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 Ostoke, 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. 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.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Registered Charity, No.1129939 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-On-line-Gift-Shop) & Gift Catalogue full of monkey memorabilia and ape accessories for anyone who loves primates.

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.

There are many ways in which you can help us to rescue and rehabilitate more primates. All donations go into a 100% fund - NO ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ARE REMOVED. Monkey World is not a registered charity but we have established the Jim Cronin Memorial Fund for Primate Conservation and Welfare, UK
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!

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 is 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.

Bita: 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 fashioned 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

Peppe: is a strong independent woman. Over the last few years Peppe had become close to Hebe, spending more time with her, but since losing Hebe she has gone back to enjoying her own company. However, Peppe 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.

Bita: 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 Bita 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 Bita. Eddi loves this game and will not accept Bita getting bolder. 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.

Bamba: 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. Bamba is a very playful chimp, especially if it includes a rough wrestle and chase with Busta.

ORANG-UTAN CRÈCHE 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 stirring his stuff outside and wresting 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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**GORDON’S GROUP**

By Jarro Swandi

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!

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 Horn

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.

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!

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.

**SALLY’S GROUP**

By Jeremy Keeling

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.

**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.
Franco’s Group

The group experienced many changes throughout the year in regards to their hierarchy. Several of the younger 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 clearly 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 conflicting 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?

Winslow’s Group

After Winslow moved house, we were asked to return 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, Mizzie 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. Despite their nervousness, despite their confusion 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.

Winshow’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 Babz 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, Mary and Lucy. Donny, previously of much lower rank, appears to be establishing the role of second in command. The girls are clearly 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 conflicting 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?

Ercio’s Group

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, Fiona. We have been managing Arche 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. Erico’s group pair Phoebe and Caesar are being encouraged to join in the fun despite their nervousness. Arche is managing really well and enjoys his ‘boys’ time with new best friend Joey and partakes in fun play sessions with female Phoenix.

Sonny’s Group

Tau’s Group

This 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-ranking, Kelly’s gang can often be seen enjoying the grooming delights of miniature Jane and Flip. 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 frickings 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!
Enbana'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 Enbana took the natural step up to become Enbana's deputy.

**Marjoline:** is the oldest chimp in Enbana's group and knows how to relax. Even in the winter, Marjoline will find any ray of sunlight 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.

**Simon:** has become very close to Enbana this year. She is a strong-minded chimp with a lot of attitude! Knowing Enbana 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 unfortunately this resulted in a nasty wound to her bum earlier in the year, which unfortunately this resulted in a nasty wound to her bum earlier in the year, which unfortunately this resulted in a nasty wound to her bum earlier in the year, which unfortunately this resulted in a nasty wound to her bum earlier in the year. Valerie is still greeted by showing her bum! Valerie 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.

**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 around the enclosure.

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

**Patricia:** is three years old and 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.

**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 pulls out her hair and stampes 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.

**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.
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 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 younger Oriana clearly adores him and always tries to copy what he does. She was 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.

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 younger boys, and often they’ll all be in a bundle together, giggling their heads off as they play.

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 Oliva. Xingu is a fantastic mum and over the last few months Oliva’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 growing into a very good brother and the three of them remain a very close knit family unit. Sadly, shortly after Oliva’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 Ayala falling at his feet flirty! 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 Ayala has developed from a shy and retiring individual into a boisterous, 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.

STUMP-TAILED MACAQUES

By Lydia Lowe

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 Foch and they have formed a nice bond. This new found friendship has helped Foch with her confidence. She also continues to enjoy the company of other low ranking individuals such as Jonathan 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

With Butch getting older, his authority over the group is definitely waning and with the likes of Jestah, Buxom, Pacito, 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 leadership.

Pacito: 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, Pacito’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.

Mojo: is always the quiet one and keeps 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.

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.

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.
**GIBBON UPDATE**

By Cat Talbot

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**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.

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**Siamang gibbons**

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**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 rabbles next door. They both still enjoy grooming and wrestling together particularly in the sunshine.

Fox & Ella: Earlier this year Ella had a 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.

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**MALAGASY LEMURS**

By Jo Page & Steph Sawyer

The Malagasy woodland has been very interesting of late 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, Cirrus, his main ally in keeping the youngsters in their place. Himal 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!

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**LEMURS**

By Cat Talbot

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**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.

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