nervous, shy, and avoided being around the group at the beginning of the year. After surgery to correct her cataract, Lola is a brand new chimp! Seeing the world clearly, Lola is now full of confidence. She is playing with the other chimps, joining in on group grooming sessions, and has even been catching food when it is scattered from the towers.



Athena: has had a tough year with Hebe's passing but the group have been looking after her. Over the last few months Athena has become closer to Micky. The pair have a lot in common, both are quiet but playful and keep out the way, enjoying watching the world go by.

Chatta: is always looking out for a treat staying close to the house, regularly peering through the kitchen window looking out for any Primate Care Staff who might head her way. Chatta enjoys oiling sessions to moisturise her skin although she eats more than she gets on her skin!

Peppa: is a strong independent woman. Over the last few years Peppa had become close to Hebe, spending more time with her, but since losing Hebe she has gone back to enjoying her own company. However, Peppa proved to be the perfect friend to sit with Lola when she recovered from her surgery, and we hope the two of them will develop a stronger friendship.



ORANG-UTAN CRÉCHE UPDATE

By James Edwards

Hsiao-Quai: has started to enjoy her independence a bit more as Awan grows up. Her maternal side continues to kick in whenever Jin or Awan need her and she can be quite a force to contend with. Her extravagant nests increase in size at this time of year providing plenty of room for company whenever Jin or Awan want to join her.

Awan: is growing up fast and showing a great deal more confidence over the last few months. She loves to have a good wrestle with her half-brother Jin. She is quite the tomboy and gives as good as she gets! She enjoys being the last one to come in for the night at this time of year.

Jin: has been adjusting to not having his big brother around anymore and is enjoying playing with Awan or Silvestre. This has given him more confidence although he is quite the clown of the nursery and enjoys winding up the other orang-utans and Primate Care Staff.

Oshine: is doing brilliantly after losing her extra pounds and her maternal side really has shown this year. As well as keeping her mother-like relationship with Silvestre going, she has also taken to living with Bulu Mata and Rieke. She particularly likes to have a bit of girl time with Rieke. This time of year, Oshine especially enjoys our under floor heating system.

Silvestre: has had to step up his game as he is no longer the youngest in the nursery. He especially enjoys playtime with Bulu Mata, teaching him some good and some bad tricks! He has also shown a very caring side, sharing food with Bulu Mata on occasions.

Bulu Mata: has overtaken Rieke recently with his confidence and is now strutting his stuff outside and wrestling and socialising with the others. He particularly likes spending time with Silvestre but still has a protective and caring side with his relationship with Rieke. You will never find him too far away from her - like two peas in a pod!

Rieke: loves her food and has enjoyed trying new things. We are yet to find a food item that she does not like! She always has her watchful eye on Bulu Mata and will not stray far from him, calling him back if he goes too far. Recently, Rieke has enjoyed spending more time with Oshine.



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MARMOSETS & TAMARINS

By Steph Sawyer
& Sian Evans

We have rescued five more marmosets from the British pet trade this year totalling 35 marmosets at the park in 16 groups. Some of these groups have been together a long time, others are newly formed. As with people, not all marmosets like each other so we sometimes need to change the groupings to get the best combinations.

Comet & Lionel: were paired together fairly recently and have become fast friends. Comet was very taken with Lionel from the start. They enjoy spending lots of time outside and are a particularly enthusiastic pair at feeding time, though they manage to share the food nicely!

Chuck & Sydney: are two of our newest arrivals at the park. Sydney had very poor mobility and bad rickets when she first arrived but her condition has improved greatly. Chuck has become very protective of Sydney and likes to tell people off if they pay her too much attention. This bonding behaviour is wonderful to see, particularly from ex-pet trade marmosets, and the two have become very settled, happy individuals.

Max, James & Jock: are one of our few trios of marmosets. Max and James had lived happily together for some time and got a bit of a surprise when we added Jock to the group. Jock has settled in very well and likes to snuggle up to Max at bedtime. Jock has become the dominant marmoset in the group and it seems a

relief for feisty Max to be able to relax and not be in charge for once.

Douglas & Loki: have an on off relationship. Both are rather large boys and are now on a diet. Loki is a very curious and playful individual and likes to throw himself in and out of the hammocks in the enclosure. Sometimes he even manages to lure Douglas into a game or two as well.

Ronnie & Pikachu: have recently moved to our Domestic Marmoset House, where they have been very interested by their new neighbours. Pikachu was young when he was rescued but he has filled out and is now equal to Ronnie in size. The two enjoy their treats and are particularly fond of wax worms.

Colin & Leo: are happily paired at the Domestic House. Colin can be a bit of an odd marmoset and sometimes struggles to make friends, but warmed to Leo from the beginning. Leo was similarly taken with Colin and likes to follow Colin around like a little shadow. Colin spends much of his time outside, keeping a close watch on the neighbours from the overhead tunnel with Leo usually at his heels.

Brass & Evi: our mystery monkeys, are still paired together, and enjoy spending much of their time outside. They tend to be mucky marmosets and are provided with plenty of fresh browse in their enclosure which Primate Care Staff lightly spray with water. This helps to improve their coat condition by encouraging them to groom more often as they are often too busy rushing around to get the job done!

Hazel & Solomon: can be quite a feisty pair, though they tend to be wary of new situations or surroundings. Solomon is the



Jerry



Jock



Comet & Lionel



Clydie & Amy



Mickey

bigger of the two but Hazel definitely runs the show - she keeps her man firmly in his place! The two are very fond of food and Hazel likes to have first pick. They always snuggle down together at night in the same basket and seem very fond of each other.

Mickey & Tom: are a fairly new pairing and they really seem to have hit it off. Mickey is a strange individual and has many personality quirks (something we sadly see in a lot of ex-pet trade animals), so other marmosets struggle to understand him. Luckily, Tom seems to be very understanding and quickly warmed to Mickey. The pair love to cuddle up and love being outside when the sun is out. Mickey loves a bit of very hyperactive play and Tom seems to cope with this extremely well!

Fred, Sammy & Luna: are a wonderful adoptive family. Fred and Sammy have been great parents to young Luna over the past year. With Luna growing up fast, she has become a very confident young lady and has begun to dominate around feeding time. Fred continues to love watching the passing public while Sammy prefers her warmer comforts inside during the colder months.

Mojo and Albert: love their home comforts, with the majority of their day being spent indoors basking in the sun or snuggled up in their favourite basket by the window. This stubborn duo have become very picky and are soon to let the Primate Care Staff know if a new blanket is not up to their standards by discarding it straight onto the floor.

Reggie & Jerry: are brother and sister from the UK pet trade. Jerry is now back with her younger sibling Reggie and they continue to enjoy each other's company. So much so, their frequent grooming sessions take priority over moving for their lunch.



Uncas & Hawkeye

Uncas & Hawkeye's: relationship is still good and they are often seen together outside, hanging on the mesh and soaking up the sun. Despite Uncas's vocal nature, Hawkeye continues to stand by his companion, showing just how strong their friendship is.

Ruby & Oscar: are a recent pairing as Ruby is one of our newest arrivals to the park. They have settled together really well despite their humongous size difference and their relationship has continued to grow stronger. Ruby loves the outdoors, often careering around the outside enclosure and tunnel systems while Oscar tries to keep up with her long legs.

Tya & Maximillian: are a lovely, calm pair until food is on offer and then Tya's greedy nature appears. While Max enjoys time to himself, Tya's inquisitive nature often draws her attention to her next-door neighbours and their daily activities. They also enjoy regular play sessions in a hanging storage net.

Milo, Clydie, Caesar & Amy: are a wonderful adoptive family. Earlier this year, 5 month old Caesar arrived at the park and was quickly introduced to Milo and Clydie. Caesar's playful nature soon rekindled Milo's inner child and they are continually playing, wrestling and chasing each other around their enclosure. It wasn't long before we were asked to rescue another young marmoset who was

confiscated by police. Amy is our newest arrival and was readily accepted by the trio. Despite Caesar adjusting to not being the 'baby' in the family, he's definitely happy to have another playmate. Amy is learning fast from her new family, and by copying their every move, she is now a pro at catching her own locusts- then again, it's also easier to steal ones from the mouths of others!



Pikachu

THE ODD COUPLE

By Jo Page & Steph Sawyer

Mica & George

Our odd couple are still doing very well! The two seem very settled and happy in their part of the Domestic Marmoset House. Mica loves to sit in her window and keep an eye on people while still making sure she knows exactly where George is at all times! One of Mica's favourite foods is insects and the Primate Care Staff keep Mica busy by hiding meal worms or waxworms in various forage baskets or in enrichment toys, though we always place a few in easy to reach spots for George who hasn't mastered any of the more complicated feeding toys. George is still in remarkably good health for an animal of his age, though he does enjoy life at a much slower pace. He still has a faithful bodyguard in Mica, who supervises him at all times, and keeps an eye on the Primate Care Staff to make sure we're not upsetting him in any way!



Mica



Ruby

GORDON'S GROUP

By Jarno Swandi



Gordon



Hsiao-lan

Gordon: has developed into an impressive male over the last few years. Despite his more adult demeanour he can sometimes show his silly side towards keepers who he doesn't see very often. His mother Amy is still his favourite companion. He likes to people watch at the playroom window and is particularly fond of co-operative training sessions with the Primate Care Staff.

Amy: is the dominant female, or perhaps we should say dominant orang-utan within the group, as she seems to be in charge of Gordon as well as Hsiao-lan. Don't be fooled by Amy's apparent inability to move fast. She may appear to be a slow mover most of the time, but when presented with something she really wants she can run faster than the others!



Amy

Hsiao-lan has continued to grow in confidence this year. When she first arrived in Gordon's group she was unsure of where she fitted within the hierarchy, however, due to her clever nature this is no longer the case and she is now comfortably settled within the group.

TUAN'S GROUP

By Geoff Horne



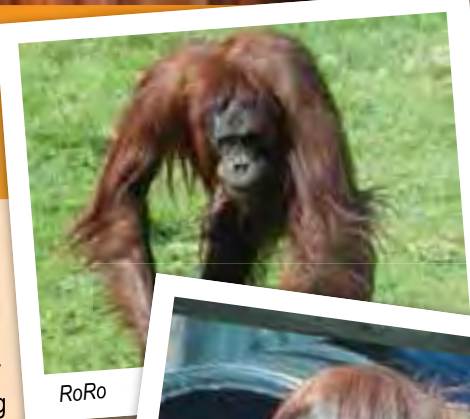
Tuan

A-mei: is very fond of Tuan, but is not so social with the ladies. She can be a dominant and feisty lady and when she is unsure she simply takes herself away from the others. With Lucky recently joining the group it is too soon to say if they will become good friends or not.

Lucky: recently moved back to Tuan's group and is one of his favourites. Her confidence has increased along with her social activities with the others in this group. Lucky loves getting her skin moisturised and seems to have her sights set on being Tuan's number one lady!

Tuan: is a gentle giant who is motivated by his stomach. He is showing a keen interest in his old girlfriend Lucky, who has recently moved back into his group. Tuan continues to enjoy the training and moisturising sessions the Primate Care Staff carry out, as well as gorging on his favourite foods such as lettuce and browse.

Roro: has a long-standing relationship with Tuan and their bond is strong. She tends to stay out of female politics but continues to be involved in group feeds and activities. Basically if it suits her she will socialise with the others, but is always happy to be around Tuan.



RoRo



A-mei



Lucky

SALLY'S GROUP

By Jeremy Keeling



Ash grooming Sally



Sally

Giving a group of individuals the title of one of their names can be misleading, as the group is governed more by structure than a single leader. This is especially true when all family members feel that they are in charge. Sally's are a good example of this as they all know that they are the boss! Life at Sally's is fine and benefits the diverse characters that make up the group.

Bryan: has grown into a monster of impressive size and stature, although he remains the softest person in the world.

Sally & Lulu: are very aware of Bryan's new status and are always close to him. Sometimes Bryan displays before coming to bed and Sally and Lu always wait for him before they all go inside for supper together.

Rodders: is the same silly, naughty boy he has always been, just a year older.

Ash: has not changed other than in size and is now one of the biggest chimps in the park. She still thinks she is the Madonna of the chimp world.



Rodders



Lulu



Bryan

SQUIRREL & SAKI MONKEYS

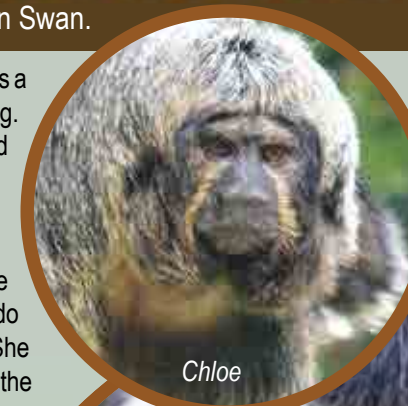
by Karen Swan.

This has been an interesting year for the residents of the squirrel monkey house...

..With two new arrivals and one sad departure. Female saki monkey, Chloe arrived to be a companion for Jethro. She is 24 so a similar age to Jethro. Chloe was pretty keen on Jethro straight away but Jethro has been a little more reserved. Over the months since her arrival they have got more used to each other. They both enjoyed the good summer weather and spent most of their days curled up in the outside enclosure.

The squirrel monkeys also welcomed a new member to their troop from the British pet trade. Azzi, a female black capped squirrel monkey, is now fully integrated into the troop. Much to our surprise, her new best friend is Topsy, who at the start was the least welcoming. Charlie is particularly enamoured with Azzi but she is not always keen on his advances and is not shy to tell him off. Turvey continues to be dominant

female; this only becomes apparent when she wants a tasty locust or waxworm that someone else is eating. We had to say a sad farewell to Samantha. She had started to lose weight and even with an increasing array of delicious food she didn't seem able to gain or maintain a healthy weight. We took her to the hospital only to find a very large, inoperable uterine tumour. We decided the kindest thing to do was not wake her back up from the anaesthetic. She was the smallest squirrel monkey we had but with the biggest personality. We all miss her greatly.



Chloe



Jethro

Azzi

CAPUCHIN UPDATE

By Ruth Harris,
Toby Dipple, & Amy Cripps



Becky



Sooty

Shawn

Donny

Binty

Franco's Group

The group experienced many changes throughout the year in regards to their hierarchy. Several of the young boisterous males made it clear that they no longer respected Winslow and that he was not welcome in the group anymore. Winslow was removed from the group for his own safety and the more confident boys such as Franco, Philippe, Fabion and Onslow started vying for dominant positions. It emerged that Franco was the clear leader of the group with the backing of the other males and high ranking females such as Mary and Lucy. Donny, previously of much lower rank, appears to be establishing the role of second in command. The girls are cleverly being wary of the other males until they have sorted out their own hierarchy! Primate Care Staff have been altering the daily routines to allow for the changing dynamics and keep the group as harmonious as possible in this changing time. Despite the confusing politics within the group there has been some

down time to relax and have some fun. They are the most energetic and playful of our capuchin groups and enjoyed a day of paper-mache treats which had generously been made by a local school along with mini Kong toys stuffed with food items kindly donated by one of our supporters. The group appear to be settling into a new rhythm but who knows which of the boys will stand the test of time as their new leader?!



Franco

Winslow's Group

After Winslow moved house, we were asked to rehome another male capuchin from the UK pet trade. Dino was a friendly capuchin but he had limited experience of living with others. We decided to place them together in a house at the top of the park. Straight away the two boys formed a bond with Winslow being the more dominant of the two. Once they were settled we introduced some females. A small group of low ranking girls from Tau's, Ginger, Sophia, Maddie and Maggie, were chosen as they get on well together and would benefit from a smaller group. Both boys were delighted with the company although Dino did get slightly over excited by the presence of females! As time passed they settled into their new routine and a new hierarchy was formed with Winslow continuing to be the dominant male and Ginger becoming the dominant female. In

the months that followed, they thrived in their new house and outdoor enclosure. Sadly, in September Dino became unwell and his condition quickly deteriorated. We had no choice but to help him pass peacefully. It is sad that Dino did not have more time living with others capuchins, especially the ladies, but Winslow and his girls remain happy and they are frequently found playing, flirting and grooming with each other. They appear to be fully enjoying life as a small close knit group.



Fiona

Erico's Group



Scarlett

Erico, at the capuchin forest lodge, continues to be a popular leader and enjoys the odd bout of wrestling with his girls. Second in command Shawn also enjoys wrestling with the girls, although he often reserves a good play session for elderly male Marlow. Dominant females Cara and Zoe are both very adept with their tails and regularly use them to carry food, tennis balls and enrichment. Female Sooty, one of our oldest capuchins, likes cleaning the enclosure using leaves, cloths, and twigs to wipe and sweep with. Elderly male Archie injured his arm early in the year and for his own safety he has not been able to go into the forest enclosure with the rest of the group during his rehabilitation. We have been managing Archie and a small group of three or four varying individuals in the large cage area. This group has had a positive effect on many individuals with new friendships being formed and a generally relaxed atmosphere with lots of flirting, grooming and play. Even pet trade pair Phoebe and Ceasar are being encouraged to join in the fun despite their nervousness.

Archie is managing really well and enjoys his 'boys' time with new best friend Joey and partakes in fun play sessions with female Phoenix.

Ringo



Sonny's Group

This is our most settled group. Sonny is a handsome boy and regularly has females flirting and squeaking in his face. They display a complete lack of awareness of personal space as they vie for his attention. Feisty Babs has recently become a favourite of his. Sonny has been leader for five years, however he still often appears confused by his role! Second in command, Garbonzo, is very playful and also a 'lady's man' and ex-pet Gismo also shows he has a way with the ladies when no one else is around! We have the three elderly 'robustus' females, Lizzy, Dot and Tilly, keeping order and diffusing any squabbles. Ex-pet Terri is doing well and is part of a tight-knit subgroup with Mini, Tia and Veronica. She is prone to throwing tantrums if she doesn't get what she wants. This was our original group of social misfits and contains an eclectic bunch of characters who continue to combine the traits of flirty and feisty to keep everyone on their toes.

Tau's Group

Tau's group has seen a reduction in size this year with the migration of several lower ranking females to Winslow's group. As a result, a range of unlikely friendships have grown spanning the hierarchical system. Eccentric low-rankers, Kelly's gang can often be seen enjoying the grooming delights of mid-ranking Jane and Fifi. Ruby and Bubbles, previously at opposite ends of the social scale, now regularly dine together and can be found snuggling in the outdoor sheds with Ruby's mum Keira and her pals, Molly and Pride. And the playful duo, Daisy and Ester, have extended their frolicking ways to include a great number of their contemporaries, usually distracting them at dinnertime! As for Tau, he is always in demand as the ladies' number one, regardless of being crippled by rickets as a result of his previous pet trade life. This year we have seen him struggle

with arthritis but with Bruce at his side, they 'defend' their territory with shouting matches at the next-door neighbours. This busy and diverse group shows there is rarely a dull moment in capuchin life!



Caesar from Erico's Group

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MONKEY LIFE SERIES NINE

Now showing on
Pick on Sundays!

MONKEY LIFE

By Susan Tunstall

Here's an update on what we have been up to at Primate Planet Productions

Monkey Life series 9 will be available on DVD from Friday 20th January!

We hope you have been enjoying the latest instalment of Monkey Life; Pick will be showing two new episodes a week (on a Sunday from 6pm) until the 8th January. The DVD of Monkey Life series 9 will

be released on Friday 20th January. Monkey World's giftshop will be taking pre-orders from Tuesday 3rd January- call 01929 401004 to place your order.

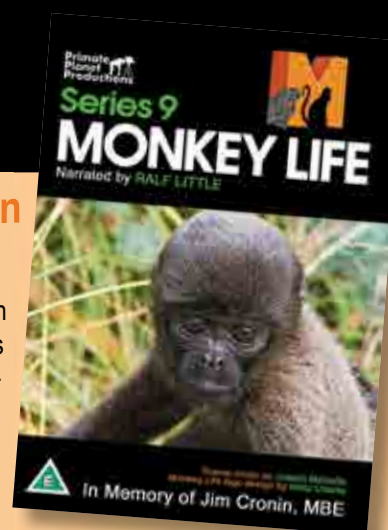
Don't forget Monkey Life series 1- 8 DVD's are already available to purchase from the Monkey World giftshop and online at Amazon.

Monkey Life series 10 is already in production!

Pick have confirmed they will be showing Monkey Life series 10 next year, which is great news. We have started filming for the new series and have already documented the arrival of a new woolly baby. We are also closely following Paddy's chimpanzee group after the sad loss of their leader. With Monkey Life's 10th series coinciding with Monkey Worlds 30th Anniversary we hope to pack in more primate action than ever before!

We enjoy hearing from fans of the show so feel free to get in touch; you can do this by emailing us at info@primateplanet.tv or via our Facebook Page.

For information or questions related to the Monkey Life TV series, please contact info@primateplanet.tv.



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HANANYA'S COMMUNITY

By Lisa MacDougall & Vicky Keers

Hananya's group had a great start to the year, with their outside enclosure receiving a re-vamp with new hosing and new climbing frame. There has been a slight change in the group's hierarchy after the sudden passing of second in charge, Tikko, last February. Whilst the group missed their friend, community life continued and Simon took the natural step up to become Hananya's deputy.

Hananya: spent the first part of the year reminding his group who is boss. Now feeling confident in his role again, Hananya is relaxing back into life with his new second in charge alongside him. Both can regularly be found playing chase around the playroom.

Simon: has stepped up to the second ranking male position. He is respectful of his leader and Hananya's favourite females, Valerie, Johni and Cherri. Simon helps disperse disagreements when needed, whilst still finding time to be everyone's favourite play mate.

Semach: is a bright chimp with a short attention span. This year he has been having great fun with a large donation of yoga balls. However, it is not the yoga balls that Semach loves to play with but the plastic hand pumps they arrive with!

Cherri's: daughter Thelma is less dependent now so mum is enjoying some time away from her mothering duties. She has started to re-connect with Peggy and the two friends can often be found at the back of the outside enclosure grooming and sun bathing together.

Peggy: is the oldest chimp in Hananya's group and knows how to relax. Even in the winter, Peggy will find any ray of sunshine to build a day nest to sleep and groom the day away. Her nests are made from the fluffiest blankets Peggy can find, as well as lots of wood wool.

Johni: has become very close to Hananya this year. She is a strong-minded chimp with a lot of attitude! Knowing Hananya has her back, Johni lets all the other chimps know she is not to be messed with, by doing big displays and taking anything she wants, from whoever she wants, whenever she wants!

Valerie: is a political chimp who likes to get involved in every disagreement, unfortunately this resulted in a nasty wound to her bum earlier in the year, which needed stitches. Valerie was the perfect patient, leaving her stitches in place and happily letting the staff monitor its healing. Despite the wound being fully healed for many months now, Valerie still greets most Primate Care Staff by showing her bum!

Jess: is showing her caring side this year by becoming good friends with young Thelma. The two are regularly found playing together, with Jess even carrying Thelma confidently around the enclosure.

Arfur: is loving his role as one of Thelma's extra special uncles. He is often seen with the youngster playing tag around the playrooms or wrestling in hammocks. Arfur has become more relaxed around Hananya this year, getting involved in the boys' games of chase.



Hananya



Honey



Jess



Marjoline

Johni



Patricia



Simon and Thelma



Front to back; Cherri, Eveline, Majoline, Kuki



Zeynep

Marjoline: is no longer allowed to take food from Hananya's mouth, so she has spent the year learning manners. She is now well behaved during co-operative feeding sessions and waits patiently for her rewards. Marjoline loves almonds and dried figs, but refuses to take strawberries which are her least favourite fruit.

Eveline: is always prone to the dramatics and can normally be heard before she is seen. This tactic works well with most chimps avoiding upsetting her at all cost. Eveline loves bananas above all other food, becoming very excited when she finds she has them for dinner.

Trudy: has had a good year, with Thelma now seeing Trudy as the perfect sized playmate. The two are well on their way to building a good relationship. Trudy loves to play with rope dog togs, especially when they have been soaked in juice. Trudy will carry these around with her all day.

Kuki: is probably the only one looking forward to cold season! And that's because she loves calpol. If Kuki sees a bottle of this she suddenly develops a cough but Primate Care Staff are on to her tricks. Kuki is perfect

at presenting her ear for a temperature to be taken and enjoys a nice cup of hot lemon and honey regularly given out over the winter months.

Zeynep: loves nothing more than being snuggled up in a blanket, but the winter months mean Zeynep has to take her afternoon naps inside where play sessions can be boisterous. This often means being woken up by a very excitable Semach. Once awake Zeynep likes to have a game of spinning on one leg with her friend Honey.

Kiki: is a bright chimp who loves enrichment. She gets on well with everyone in the group but is a bit cautious of Patricia's recent efforts to develop a closer relationship.

Thelma: is three years old and is becoming more independent. She is establishing strong relationships within the group and with individuals she hadn't spent much one-on-one time with before. Thelma is learning fast and

enjoying the operant conditioning. She now presents several behaviours on demand. For a young chimp, she is very focused.

Tutti: seems to have figured out that if she puffs out her hair and stomps around the playroom doing a little display, the other chimps not only move out of her way but when they move they tend to leave behind their day nests. Since learning this Tutti has begun displaying more and more when her friends have something she would like – so far this seems to be working out very well for her.

Honey: is as excitable as ever, come rain or shine Honey always makes the best of every situation. If all the other chimps are playing she loves to join in, tickling Hananya's belly with her feet. If the other chimps are grumpy, well that's fine too. Honey can have just as much fun swinging around a sheet or using it as a cape as she charges around the enclosure.

Patricia: has been determined to establish a friendship with Kiki this year. She has quite boisterous play which usually involves a lot of stomping of her feet which can be a bit intimidating to the others. Patricia is strong willed and continues to stomp her feet at a somewhat confused Kiki.



Zeynep, Simon, Hananya, Valerie, Johni, Cherri & Marjoline



Kiki



Hananya & Thelma playing



WOOLLY MONKEY UPDATE

By Emily Wren

Paulo's Group

This year has brought about a few new challenges for what has now become Paulo's group. At the beginning of the year they said goodbye to their former leader Chippy, as he joined a new group and became their leader. This left Paulo, who's now nine, to step up and take over the group as dominant male. Having always been the class clown, Paulo has had to learn to calm

down and realise that he doesn't need to charge in at full speed to get what he wants. He still has some maturing to do, but the group have warmed to him and are giving him the respect he is earning as dominant male. One of Paulo's strengths is how well he gets on with the babies in the group. This is evident in the way that youngster Oriana clearly adores him and always tries to copy what he does, the favourite move being zip wiring down the hosing! Oriana's mum, Pacaja, remains the most dominant and feisty female; she is a strong minded individual and is teaching her daughter how to rule the roost. Yarima is a much more sensitive woolly monkey and is the worrier of the group, letting us know she is concerned even if we've put the broom away in the wrong place. She has a close relationship with her two offspring in the group. Daughter Eva is a quiet and shy individual who likes to spend her days hanging out with mum which makes it even more special when she can be persuaded into a play session with the other youngsters, or even Paulo.



Paulo

Levar's Group

Levar's group has had a stable year with all individuals flourishing. Levar remains a laid back dominant male, allowing the three younger boys to have their fun and mischief, only stepping in when necessary. This has won him the respect of his group, especially with the youngest member, Bueno Junior, who continues to have an extra special bond with Levar. The pair will often be seen greeting each other with a big snuffle, or when Levar thinks no one else is watching, a big play session where Levar shows off his inner child! Mani had a quiet start to the year,

often struggling to find his place in the hierarchy, but over the last few months things have really turned around for him as his muscles have started to develop; he's looking more handsome by the day, and he's climbed up the hierarchy. Quapa remains as feisty as ever, and is happy to put the boys in their place and show them who's really in charge! Enzo is very fond of Quapa, and normally will be found hanging out near her side, or joining her in a protest about coming in for their dinner. Enzo also gets on extremely well with the other young boys, and often they'll all be in a bundle together, giggling their heads off as they play.



Yarima & Carlos

Although he's the youngest in the group, Yarima's son Carlos is the complete opposite to his sister, and is one of the most confident woolies in the group. Being so bold and full of bravado he helps to bring the group together.

!! UPDATE !!

On November 21st Pacaja gave birth to a beautiful baby boy. He is yet to be named and we think his father is Chippy...although it may have been a very sneaky Paulo?! Mum and baby are doing well.



Pacaja with new baby boy



Levar & Jnr

Chippy's Group

This group has had an emotional year. In March they welcomed a new addition to their family when Xingu gave birth to Olivia. Xingu is a fantastic mum and over the last few months Olivia's confidence and character has really developed and now there's no stopping her! She is testing her strength by climbing everywhere, trying to steal mum's food, and having a play session with her big brother Xavi. Xavi is proving to be a very good brother and the three of them remain a very close knit family unit. Sadly, shortly after Olivia's birth, the group then had to say goodbye to their elderly dominant male Oaska who passed away at the beginning of April. This hit the group quite hard as every individual adored and trusted Oaska and they all had a very special bond with him. It then became Chippy's task to take over as leader and it didn't take long to win them

all over. Being an impressive, handsome dominant male the females decided he was a very welcome addition to the group, and he even had female Ayla falling at his feet flirting! Chippy settled in quickly and enjoys the outside forest enclosure, doing daily patrols, and keeping his new family safe. Dominant female Piquita continues to put everyone in their place. She can be feisty at times, grumpy at others, but generally is a level-headed woolly monkey, who always enjoys her food! Piquita's daughter Ayla has developed from a shy and retiring individual into a bolshie, lively, and confident lady. Finally, Piquita has had a lot to deal with just recently as she is in her final stages of her next pregnancy and was in the process of weaning her son Lucas. Lucas was not happy with mum pushing him away and became ill and lame on one leg. His condition deteriorated quickly so vet John Lewis was called in to check him. Sadly,

Lucas had a bad heart condition, and as he grew, the condition became a bigger and bigger problem for him. Very sadly we had to let young Lucas go but are hopeful that Piquita's next baby will arrive soon and will have a long and healthy future with Chippy's group.



Chippy

Mani

Orianna

Carlos



Xingu & Olivia

STUMP-TAILED MACAQUES

by Lydia Lowe



Charley grooming Maureen

2016 has been a fairly uneventful year for our beautiful 'ugly monkeys'. However, we sadly did have to bid a fond farewell to Miriam, who after a short illness passed away. She was a much loved member of the group and especially by Sylvie who was often with her. Since Miriam's passing, Sylvie has become closer to Floh and they have formed a nice bond. This new found friendship has helped Floh with her confidence. She also continues to enjoy the company of other low ranking individuals such as Jonathon and Maureen. Sam remains alpha male and works hard to keep his ladies in line. Kelly is still the dominant female, closely followed by Noreen who are two of the most stubborn individuals and continuously keep the Primate Care Staff on their toes. Mid-ranker Charley enjoys social grooming and snoozing sessions as well as one on one pamper sessions with Sam. But watch this space as life with the stumpies may get a bit more exciting very soon!

THE BACHELOR BOYS

By Lisa MacDougall
& Vicky Keers

With Butch getting older, his authority over the group is definitely waning and with the likes of Jestah, Buxom, Paco, and Ben waiting in the wings, the hierarchy in the bachelor group is changing. Regardless the boys are as lively as ever, never having a dull moment.

Jestah: surprised everyone this year showing his more supportive side. He hasn't always been known for having a kind and caring nature. Jestah shows his support to all members of his group by taking the time to check everyone over for any injuries after disagreements, strengthening his support from the lower rankers in the group.

Butch: is enjoying the slightly lower ranking position within the group and we are starting to see a much more relaxed side of Butch. He enjoys his food and loves nothing more than a game of chase with both his friends and the Primate Care Staff alike. Butch remains a dominant character within the group, but is very respectful of the next generation of potential bachelor chimp leaders.

Paco: is seeing in the New Year minus one little toe! He lost the toe when a disagreement in the group escalated. With a bit of TLC and a visit from vet John Lewis, Paco's foot is healing well. He is loving the extra attention he has been getting from the Primate Care Staff and is back to playing with his favourite toys again, rugby balls.



Rocky

Rocky: is always the quiet one and keeps out the way of any dramas. He is a smart chimp who knows when the right moment is to persuade a high ranker to groom, which helps him strengthen his relationships. All the chimps seem to like grooming with Rocky, but he is seen the most with Buxom.

Ben: has finally taken a step up within the group and is now one of the higher-ranking chimps. He is a kind and caring chimp who makes time for both high and low ranking chimps. Ben will always take time out of his day to play with best friend and loyal companion Sammy.

Kyko: is a sensitive soul who can get worried when the other boys aren't happy. He has a very playful side and when his good friend Rocky is by his side he can always be distracted by a game that mainly involves bouncing up and down.

Jimmy: loves to spend the day grooming and having a light chase game with Carli and Rocky. The three boys meet most afternoons to play together. Jimmy uses his calm manner to settle Mojo should anything upset him. For Jimmy when it comes to 4.15pm it is bed time and nobody will get in the way of him getting his early night.



Butch



Sammy



Pacito



Ben



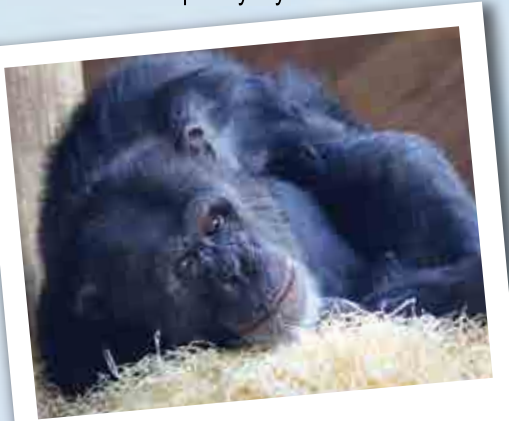
Jestah

Mojo's: favourite time of day is the morning when he gets to eat a whole banana. He is always the first in line and is unable to keep his feet still in anticipation. Mojo is a kind-hearted chimp who is quick to defend any low-ranking boys who have been upset. Unfortunately, this sometimes gets him into trouble with the higher rankers.

Buxom: has been a bit of a thug within the group, especially at feeding time. Over the last year the Primate Care Staff have focused on his co-operative feeding and he has become one of the most patient chimps in the group! He now sits patiently next to low ranker Pacito whilst he is fed his supplementary bananas and is always excited to receive his rewards for waiting so well.

Freddy: can still find chimp life difficult at times. He tends to keep to himself and cleverly avoids any large gatherings of the other chimps when he can. During the summer when most of the boys are playing outside, Fred makes the most of having the bedrooms to himself, lazing around and relaxing. Freddy has a good relationship with Seamus and the pair are often seen grooming together.

Pacito: is happy in his own company and spends a lot of time playing by himself. He is always content if he has a sock with him. Pacito is by no means quiet and likes toys that make a noise. Pacito can normally be heard using the ridges of a cardboard box and a stick like a xylophone or bouncing up and down on a squeaky toy.



Paco

Seamus: often manages to find himself in the middle of things when the others get worked up but generally turns the whole thing into a game. Seamus may be small but he is tougher than he looks. His tactics come in very handy when it comes to interacting with Jestah and Butch!

Gypsy: is still close to Jestah, much to Butch's dismay. Gypsy follows Jestah on his patrols and sits next to him playing during the excitement of dinner time. Gypsy would love to be one of the big boys but he really doesn't like to spend too much time around Butch, who tends to chase him away when the high rankers gather together.



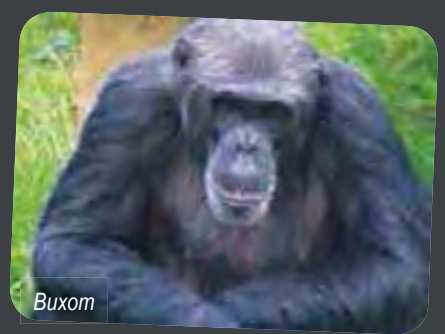
Mojo

Sammy: may be a big boy but he is a very active chimp who is a big fan of roly-polys. He doesn't just do forward roly-polys, he does them backwards too! The other chimps seem to pay no attention to his unique exercise routine but when Sammy gets laughing everyone finds it hard to ignore.

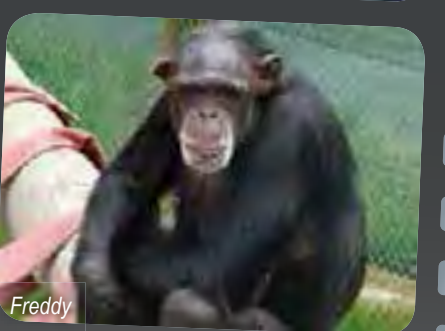
Carli: has become closer to the higher rankers. Whilst he is still a lower ranking chimp, Carli gets involved with any disagreements and appears to have the backing of both Jestah and Ben! Carli has a set routine and his day cannot start until he has had several bananas and 2 warm (not too hot and not too cold!) cups of milk.



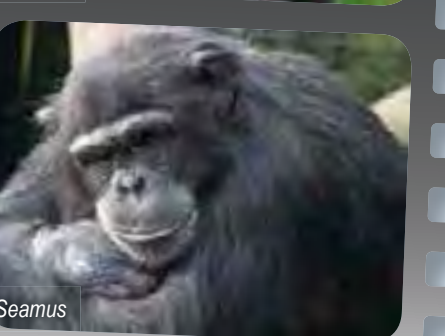
Carli



Buxom



Freddy



Seamus

SPIDER MONKEYS

By Donna Phillips

Our three spider monkeys, dominant female Pumpkin, reserved Hickory and manic Flint, have seen a good year. They take living amongst the busy capuchin houses in their stride. Pumpkin shows great appreciation for any new enrichment ideas the Primate Care Staff come up with; whether it be a

room full of ball pit balls, leaves or pillow cases with hidden treats. Hickory appears content with the peace and quiet whilst watching from afar, whilst Flint waits in anticipation to find out what all the excitement is about. All in all, the three continue to share a close relationship and enjoy life.



Flint



Hickory



Pumpkin

GIBBON UPDATE

By Cat Talbot



Kim

Tien & Kim: At the start of the year Kim had to undergo an emergency caesarean after a difficult labour, sadly the baby didn't survive. The young couple had a difficult few days but were soon back in top form and are still our most affectionate pair, always enjoying a cuddle.

Tito & Vietta: are as solid as ever, both quite independent of each other but always know what the other is doing and rarely have a cross word. Vietta still has the most photographed feet in the park.

Alex: was separated from Mikado earlier this year. As he became sexually mature their bond broke down. Alex is now a very happy lady who loves nothing better than sunbathing in her hammock undisturbed all day, as long as there is plenty of food.

Mikado, Zak & Teo: recently moved in together forming our first bachelor group of gibbons. They are now spending all day together but having time on their own overnight. Teo & Zak are already playing some really wild games, with lots of wrestling & chasing. Mikado has never had this kind of game so he is not really sure of the rules but does sometimes join in with a chase and keeps himself busy people watching.

Golden-cheeked Gibbons

Peanut, Pung-yo & Tia-nang: It has been a year of change for this family, Tia-nang has gone through her second colour change and is now a beautiful blonde adult female. Teo has left home so life has become far more peaceful for parents Peanut & Pung-yo who are both taking the changes in their stride.

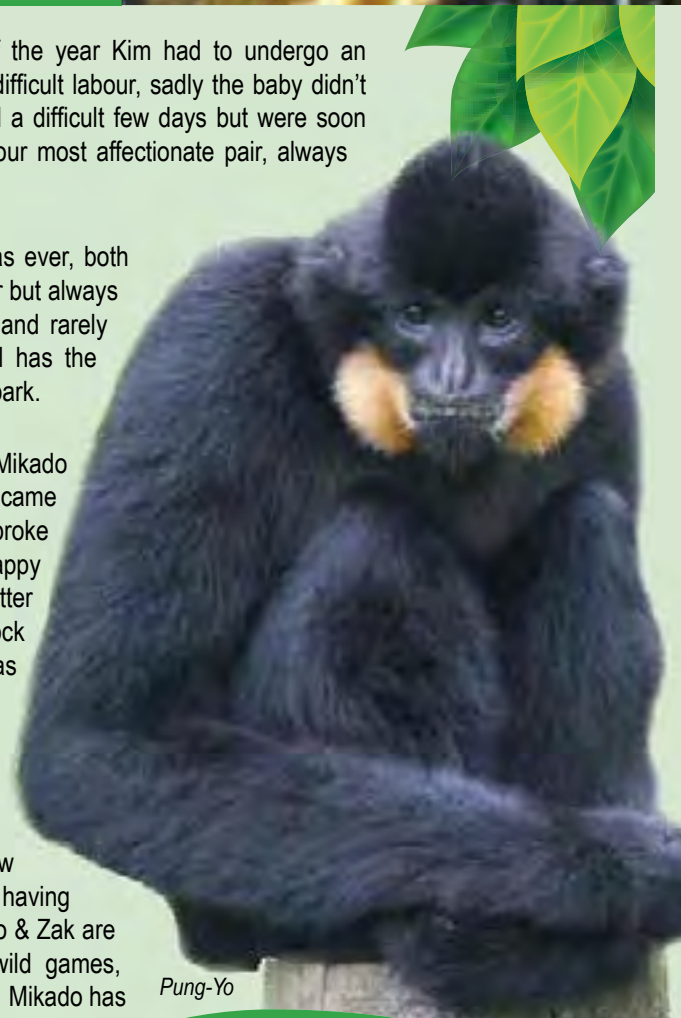
Jake & Zoey: recently moved house leaving behind their son Zak, and now live in the main gibbon house. They have adapted well to their new surroundings. Jake has located the best sunbathing spots and Zoey is enjoying plenty of time to just relax.



Jake



Peanut & Tia Nang



Pung-Yo

Siamang gibbons

Sam & Sasak: have had an uneventful year which means they are very relaxed and content as their sensitive natures mean they really don't like change. The biggest concern in their day is whether Primate Care Staff are bringing their favourite bonios or ryvita for tea.



Fox

Ella

Kitty

Paul

Muellers, Agile & Lar Gibbons

Adidas & Dalumie: After a short but worrying illness last Christmas, Adidas has recovered well and gained back the weight he had lost. Dalumie continues to be a rather opinionated little lady, often telling off the chimp rabble next door. They both still enjoy grooming and wrestling together particularly in the sunshine.

Fox & Ella: Earlier this year Ella had cataract surgery to repair her eyesight which has returned her to the fun-loving gibbon that she used to be. This has brought much delight to Fox, who was very kind and gentle to her when she was struggling but he definitely prefers the playful Ella who brings out his feisty, cheeky personality.

Nini: has never been one to spend a lot of time outside so in spring we made lots of new enrichment projects to encourage him out. By far the best thing is a slate platform

sited high in his enclosure where it heats up in the sun. He sits here for hours and watches the world go by.

Paul & Kitty: are now situated in the middle of the main gibbon house. With Kitty as our most talkative gibbon it gives her a great opportunity to join in with the keeper talk often drowning us out! Paul is still our most goofy gibbon who also makes the most of talk time to show off his crazy antics.

MALAGASY LEMURS

By Jo Page & Steph Sawyer



Friedrich

The Malagasy woodland has been very interesting of late

There is a mass of naturally occurring flora that the lemurs are getting stuck into and we are getting lots of interesting behaviours from our lemurs, namely scent throwing. Throwing scent is a way of ascertaining dominance in male lemurs and our youngest twins, Kurt and Friedrich are often seen working together, keeping our dominant animals on their toes. Kurt is a very intelligent lemur, the first to work out enrichment

and Friedrich is not far behind. They appear to have struck up a close friendship with Kaiyah, our ex-pet, and can be seen grooming through the mesh on occasion. Fennel is still our matriarchal leader of the troop; being calm and fair, well, until the food comes out and then it's every lady for herself! Indiana is still our dominant male with his twin brother, Cirrius, his main ally in keeping the youngsters in their place. Him has stayed firmly in the middle in terms of ranking, making him a good friend to all but

not one to mess with either! Renton is, as ever, something of a lone ranger. He does move with the troop and participates in group activities but is normally found slightly adjacent to them. Our old boys, Houdini and White Spot, who turned the grand old age of 20 this year, are still at the bottom of the pecking order although White Spot in particular seems to prefer to stay this way and therefore out of trouble!



Indiana, Kurt, Houdini, Cirrius, Him, Friedrich & Renton



Kurt & Friedrich inspecting a basket

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