As our 30th Anniversary year draws to a close, I think about all of the people (both human and non-human) that we are missing and those that we have lost over the past year. It is never easy but we remain strong and focused for all those that continue to need us and that we are currently working to rescue. We have had 19 new arrivals at the park this year and we are currently working on several more international rescues as well as saving as many monkeys from the British pet trade as possible. As I said in the last newsletter, the UK pet trade is responsible for many of our new arrivals. Please help us by writing to your MP and letting them and the Minister, George Eustice, know that you are unhappy with nothing being done about this problem. We will draft an outline for such a letter and ask for your help to get the message to your MP – please help us to make a difference.

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We have received a lot of very nice donations including fruit, vegetables, bedding, bonios, dried fruit, nuts in the shell, d-cups, tub trugs, and tools. Everything is very much appreciated and put to use. In addition to our fund-raising events, the Jump for Jim Skydive & Walk a Mile for Every Year, others have sent in donation boxes or had their own fundraising activities/parties. Evie Tonks set up a bake sale and Mick Stevenson with Team Vinyl did a sponsored litter pick. Special thanks go to Alison Lee & the Yeatman Hospital Sherborne and St Ann’s Hospital Poole & the Yeatman Hospital Alison Lee, Chris Howland, Debbie Jones, Eddie North, Annette Raketic, Margaret Roberts, Anita Rodney, Shirley Storey, Patricia Sykes, Mary Whittcock. They will all be dearly missed.

From all of us at Monkey World, all the best for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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A new leader has not emerged in Paddy's group but generally speaking it is business as usual with one very large character missing. It was a worrying time for us all in the weeks prior to Bart's diagnosis but now we seem to be on an even keel with his treatment and the group seems quite settled.

**PADDY’S GROUP**

By Lisa MacDougall

**Bart** has been diagnosed with type one diabetes, and so needed to be introduced to a new and very serious care routine which he has adjusted to incredibly well. He is taking his insulin injection every day and is very good at allowing his blood glucose levels to be tested. Bart has a variety of treatments to reward him for these advanced behaviours, his favourites being peanut treats to reward him for these advanced levels to be tested. Bart has a variety of tools and is often found using bits of straw or sticks to fish through the mesh. One of the best ways we keep him challenged is using Kong toys. Chatta not only uses tools to get to the treats but she jumps up and down on them, using her larger frame to her advantage.

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**Cindy** has always been protective of Bart. When we began his blood glucose tests this year it meant that she had to learn to sit calmly next to him whilst he had 'strange' things done. It didn’t take long before Cindy relaxed and began enjoying the rewards she gets for waiting nicely next to him.

**Eddi** is still close to her brother Bart but she is finding her independence as she matures. Eddi has started spending more time with the older females learning more about the responsibilities of adult life. However, she is still young and likes to chase around the enclosure climbing frame with Busta and Peppa.

**Lola** has grown in confidence and gets involved with most aspects of group life. Whilst she remains a lower ranking member of the group, she has forgotten herself once or twice while displaying, trying to scare off Bixa. Having friends like Gamba is beneficial to Lola.

**Micky** loves nothing more than curling up in a big thick blanket and having a nap. Even on the hottest day of the year Micky was found in the shade wrapped in a blanket whilst he slept. He may be a calm chimp out chimp but when the group is displaying Micky loves to join in, charging around the playroom looking very impressive.

**Beth** is the queen of displays out of all the girls. She can usually be heard before she is seen as she charges around the playroom making even the boys move out of her way. Beth may do impressive displays but she is a kind playful chimp spending a lot of her day with Cindy.

**Bixa**: over the last year Bixa has not been as involved in the politics of the group and has become a new woman. She is now one of our most playful chimps in the group! She loves to charge around the playroom diving into large piles of straw whilst laughing at herself.

**Clin** is: always loyal to her friends and is almost always seen with Grisby and Cathy. The three of them love the lower platform outside, and build a large day nest out of wood wool. Clin likes to take her food back to this nest which she refuses to share with her best friend.

**Cathy** has made great progress with her training this year. She has been difficult to shut out of the playroom in the mornings so we can clean, however, this year she has been joining the group outside for breakfast more often than not. Cathy enjoys the big bundles of clean bedding put in the playrooms when she comes back in.

**Grisby** is an all-rounder when it comes to food, getting just as excited over swede as she does fruit. This makes pill time very exciting, as she is unsure which reward she will get for taking her contraceptive pill. She bounces up and down with excitement when she sees the treat, gobbling up whatever is on offer.

**Peppa** is very supportive of all the members in her community. During the start of Bart’s illness he spent time in a sub-group while he recovered. Peppa was the perfect companion for him during this time. She would run at the chance to go in with him, greet him with a hug, and remained patient and attentive to him while he regained his strength.

**Zoe** is a relaxed individual, however, the other chimps have learnt that while she may be calm most of the time, no one should ever try to take her food. If anyone gets in the way of Zoe and her food, she pulls her hair out and performs a very impressive display.

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**ORANG-UTAN CRÈCHE UPDATE**

By James Edwards

There have been a few changes in the orang-utan nursery this year. RoRo moved into the group when she was being bullied by Lucky but then she started bullying Oshine, Jin, & Silvestre! We moved her back to Tuan's group where she is doing really well now and everyone seems happy. New arrival Mimi-Loren has settled in really well and the youngsters are all getting along fabulously.

**Bulu Mata**
- Loves to try new things.
- Has an enormous appetite and nothing has taken the place of his favourite game which involves covering himself in a blanket and sneaking up on unsuspecting chimps before playfully biting their ankles.
- Has found other ways to spend his summer days, as play buddy Bart had to take some time out. He makes friends easily and has developed a close relationship with Lola. The pair spend a lot of time grooming, breaking only to eat or play a game of chase.

**Mimi-Loren**
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**Rieke** is: still spending the majority of the time with Bulu Mata but loves to play with Oshine and Mimi-Loren. She still has an enormous appetite and loves to try new things.

**Silvestre** has grown up a lot spending much more time away from Oshine and wrestling with his buddy, Jin, however JIn can get a bit too hyperactive when playing with the other babies and then Silvestre will act as protective big brother of the group.

**Oshine** has come far since she arrived at Monkey World developing relationships with adult females and boisterous youngsters. She has taken over the role of foster mum to Mimi-Loren who now adores cuddles and nestling down with her. She has also become the referee of the nursery dealing with any problems that arise in a house of toddlers and babies.

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MARMOSETS & TAMARINS

By Steph Sawyer
Sharon Perry & Danielle Kemp

Frank & Douglas: our most recent arrival is Frank the Geoffroy’s marmoset and he has made firm friends with Douglas the common marmoset. Frank is a handsome fellow, whose happy chrips are a delight to hear when eating some of his favourite food, waxworms!

Luna & Loki: Luna is a Geoffroy’s marmoset who has moved next door to common marmoset Loki. Both are feisty individuals so we are hoping that they will make a good pair?! Loki is a mischievous soul but Luna may be just the lady to help him settle down.

Lionel & Comet: are an easy pair to tell apart with Lionel’s dark face and Comet’s small stature. They both enjoy watching their much larger neighbours, the chimpanzees in Paddy’s group.

Chuck & Sidney are a very cute couple. Sid may be half the size of a common marmoset but she has a lot of attitude to make up for it. Chuck loves his feisty friend and they enjoy cuddling together in the sunshine and in their fleecy nest.

Max, James & Jock: Jock can be quite a dominating fellow so the Primate Care Staff have trained him to stay still when we feed items to the others. These guys love being in their outside enclosure, people watching and catching insects.

Ronnie & Pikachu: contrary to his name, Pikachu does not produce electricity but he does have a shocking silvery coat that is unusual. They’re an active pair and get very excited on gum day.

Colin & Leo: are always on the go. Colin is boisterous and vocal and has a good friend in little Leo. Both boys enjoy the sunny patches outside. Leo is a playful little chap, often playing hide and seek.

Hazel, Solomon & Moon: the arrival of baby Moon earlier this year has really added a sense of family into Hazel and Solomon’s life. Hazel’s motherly instincts kicked in straight away; she absolutely adores him, and the feeling is mutual. Solomon has become the doting and protective father figure, but also loves playing ‘hide and seek’ in their densely vegetated enclosure.

Brass & Evi: were not too keen on their neighbours at our Domestic marmoset house, so they moved to the squirrel monkey house. They were both very fond of Chloe, the saki monkey, and were often seen grooming her, but they did not get along with the rowdy squirrel monkeys, so have moved to our top marmoset house where they now have a new beautiful enclosure all to themselves.

Fred & Sammy: have returned to live as a pair following Luna’s move. As she got older, Luna tried to oust Sammy from the group. Sammy is an older lady but still a feisty little character who enjoys cuddling up to Fred. Fred is a nosy little man, and spends a lot of time outside keeping an eye on our visitors. He likes an early night and is always the first marmoset in the house to put himself to bed!

Uncas & Hawkeye: our cotton-top tamarins are both old men, but are doing well. Uncas is very vocal, a habit he picked up during his time as a pet. The pair are keen on their insects and rush around hoovering them up very quickly for a pair of senior citizens! Uncas prefers softer food these days as he has very few teeth left. Primate Care Staff have adjusted his diet accordingly, such as boiling nuts for him so they are soft enough to eat!

Tya & Maximillian: are one of our feistiest pairs of marmosets! Tya and Max both have a lot of character and occasionally threaten the Primate Care Staff doing the typical marmoset flattened ear-tufts/sharpened ‘threat’! We don’t take offence as this is one of the ways marmosets in a pair bond will protect each other. Tya also has a slightly odd habit of shouting at people’s feet. Both of these guys are very fond of their food and get particularly excited about gum feeds.

Ruby & Oscar: are one of our more odd pairings. Ruby has a large appetite and is our biggest marmoset, whereas Oscar is one of our smallest. Despite looking a bit odd when cuddled up, these two get on really well. The pair have been together for over a year and are happily settled. Ruby loves to spend time outside and Oscar likes to keep an eye on where she is. Ruby wasn’t very good at sharing food when she first arrived but is much more confident now that she’s part of a pair-bond!

Milo, Clindy, Caesar & Amy: Milo and Clindy adopted baby Caesar last year, and this year have adopted another youngster, Amy. Milo was clearly in bad need of company when she was rescued and adoptive mum Clindy warmed to the youngster straight away. Milo is a very tolerant father and Caesar was delighted to have another youngster to play with! Clindy is very protective and tells Primate Care Staff off if she thinks we’re too close to her youngsters. Caesar and Amy are the most playful of all of our marmosets and these guys love any new items put into their enclosure, throwing themselves at full speed at anything new and exciting!

Mickey & Tom: love their home in the small monkey kitchen house as it means they are usually the first to be fed! Mickey is quirky, extremely playful, and likes to interact and play both with Tom and with the Primate Care Staff. Tom used to be quite a nervous boy but has relaxed over the last year and is much more confident. He does have an odd fear of broccoli and shouts at florets so we no longer offer the pair this clearly offensive vegetable! Mickey loves to greet with Tom in the sunshine and the boys love to cuddle up in the hammock that hangs from the roof of their enclosure.

Reggie & Jerry: are two independent little characters who spend a lot of time in their outdoor enclosure. They made the most of the sunshine this summer, spending as little time inside as possible. Reggie is the more confident of the two and when he is inside, likes to keep an eye on the neighbours. Jerry prefers to keep an eye on the Primate Care Staff, just to make sure we’re not up to anything!

Mojo and Albert: have a strong pair-bond! We keep a close eye on Mojo’s mobility as she suffered with rickets when she was a pet and her body has never fully recovered. She moves slowly, can’t jump around like the rest of the marmosets, and receives medication to help with joint pain. She doesn’t let this stop her from enjoying sunny days outside! Albert is very fond of Mojo, and on colder days the pair can often be seen snuggled up in a basket together.

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GORDON’S GROUP

By Jarno Swandi

Gordon: has grown into an impressive male and it is fantastic to see. His behaviour and his appearance has changed with his cheek pads becoming squarer, his shoulders wider, more muscle on his arms, and his hair has gotten longer and thicker. He is a very handsome orang-utan!

Gordon and his females thoroughly enjoy the summertime particularly at night when everyone makes use of the outside tunnel systems to sleep under the stars. In the morning, Gordon kindly brings everyone’s bedding back inside when asked…for a reward of course!

Amy: still looks great for her age despite being the oldest orangutan in the park! She has a real zest for life and doesn’t appear to be slowing down. She tends to stay out of group politics and focuses on food.

Hsiao-Quai: has become so confident. She is well mannered showing huge respect towards Amy and is extremely comfortable around Gordon. Hsiao-Quai’s biggest achievement this year is overcoming her fear of needles.

By Jarno Swandi

TUAN’S GROUP

By Geoff Horne

The past year has brought a lot of changes to this group. The very sad loss of Hsiao-Quai affected everyone and our greatest concern was for her adopted daughter Awan. With Tuan as their confident and caring leader the group has settled and all the ladies are doing well together.

Tuan: is still the gentle giant of the park. He is adored by all the females in his group, including Awan. Tuan is generally led by his stomach but always happy to stop eating for a wrestle session with her.

RoRo: moved back into Tuan’s group and is getting along much better with the others. She has had some adjustments to make as she is no longer Tuan’s favourite lady, however she is still more than happy to be around the big man and enjoys spending time with Awan.

A-mei: is good at keeping out of trouble. Although she is well established within Tuan’s group, she often chooses to busy herself with enrichment, keeping an eye on Primate Care Staff, or those all-important play sessions with Awan.

A-mei

SALLY’S GROUP

By Jeremy Keeling

Sally’s people continue to enjoy life in their current location in the middle of the park. The group dynamic hasn’t changed at all, though as they all get older the adults seem to be more mellow, what used to be worth getting upset about now just isn’t worth the hassle…sometimes!

Harmony rules as long as you ignore Bryan as he performs his noisy displays, either on the aluminium joining fence that separates them from Tuan’s orang-utan group, or one of their plastic toys. He is only telling those infernal neighbours to keep their distance and getting a reaction from our guests is an added bonus.

Both Sally and Lulu are sprouting more grey hairs, though they seem very happy to be in the knitting club, rather than be on the terraces shouting abuse and stomping feet at the opposition. Having said that they are still up for a good punch up from time to time.

To conclude, this group of chaps is a real privilege to care for and we share a lot of very valuable time together.

SAKI & SQUIRREL MONKEYS

by Karen Swan

A full refurbishment of the squirrel monkey house took place earlier in the year, to give larger, lighter bedrooms. The outside cage enclosure was also expanded, and a new caged enclosure built. The catalyst for this renovation was Jethro, our aging male Saki monkey. We wanted to make it easier for him to get around but sadly Jethro’s health deteriorated and we had to say a very emotional farewell to him this spring. He was a favourite in the park and will be remembered always by staff and visitors alike.

Chloe was quieter than usual for a while after Jethro went but is more like her normal self now. Primate Care Staff have been ensuring she gets extra attention and some lovely treats.

We now have two groups of squirrel monkeys at the park after rescuing three squirrel monkeys from the British pet trade. Logan, Lucille and Lopez were found during a police drugs raid living in filthy conditions and all extremely underweight. Logan is the older male and is stunning. Since being with us he has gained a lot of muscle and is a really healthy weight. Lopez is the younger male and is always on the go. He seems to have endless energy and loves to play either with the other monkeys or with enrichment. He particularly likes toys that make noise. Lucille came in very shy and is becoming more confident especially when food is involved. Azzi and Jethro have endless energy and loves to play either with the other monkeys or with enrichment. She is well mannered showing huge respect towards Amy and is extremely comfortable around Gordon. Hsiao-Quai’s biggest achievement this year is overcoming her fear of needles.

By Jeremy Keeling

LUCKY: is very confident now that she is Tuan’s number one lady. She has a very close bond with Awan spending most of the day playing and getting up to mischief although she can still put the other females in their place if she feels they need it!

Awan: had a tough few weeks after the loss of adoptive mum Hsiao-Quai, but over time she has become a confident and independent female. Awan plays an important role in this group as she unites all the other individuals with her constant antics and never-ending play sessions. Having Tuan around to support her during the tough period has created a super confident little lady.

Lucky

Awan

We were unable to put our three new arrivals with our original squirrel monkeys because the two adult males, Logan and Charlie, refused to accept each other. Topsy and Turvey are starting to show signs of their older age but are still happy foraging for insects in the outside enclosure. During the renovations, black plastic shelves were placed outside. They get lovely and warm and have become the ladies’ favourite afternoon sleeping spots. Female Azzi is definitely Charlie’s favourite lady. He has taken a lot of interest in her new squirrel monkey neighbours and keeps an eye on what they’re doing.
After recent political upheaval, things seem to have settled into some kind of stability for this group of boisterous young capuchins. Franco is now established as the dominant male and seems to have a handle on his new position. Donna had a brief stint as second in command but stepped back when Fabion made it clear he was vying for the number two spot. Phillipe has dropped to a lower rank within the group, preferring to stay out of the way of the other boys’ ambitions but it’s lovely to see that he and Franco have maintained their friendship throughout the hierarchical adjustments. Dominant female Lucy has taken it all in her stride and the girls seem content with the new set up, although it is not unheard of for them to team up and give Fabion or Donny a bit of a telling off for rambunctious behaviour. There was a lot of excitement and more than a few nervous glances from the boys when their previous dominant male Winslow moved into the group next door but it didn’t take long for everyone to get used to the new neighbours. It has been nice to see the group become more cohesive as the dust settles and recently there seems to have been more play and onion rubbing than politics.

Babs are regularly seen hanging out with the older girls and Sonny, learning the skills needed to take over one day! Sadly, Garbonzo passed away. He was a popular character and gave Sonny some respite from his demanding females. The girls got a new man, and Sonny some much needed male support, when Bruce moved in from Archie’s group. Bruce is a playful character and has settled well. Sonny’s quirky bunch of misfits has a varied range of personalities, such as livewire Scrapper, Tallulah and her tantrums, quiet but feisty Cecelia, and the extremely flirty Mushroom. Pet trade duo Gismo and Terri are also in this group. Gismo likes to do his own thing and is very partial to a good onion rub to the point where he can no longer see as his eyes water! Terri is good friends with Veronica and Mini although Veronica’s heavy handed approach to grooming has left Terri a tiny thin in the hair department! Terri is moving around the enclosure very well and can often be seen high up doing her distinctive ‘telephone’ flirt!

Winslow’s, group

Over the summer dominant males Winslow and Tau swapped groups. Tau’s previous deputy, Bruce, moved to Sonny’s group which allowed Onslow and Norman to move from Franco’s group to join Winslow and his new females. After 18 months in a smaller group Winslow took some time to recover his old verve and swagger but he is now back to being the impressive dominant male. Onslow can be a troublemaker and has a fluctuating relationship with the females being both an irritant and a popular playmate. Good natured Norman has formed a close bond with low ranking female Flo and likes to join Winslow to shout at the group next door. The females, led by uncompromising Babe and mischievous Esther, are no pushovers and Winslow had to prove himself a worthy leader. He has impressed them and is usually found with his dominant females and one or more flirty followers close by. High ranking Debbie is more impressed with the pretty blonde capuchin that flips back at her from all the reflective surfaces and mirrors in the enclosure! In October our oldest capuchin, Kelly, sadly passed away at the estimated age of 36. Kelly’s ‘gang’ has been an integral part of this group for many years. The two remaining members Pippa and Leonie have since moved in with Moly’s ‘gang’ (Molly, Pride and Kiera). The girls have settled well as a five and despite all being aged 30+ they are an active and feisty bunch.

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Sonny’s Group

Sonny is the main man in our largest capuchin group and is very popular. He has his hands full surrounded by multiple females desperate to get his attention by squeaking, flirting and tagging him! With Sonny’s laidback leadership style, the brains and brawn in the group comes from dominant female Lizzy, along with her lieutenants Dot and Tilly. All three are elderly and recently recruited some younger apprentices in Jenny and

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Archie’s Group

During 2017 there have been a lot of changes in this group. Tau started the year down at the capuchin complex with a large enclosure and 16 other monkeys but his mobility was deteriorating rapidly as a result of his previous pet trade life living in a basement in Slovenia. Tau’s spine is completely fused and the extra pressure on his hips has made life in the big enclosure difficult for him. He was moved to a smaller house and joining him was Archie from Ericho’s capuchin troop, who also was struggling with mobility. We hoped the four females, Ginger, Sophia, Maggie and Maddie would welcome the two new males. The females had lived with Tau in the past and were happy to see him but the introductions took time. The group settled but Tau’s mobility continued to deteriorate, even with strong pain relief. Sadly, the decision had to be made to put Tau to sleep at only 15-years-old and this was a direct result of his crippling life in the pet trade. We are hopeful that Archie will take over the group, even with the dominant females such as Maddie who likes asserting her authority. Ginger is fastidious and washes her food before eating while Sophia takes life easy and can often be found relaxing over the heater. They have all enjoyed the outside enclosure over the summer and through autumn they spent hours foraging amongst piles of dry leaves.

The Lodge capuchins are led by Ericho, with a little help from his deputy Shawn. In June, Archie moved to join Tau’s group making it easier for us to give him more care and attention. The Lodge monkeys love foraging in the forest, and some of the older residents are still making the most of the tall trees, particularly Ringo and Scarlet, who are often seen at the very top on sunny mornings. Onion rubbing is another favourite activity, although Joey sometimes prefers to grate his onions all over the mesh! Old lady Scooty keeps us on our toes by being very demanding over how she takes her morning supplements, and urinating the hammocks in the playroom. Thankfully her daughter Becky, who likes to forage in the hammocks, avoids climbing in them when Scooty’s studying the knots! Becky also doesn’t like it when dominant female Cara blocks up the water drinker with carrot, as the playroom floor gets soggy. She’s very good at sneaking over to unblock it when Cara isn’t looking!

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HANANYA’S COMMUNITY

By Lisa MacDougall

Hananya: has gained confidence and is turning into a strong leader of his group. He has become better at disciplining individuals who need it, even when they are his friends. This has earned him more respect from his group.

Arfur: is always full of energy and wants to do nothing but play. Being big and boisterous in his approach, he hasn’t learnt to tone down his excitement when playing with smaller individuals like Cherri, which at times gets him into trouble. However, when playing with Simon he can fully let go and with best friend Peggy or have a game of chase around the playroom, with Simon grabbing Hananya’s ankles. Simon knows this always makes his leader laugh.

Cherri: is still a great mother and spends a lot of her day teaching her daughter the skills she will need in adult life. This can be tiring work, but Cherri will always make time to relax in a good grooming session with her friends come to her for grooming and play.

Jess: is a kind chimp with a stubborn streak. She is a nosy boy, generally very active, and keeps an eye on the Primate Care Staff. Nicki is more laid back and enjoys being left alone. Bruce is the boss, even when she’s much smaller than him. Bruce takes any opportunity to groom her and show her his affection.

Bu & Bruce: Bu re-joined us from Shaldon Wildlife Trust. Trust once the other lorises finished their quarantine period. She took some time to warm to Bruce especially as he was over excited at having a lady friend. He was too enthusiastic at first and Bu had to put him in his place! Bruce has finally calmed down and since then the two have settled into a nice pairing, sharing a sleeping basket and happily roaming around together. Bu is the boss, even though she’s much smaller than him. Bruce takes any opportunity to groom her and show her his affection.

Eveline: always stays close to Thelma, taking it upon herself to make sure she doesn’t get into any trouble. Eveline also enjoys a good grooming session but unfortunately it’s difficult to stay pampered and keep track of an energetic infant.

Honey: is as excitable as ever and loves all activities such as when we fill children’s ball pit balls with sugar free jelly. She will try to collect as many as she can, but her excitement is so overwhelming that she drops many of them before she can enjoy the jelly treats.

Jess: has become one of Hananya’s favourite females and is loving the attention. If anything upsets her, she goes running to Hananya, knowing he will comfort her. Hananya may take up most of Jess’s time, but she still finds a window to shout and display at her orang-utan neighbours.

Johni: enjoys the perks of her dominant status and isn’t afraid to throw her weight around. Despite this, she does have a softer side. When we put crickets in with the chimp's most other animals. She has become very good at using tools to help her break into enrichment, at times, faster than Hananya. Kiki’s nest building skills have also improved, making large tight nests, topped of with a big blanket.

Kuki: is one of the smartest chimp's in the group and a brilliant problem solver. This is a great skill for a low-ranking chimp to possess. Kuki uses these skills to help the Primate Care Staff in exchange for a treat. If a blanket is left in one of the slides, Kuki runs straight over to remove it, knowing she will get piece of food in return.

Marjoline: has little time for silly behaviour, with chimp's like Arfur being more of an annoyance than fun. In the summer months she likes to relax on a platform, soaking up the sun. Marjoline is a smart chimp and uses spiky gorse branches to branchish at Arfur should he try to join her on the platform!

Patricia: is not a fan of the wet weather and will do what she can to keep out of it. If she does ever venture out when it’s raining, she covers herself in a large blanket, runs out quickly, returning back to the house as soon as possible. Once she is back inside she will retreat back to a large pile of blankets and let her friends come to her for grooming and play.

Peggy: loves anything frozen especially berries. In the summer she will gather as many ice pops as she can and only share with Trudy. Her favourite is peach flavoured squash, but Peggy is pretty happy with all ice. Even during cold winter days, Peggy will venture down to the frozen pond, breaking off the top layer of ice to snack on between meals.

Semach: is a bright and playful chimp and requires a lot of activities to stimulate his mind. Sometimes, however, it is the simplest of items that entertain him such as a washing basket to run around with on his head or a toothbrush which he uses to splash water around in puddles.

Trudy: makes sure all the chimps in Hananya’s group know to watch out for her. She may be small but what she lacks in size she makes up for in attitude! Nobody likes to get on the wrong side of her. First thing in the morning, Trudy likes to cuddle up with her personal guardian, Peggy. Trudy lays content across Peggy’s stomach, snoozing until it’s time to get up for breakfast.

Tutti: is a kind chimp with a stubborn streak. She makes large cosy nests at bed time, and does everything in her power to keep others from taking her bed. She doesn’t put up a fight, but simply sits still, covering as much of the nest as she can. This tactic works well as most chimps tire of the effort required and go off to collect their own bedding. Tutti always gets a very cosy night’s sleep.

Valerie: is a happy chimp who loves to play games with her friends. Her happy demeanour means she can cheer up almost all members of her community. Even if Hananya isn’t in the best mood, Valerie can usually engage the big man in a play session within a few minutes.

LORIS UPDATE

By Steph Sawyer

Nicki & Axl: got on very well from the start and the pair continue to live very happily together. They usually sleep cuddled up together in a basket, and during their active hours, are usually in the same bedroom. Axl loves his lady and generally follows Nicki wherever she goes. Both love insects and enjoy foraging for waxworms and locusts. Axl is a noisy boy, generally very active, and keeps an eye on the Primate Care Staff. Nicki is more laid back and enjoys frequent naps, often squeezing herself into the smallest possible basket, despite having access to more spacious sleeping spaces!

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WOOLLY MONKEY UPDATE

By Emily Wren

Over the summer months we moved 16 of our 19 woolly monkeys between the three groups! There had been a few social issues among the existing groups and so we all put our heads together to come up with the best solution for each of the woollies, taking into account group sizes, which house would be best, as well as male and female combinations for the breeding program. We carried out the moves over two days so we could stagger some of the introductions. All the moves went brilliantly and the woolly monkeys were perfect, with each individual calmly walking themselves into the removable crates before being taken to their new home, and then walked out of the crate at the other end. The whole process was as stress free as possible for them and made all the time spent training them worthwhile. I couldn’t have been prouder of them all!

Levar’s Group

Levar is in charge of a very lively bunch of woolies and is providing plenty of fun and games so far this year. This group is very close knit and has strong family bonds. The dominant male Levar is in charge of a very lively bunch of woolies. He is a strong and determined chap, but also has a playful side. Levar is adored by all the individuals in the group, particularly the youngsters who like to jump all over him whilst he’s having a siesta and get him to join in the fun and games. Levar is joined by adolescent Mani who is growing up into a very handsome chap and who looks certain to make a great dominant male himself one day. However, still being a youngster he can’t resist the chap and who looks certain to make a great dominant male himself one day. However, still being a youngster he can’t resist the

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While our original group enjoy the perks of central heating, Toto and Freddie have been retaining the great outdoors, soaking up the summer sun when it’s on offer and foraging throughout the enclosure for any offerings. Although it’s not quite ‘happy families’ just yet we have all 10 macaques living together and new friendships are continuing to form and grow stronger.

Xingu is the most mature female in this group. She is calm and patient and puts up with all the rowdy boys competing for her attention. Her one-year-old daughter Olivia is never far from her side. Olivia is a lively character who has grown in confidence over the last year and is a little diva keeping Xingu busy with her tantrums when she’s not getting enough attention. Eva has blossomed over the past six months as a result of the moves. She had been struggling socially but now in a new group is growing into a strong and assured female. During the moves we reunited Eva with her younger brother Carlos. Carlos had a tough start to the year when he lost his mum, and closest companion, Yarima. This left little Carlos struggling to find his place within the group and becoming disengaged from social activities. Since being reunited with his sister and becoming part of Levar’s group, Carlos has transformed back into the cheeky chap he used to be and got his spark back. He continues to be close to his sister Eva but also is extremely fond of Levar and has a great play mate in Okuva.

Chippy’s Group

Chippy is a great dominant male and heads up a lovely group. Chippy has always been an excellent leader, is level-headed, and clearly demands respect and admiration from his family. He does however have his silly moments, in particular when the females start getting flirty with him, it all becomes too much and he turns into a soppy, hyper, and ridiculous monkey! Chippy now lives with three feisty ladies; Piquita, Ayla and Quapa. Chippy has settled well into her new group, enjoys having a relaxed life style, and has been busy with her youngest son Cassius who was born last December. Chippy is a very confident mother and has a laidback approach to it all. Over the past couple of months Cassius has become more playful, finding the tunnels the perfect place to slide and bounce around while perfecting his displays. Ayla had an eventful start to the year as she gave birth to her first baby in February. Unfortunately she didn’t care for the infant (baby Cosmo) perhaps because of her inexperience and he was a big baby. We kept a close eye on Ayla after the event but she bounced back and is enjoying life in Chippy’s group. Quapa is the grandma of the group and has settled in really well. The three females all seem to respect each other equally and the trio of ladies seem to work well. Quapa is still going strong, enjoys foraging around in her outside enclosure, sunbathing, and even playing with Cassius when he climbs all over her. The last member of the group is youngest 1

STUMP-TAILED MACAQUES

by Sian Evans

There’s been a lot of activity down at the Stumpy house this year, with the introduction of Toto and Freddie to our group of grumpy stumpies. After a few initial arguments and showing off, Sam remains alpha male supported by his right-hand man Jonathan and his leading ladies Kelly and Noreen. Mid-ranking female Charley remains neutral and stays away from trouble while Sylvie is often seen sneaking away to investigate the new boys. She has definitely taken a shine to the new boys. Low-rankers Maureen and Jonathan continue to enjoy each other’s company. Grooming and snoozing sessions are very high on their agenda, after eating of course! Flosh is flourishing now she is no longer at the bottom of the hierarchy. Growing in confidence, it’s often her starting any squabbles with the new boys.

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THE BACHELOR BOYS
By Lisa MacDougall

We were all shocked and devastated when Ben unexpectedly passed away this year. While missing him we were also concerned as to what the knock on effects would be to others in the group as Ben was an integral member, friends with the high-rankers, and a companion to those that were lower-ranking. It has been a few months but the group are doing well.

Butch: has been known for being a bit of a brute, particularly when playing with the lower-ranking boys. However this year he seems to have finally learnt if he controls lower ranking boys. However this year he found a second!

Surprisingly, for the first time this year Butch jabs however, he usually loses his cool. When it comes to flu the bachelor group and there isn't much that fazes him. When it comes to flu the bachelor group and there isn't much that fazes him. When it comes to flu the bachelor group and there isn't much that fazes him. When it comes to flu the bachelor group and there isn't much that fazes him. When it comes to flu the bachelor group and there isn't much that fazes him. However that year

Buxom: is one of the biggest boys in the bachelor group and there isn't much that fazes him. When it comes to flu jobs however, he usually loses his cool. Surprisingly, for the first time this year Buxom braved the flu job without running away and even presented his shoulder for a second!

Carl: may not be a high-ranking chimp, but spends time with the dominant animals in his group. He loves to display with Buxom and Jestah, despite how small he looks next to them! While Carl learns about the politics of the higher rankers, he always takes time out of his day to hang out with Sammy and Jimmy.

Freddy: and Gypsy have become close and while Gypsy has found a great grooming buddy in Fred, Fred has found that Gypsy is very giving and is happy to share his food! After several years, Freddy had another visit from consultant Proctologist Andy Clark who treated his haemorrhoids and diagnosed Freddy with an intussusception. Freddy is a sensitive soul who likes a quiet life and can usually be found relaxing in the long tunnels that connect the back of the house. The three spiders prefer a quieter, more relaxed way of life and can usually be found relaxing in the outside enclosure or sunbathing with the other two in the long tunnels that connect to the back of the house. The three spiders monkeys continue to enjoy life down at the busy capuchin complex and are always waiting to greet Primate Care Staff with a happy spider chuckle.

Jestah: is high-ranking and usually gets first pick of food and toys given to the group. Unlike the other chimps, his favourite food is lettuce, filling his mouth, arms and feet with it before finding somewhere calm to enjoy his findings. Jestah will even take part in operant conditioning seasons for a lettuce reward which is great as we work with him a lot to put cream on his skin when his eczema flares up.

Jimmy: found this year difficult when he had to adjust to life without his good friend Ben by his side. Thankfully he struck up a friendship with Buxom. The two like to spend their mornings rolling around the bedrooms ticking each other’s sides or playing a game of chase around the playroom.

Kyoko: is a sensitive soul who likes a quiet life and a set routine. When dramas happen in the group, he takes himself away until it all calms down. Kyoko loves people and struggles to contain his excitement when he has a visit from a member of Primate Care Staff he hasn’t seen in a little while.

Mojo: is a very bouncy chimp and gets excited about most things. Whether it’s a game of chase with the other chimps, a new toy, or food, Mojo struggles to keep his legs still with the excitement.

Pacito: is always happy when he has any form of sensory enrichment. He loves to chase the revolving disco light, he tries to catch the beam from the laser pen, but more than anything he loves things that make a noise. Bouncing footballs and wellies off the floor or scraping a stick across the ridges of a cardboard box can keep Pacito happy for hours.

Paco: hasn’t always been the most patient chimp and has a short attention span for Primate Care Staff training sessions. He loves bottle enrichment and this is helping to teach him patience which helps the lower-ranking chimps feel more comfortable getting involved in training sessions when he is around.

Rocky: is the peace maker in the bachelor group and knows all the tricks to prevent a disagreement escalating. This makes him a popular boy. He spends a lot of time grooming high-rankers, knowing this will earn him their protection. Rocky loves a treat of whole walnuts and hazelnuts.

Sammy: was best friends with Ben and took a while to adjust to life without his guidance. Since Ben’s passing he has remained close to Carl and Jimmy. At bed time, Sammy waits by the slide to check his friends are in before collecting his dinner. Sammy is now back to his old self, often found doing backwards roly-polys in the bedroom.

SPIDER MONKEYS
By Hollie Jones

This autumn marked the fifth anniversary of the arrival of our three spider monkeys Pumpkin, Flint and Hickory. All three are doing well and have been enjoying the varying enrichment given to them both in their inside and outside enclosures. As a food lover, Pumpkin is usually the first to investigate any new enrichment item in the hope that it might have some of her favourite tasty treats inside. Flint isn’t usually too far behind and has gained in confidence this year. No longer does he find footballs, socks or children’s play equipment scary and is usually happy to help Pumpkin search for the hidden treats. As the older of the three, Hickory prefers a quieter, more relaxed way of life and can usually be found relaxing in the outside enclosure or sunbathing with the other two in the long tunnels that connect to the back of the house. The three spiders monkeys continue to enjoy life down at the busy capuchin complex and are always waiting to greet Primate Care Staff with a happy spider chuckle.
**GIBBON UPDATE**

By Cat Talbot

**Golden-cheeked Gibbons**

**Alex:** Alex has had us a bit worried this year losing weight and condition despite eating and drinking lots. After a quick blood test, it was discovered that she is diabetic so she now has medication which is making her feel a lot better and she is starting to look and act more like her old self.

**Jake & Zoey:** Zoey is our most independent gibbon and all her needs are met by her close relationship to Jake, meaning she has no real interest in Primate Care Staff. Most of the time she is right with the world.

**Peanut & Pung-ya:** this year has seen a big change for Peanut and Pung-ya as their daughter Tie-nang moved to France with Mikado. Both parents have coped well with an empty nest and it has brought them much closer together; we see a lot of grooming and playing with them now although there is no doubt Peanut is still the boss.

**Titi & Vietta:** this couple have moved to the centre of the house and they seem to feel that should make them centre of attention. They both delight in showing off to their fans during the talk by having fun play sessions throughout.

**Zak & Teo:** when Mikado left for France with Tie-nang, Zak became the man of the house. He sometimes is dominant over the slightly younger Teo, but only when there is food around. They had a refurbishment of their enclosure giving them more space to play, chase, and show off their acrobatic skills. At the end of the day two tired boys cuddle up and sleep together which is lovely to see.

**Muellers, Agile & Lar Gibbons**

**Paul & Kitty:** Paul is still our most playful gibbon and is quite goofy sometimes. He loves tickling himself with a stick, usually on the bum or under his armpits, and has recently decided it’s fun to poke his face and laugh. Kitty has been on a strict diet and has lost some excess weight. She still looks quite large but most of that is her incredibly long thick hair.

**Adidas & Dalumie:** Dalumie had a bit of a bumpy start to the year and was a bit off for a few months, we didn’t discover why but she was soon back to herself. Adidas has continued to enjoy life with Dalumie in the off-show area and seems to quite like the new capuchin neighbours.

**Fox & Ella:** both love attention and spend lots of time grooming, playing, or showing off to the crowds. They also love our attention and present most of their bodies to be groomed, nails to be cut and filed, calloused heels to be softened and faces to be brushed…well isn’t that what staff are for?!?

**Siamang Gibbons**

**Sam & Sasak:** Sasak has been on a diet and has lost weight. She has a face that looks grumpy and this is not improved when she has searched everywhere, climbed to the top of a tree for breakfast, and only finds celery! Sam doesn’t need to diet but he is being supportive and eats up his vegetables and gets tasty extras when she is not around.

**Frimutch posing for the crowd in Malagasy**

**MALAGASY LEMURS**

By Karen Swan

The lemur troop increased in number this year with the arrival of adult male Al.

A new arrival in any troop always causes lots of activity and changes in friendships and hierarchy. Al arrived feeling very sorry for himself after being rescued from a garden shed, but is now looking better. His condition has improved greatly but the nicest thing to see is the new friendships he is forming following his initial meeting with Kalyah. Fennel continues to be dominant female of the troop, leading with a calm, relaxed air. Indiana is still Fennel’s dutiful dominant male and is never far from her side. Indiana always finds new arrivals quite difficult as he doesn’t want to lose his top spot. Cirrius still supports his twin, Indiana, whatever he’s needed but is also kind to the lower ranked males. Our youngest boys, Kurt and Friedrich are working their way up the hierarchy and look to have gone above White Spot and Houdini, our oldest boys. White Spot doesn’t seem to mind this but Houdini seems a little put out. Renton and Himal are lovely boys who try and stay out of any trouble. Even with changes happening the lemurs have found lots of time to do what they love; sleep in the sun, forage in the trees, and groom with their friends.

**Fridrich posing for the crowd in Malagasy**

**Siamang Gibbons**
A big thank you to all who have supported us over the last 30 years of primate rescue, rehabilitation and conservation. The Jim Cronin Memorial Fund threw a fantastic 30th anniversary party for supporters and staff to celebrate, with great food, live music and dancing, a casino and a secret auction. You can see by the photos a fabulous time was had by all! Please see our events for 2018 and book now to ensure you don’t miss out on the fun!

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Casino Night

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Adult 2-Night Sleepover Event

Fri - Sat 12-13 October
Primate Drawing with David Dancey-Wood

Saturday 27 October
Fancy Dress Halloween Party

Saturday 16 November
Fawlty Towers Dining Experience

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