



Coco and Charlie enjoy a wrestling match

Welcome to our latest newsletter.

Once more, we've opened our doors to visitors and the summer season is well underway. As well as giving talks to visitors and making sure that the season runs smoothly, we have also been working to introduce all of the capuchins in our rescue centre to each other because, as you'll probably know from previous newsletters, we have had a number of new arrivals. Our tireless maintenance team are plugging on with yet another extension to this rescue centre and we have also teamed up with an architecture company who will hopefully be helping us to turn some of our other building dreams into reality. We hope you enjoy reading our latest news and we thank you, as always, for your invaluable support.

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The capuchins make new friends

There has been lots of excitement amongst the capuchins in our rescue centre over the last year with new arrivals meaning new social interactions taking place and new friendships formed. Louisa Marchbanks tells us more...

There are currently nine individuals living at the rescue centre, and there are two different subspecies groups: the weeper and the black-capped capuchins. Though all our capuchins share common behavioural and social signals, essentially, the two groups speak a slightly different language. We also see that monkeys who have been living alone or in isolated groups have all developed their own behavioural differences. This sometimes makes for some confused relationships, but the most important aspect of rehabilitation for ex-pet monkeys is providing them with company, so we aim to let the monkeys pick and choose their own friends from whichever subspecies this might be.

One of the most admirable relationships that has been cultivated recently is that of young newcomer, Charlie Brown, a black-capped capuchin, and Coco, the young male weeper capuchin. Coco has been here for almost three years now but as the youngest male he has worked hard to establish relationships with Gary, Peppy and Frosty. He also has a long-established, brotherly relationship with Chanel with whom he arrived. Since Coco and Chanel were the last new monkeys to arrive for almost two years, they had got used to their stable little families, but since September, four new monkeys have arrived and Coco has been eager to meet and greet them all. In fact, he has become an accepted ally of Tanya, Mickey and Jackie. But with Charlie, who only arrived in November, we have really seen Coco



Frosty grooms his new friend, Mickey

shine as an individual. Their main fun is wrestling, and they do it very well indeed. Charlie is slightly bigger and longer than Coco with a fuller tail and bigger teeth, but Coco is slightly older and is much more socially confident than Charlie. They wrestle and chase and wrestle some more. Sometimes they get a bit carried away, but despite the fact that they are different subspecies, they both understand about play.

There are some communications which seem to be universal between the two subspecies, such as the play face but also the aggressive attack face; this means that the most important messages get through. In the wild, there are examples of different subspecies of capuchins moving together at certain times; perhaps while the youngsters play the adults use warning and aggressive gestures to let each group know what is going on in the area.

When you have two monkeys of the same subspecies though, it very quickly becomes clear how much they have in common. Frosty, the first non-woolly monkey to arrive here at the Sanctuary, was the only black-capped capuchin here until last September when the four new ones arrived. Since then, any food time is greeted with the beautiful black-capped good food calls of 'oh oh oohh', and Frosty is able to chat in black-capped language to them all.

He has, for the first time, found himself a friend who speaks his language and does not frighten or intimidate him. This little friend is Mickey, a tiny blonde black-capped female. Mickey has spent the last 17 years living in Norfolk with Tanya and Jackie. Tanya shows very little interest in Frosty but Jackie makes up for this by being the most incredible flirt towards Frosty, which frankly overwhelms his shy nature. She chases him round with the most ardent loving gestures but at the moment he just runs away. Female black-capped capuchins in the wild have been known to pursue a male flirtatiously for days until he finally gives up and mates with them and we are hoping that in time he will learn to deal with her affections. While Jackie overwhelms him, Mickey is just right. They enjoy spring onion rubs, grooms and dining together. Frosty loves to sit as close to her as he possibly can, at the moment he does not seem to be sexually interested in her, but he is definitely relishing the contact. We are encouraging him to spend time with Mickey so that he can grow in confidence around Jackie. We are not sure though if Jackie is going to calm down until Frosty mates with her (which at this rate could be in another 5 years!) and then perhaps he can live with all three ladies. We wish him and all the capuchins the best of luck and a glorious and stimulating summer.

What's on the menu?

In the last newsletter, we told you all about our brand new kitchen designed as a perfect space for preparing the monkeys' food. This time, we thought you might like to know a little more about how we try to keep the monkeys' diets exciting and how the way we distribute the food forms part of their daily activities. Ruby Gray explains...

Monkeys are like us in many ways – we all spend a lot of time searching for food, preparing it, and eating it. These days, for us, it may mean a trip to the supermarket, two minutes in the microwave, then cast off scraps and packaging in the bin. For a wild monkey, it is more likely to mean hours spent leaping through tree tops and thick branches to track down juicy fruit and tender leaves, raid insect nests, crack open hard shells to access nutritious nuts, or tear bark apart to find tasty slugs and spiders.

Life for a captive monkey is pretty redundant compared to all that. Food may be delivered, ready chopped, arranged in a bowl, the same thing every day at the same time. How boring!

Our aim at the Sanctuary is to make life interesting for the monkeys, and to give them the opportunity to put their natural food-finding skills into action. As you can see from our new 'monkey-kitchen menu', the diet is nutritious, varied and very tasty. Unlike a normal restaurant, however, the monkeys' food may be delivered hidden in a sack, hoisted to the roof in a hanging basket, scattered through hay or even bobbing in a bucket of fresh water.



Pablo munches on a crunchy piece of celery

This is a great time of year for the monkeys, with masses of insect hunting and wild plant foraging to keep them busy. We are busy too, gathering bucketfuls of leaves, herbs, seeds and fruit from the Sanctuary's gardens and orchards to be delivered fresh to the eager monkeys.

In the summer months, they will receive such home-grown goodies as raspberries, blackcurrants, cobnuts, Jerusalem artichoke, fennel, chives, mint, plums, Cornish apple varieties and wild elderberries – enough to rival the producer for any four star restaurant, I'm sure you'll agree. And our monkeys are no easy customers. They are as fussy as any food critic, and only the best will do. Anything less than perfect will be unceremoniously dropped on the floor by the woollies (in the wild, this would be gobbled up by insects and animals on the forest floor but in Cornwall, of course, it has to be tidied up by us in the daily cleaning routine!). And its even worse with the capuchins – they will literally throw unwanted food back in our faces!



Frosty enjoys picking out a tasty egg from its shell

The Monkey Kitchen Menu

Served morning, lunchtime and evening.

Main Courses

Fruitbowl:

A satisfying layer of sweet apples or pears topped with a selection of tasty fresh vegetables. Choose from mixed lettuce, cucumbers, leeks, fennel, celery, or tempt yourself with spicy watercress, spring onion, endive, chicory and red pepper.

Fresh Leaf Selection:

Carefully handpicked daily from the gardens and woodland, enjoy the best of the season.

Zinger Dinner:

Capuchins' favourite! A wacky bowl of surprises: nuts in their shells, spring onion, broccoli stems, ginger, garlic and chillies. Get those taste buds dancing!

Winter Warmers

Chunky Veg Platter:

Delicious chunks of boiled root vegetable. Choose from sweet potato, beetroot, parsnip or celeriac. *Served from 6.00pm.*

Pasta Pleasers:

Tasty warm pasta with grated carrot and sesame seeds. Great on a chilly afternoon.

Porridge Parcels:

An oaty delight sweetened with fruit and wrapped in freshly picked comfrey leaves.

Egg-On-Your-Face:

Tempting freshly boiled eggs served in the shell.

Meaty Dishes

Chicken:

Sumptuous free-range chicken pieces cooked in a fresh onion and vegetable broth.

Slug-Under-a-Stone:

Delicious free-range slugs always available. All you can eat: self- service.

Ant-in-the-Nest:

A summertime favourite, just break open the soil then its all you can eat. (Watch out, they bite!)

Greenfly-on-the Branch:

Served up in the trees during the summer. Delicious with tender beech leaves.

Cockroaches:

Scuttling-fresh roaches served on a bed of fresh wood shavings. Catch them if you can!

Mealworm Surprise:

Search for them yourself in a mountain of shredded paper.

Sweet Tooth

Monkey Cake:

A delicious wholegrain cake packed with goodness. Choose from:

Tofu Teaser:

with pumpkin seed, dates, figs and pears.

Nutty Crunch:

full of crushed hazelnuts, walnuts and almonds, dried apricot, sunflower seeds and apple.

Volunteers' Surprise:

an egg and oat cake with a selection of wholegrain cereals and cooked fruit.

Mud Pies:

Lovingly handmade by Frosty Capuchin. Great to look at but best not eaten!

Fresh Fruit of the Day:

a mouth-watering feast to share with friends. Will it be mangoes, peaches, cherries, papaya.....?

Our Promise: All our dishes are free from artificial additives and preservatives, GM ingredients, added salt, oil or sugar. We use fresh locally produced organic produce whenever possible.

The Monkey Kitchen is open between 7.30am and 8.00pm, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Please ask the chef if you have any questions regarding our extensive menu. ENJOY!

New sustainable building plans

An exciting new plan is underway to expand our educational facilities with a sustainable building project at the top of our site. This education and training centre will be built into the cliff face using sustainable materials and will incorporate roof top look outs where visitors can enjoy the stunning sea views.

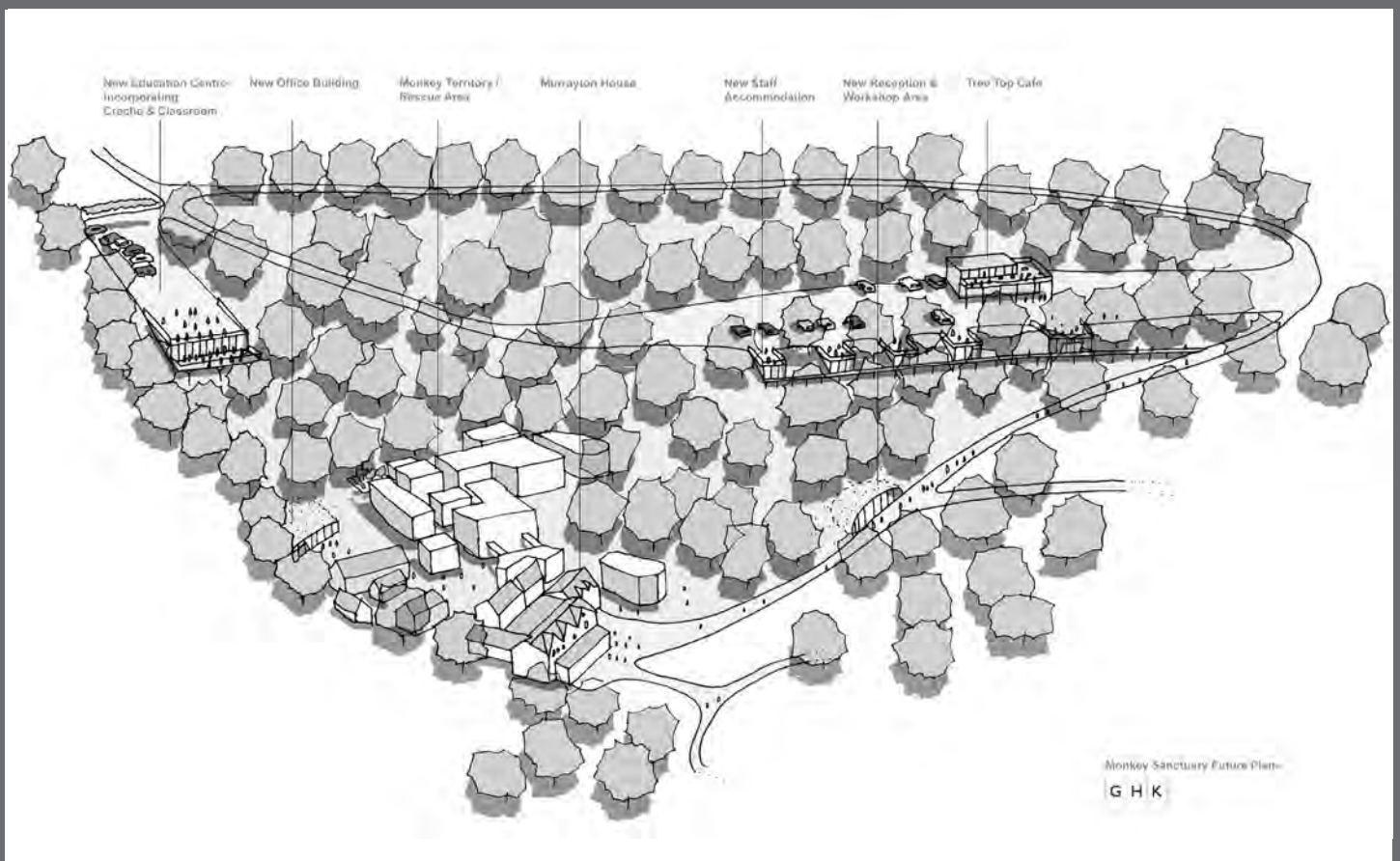
Why do we need an education centre? The education team has long dreamt of a separate education centre as they do not really have a suitable base on the main site. For example, we spend a lot of time each morning cleaning all of the enclosures and checking the areas are safe before opening to the public at 11am, so school groups cannot be at the main site until this procedure has taken place. The new building will enable workshops to be carried out at any time in the morning with the children prepared and then lead to the site after 11am. It will also be more appropriate for a variety of audiences; the education officers carry out workshops and talks to a range of community groups and school students ranging from nursery-school through to university level, so having our children's activity room as a base is not always ideal!

On top of this, we are furthering our educational range by formalising links with local colleges and universities and this can only develop further. We have always supported students on related courses through our volunteering scheme but we are

now looking to make these relationships more official and possibly offer some accreditation. The education centre will also be made available as a community resource and may serve many different uses for local community groups.

As our dedicated maintenance team already have a hectic schedule, continually maintaining old enclosures and building new ones, we have joined forces with GHK, a consultancy and architecture company based in Plymouth, to put together some drawings incorporating the education centre and our other future needs into one cohesive plan. We want any new buildings to be constructed using sustainable building techniques and materials and, as we are in an area of outstanding natural beauty, the designs need to enhance the environment rather than to detract from it. Not only this, but as these buildings will share the site with our unique Grade II listed house, it is also a necessity that they do not spoil or conflict with the house's appearance.

Obviously this is an ambitious and complex task, but one which GHK is well equipped to fulfil. An award-winning architectural practise based in Plymouth, GHK specialises in heritage restoration and new sustainable build projects. No strangers to sensitive design, many of their projects have involved reparation and conversion of important heritage sites and the designing of new buildings which reflect and respect their existing landscape. Just a few examples include the conversion of St Margaret's Church, Canterbury, into a visitor centre, the restoration of



This initial sketch should help potential funders to visualise our plans



Any new build needs to fit in with our beautiful house and its idyllic surroundings

Lulworth Castle and Plymouth Cathedral and the design of a sustainable, community building set within the landscape in Torquay.

From our discussions, GHK architect, Gavin Woodford, has put together an initial design which includes the education centre, staff accommodation units and some purpose-built offices. As you can see from the diagram, both the education centre and the staff accommodation would be built into the cliff with fencing on the roofs providing lookout points. This means that, rather than obstructing the lovely view of the woods and the sea, these buildings should help visitors to appreciate their surroundings. We may potentially be able to use one of the accommodation buildings as a showcase to visitors, promoting sustainable living and demonstrating how it can be done. The drawing also includes a new reception area and a new toilet block, both also incorporated into the landscape.

The plans are by no means finalised and they are likely to be modified as the project moves forward. However, they are a crucial first step in helping potential funders and supporters to visualise our future intentions.

The next step is of course, to obtain funding and to enlist the help of various professionals who might be interested in offering their services to a worthwhile cause. If you know anyone who is interested in sustainable building practises or has any relevant skills in areas such as land surveying and project feasibility, please ask them to get in touch. In particular, we hope to get the local community involved in the building of the education centre as this will be available for their use. We would like to make this a fun way for children and young people to learn about sustainability by involving them in exciting art projects to help decorate the education building using recycled materials.

If you would like to know more about this project or if you think you could help, please call 01503 262532 and speak to Helen or Gill.

GHK is the architecture, planning and historic arm of the GHK International Group, an employee-owned group of companies providing a range of consulting services in environmental and related fields. To find out more, go to www.ghkint.com.



The next extension to the rescue centre is already well underway

Rescue Centre extension

Thanks to funding from the International Fund for Animal Welfare (£13,700) and Animal Defenders International (£1,400), we have been able to start the next phase of our rescue centre. This extension will enable us to offer sanctuary to more unwanted and neglected capuchin monkeys from the UK primate pet trade.

The extension will incorporate indoor and outdoor enclosures which will be linked to the existing enclosures so that monkeys can be moved and be allowed access to lots of different spaces. The high indoor rooms will incorporate many different levels and interesting areas for the monkeys to explore. The bunks where the monkeys often choose to sleep will be suspended from the ceilings or on high columns to also add variety and interest.

Our maintenance and healthcare teams continually develop new and interesting ways of constructing enclosures to ensure that they maximise interest and stimulation for the monkeys. The Trust is very fortunate to have a skilled maintenance team which includes, for example, Mathew Thomas, who is both a long-term monkey keeper and experienced carpenter, and is therefore able to design and build to the detailed specifications of the healthcare team.

The materials we use are carefully thought through. Our monkey enclosures are predominantly constructed with timber so all of the timber used is softwood, generally from our local Duchy Timber sawmill (we never use tropical hardwood) and wherever possible it will be FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certified. The windows of the enclosures are toughened K-Glass and each room is well insulated for energy efficiency in line with our environmental policy.

The floors of the indoor rooms have a deep layer of sawdust / leaf litter in which the monkeys like to forage for scattered seeds, nuts and insects. We use shopping bags, baskets, bedding sheets, ropes, buckets etc. in the rooms for additional interest and as places to hide food. It is important to continue to develop our ideas for enclosures and we are learning all the time (from the monkeys) about what their living space should include and what their needs are, and we will no doubt learn even more when other monkeys arrive at our sanctuary.

Update for Adopters

Frosty As you will know from our capuchin article in this edition, Frosty has been having an exciting time recently, having gone from being the only black-capped capuchin here to having four new friends who speak his language and understand his facial expressions – well most of the time, anyway! He has had a nice time socialising with all of the new arrivals; he gets on particularly well with Mickey, a little blonde female, and it has been lovely to watch them enjoying each other's company.



Peppy still spends a lot of time with his best friend Gary

Peppy is his usual boisterous self and he has dealt confidently with the new arrivals. He still spends most of his time with his best friend Gary and they enjoy lots of territory-destroying, among other activities. He also has lots of fun play-fighting with Chanel. She tends to pick at a sore on his lip though and this has made them seem a little like star-crossed lovers, as they love to be together but sometimes they have to be separated for his lip to heal.



Ollie explores the tall beech trees in the 'Trees' enclosure

Oliver has grown into a playful and adventurous character who has no qualms about climbing into the highest trees and swinging on ropes and beams at the very top of the enclosures. He spends a lot of time with his older brother, Caju, who is still quite protective of him and they

enjoy the odd rough and tumble play-fight around the territory. Oliver is much more independent of his mother Lucy now but they still have a very close relationship which should continue all his life, as is natural for woolly monkeys.

Esperanzo is still healthy and happy at his home at Siglo XXI in Chile. His fur is looking glossy and he is still enjoying the peaceful companionship he shares with Pola, his fellow howler monkey. Their relaxed existence is only ever disturbed by the odd squabble over a tasty hibiscus flower! We hope to have another update from the sanctuary in Chile soon.

A big thank you to:

Result Clothing Company for our lovely new all-weather jackets complete with the Monkey Sanctuary Trust logo.

Peppers Taverna Greek Restaurant in Looe for their ongoing support.

Monkey with your mobile!

You can now download your monkey's photo to your mobile phone! This costs £1.50 (plus your service provider's charge) and a percentage of the money goes straight to The Monkey Sanctuary Trust. All you need to do is text the code shown below the picture, leaving a gap between the charity code and the image code to 83332. You will receive a service message. By downloading the image to a folder on your mobile phone, you can then make the image your 'wallpaper'. Visit www.art4charity.org to view more photos which can be downloaded to your phone or PC; you can also purchase prints and all of this will help raise vital funds.

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Upcoming Events:

Adopter's Day – 29th July 2006

This is our opportunity to thank all of the monkey adopters without whom we could not continue our work. Always a fun day, the schedule includes different talks all about the monkeys, tours of the sanctuary, a raffle and a number of workshops. A range of vegetarian and vegan refreshments will also be provided.

This year, we are also holding a CHARITY AUCTION NIGHT after Adopter's Day. Starting at 8pm at The Jolly Sailor Inn in West Looe, the event includes live music and many exciting items up for auction such as: 2 night's stay for 4 people at the Clowance Estate and Country Club in Camborne, a meal for 2 at The Hard Rock Café, a River Thames Cruise, various Animal and Rip Curl clothing, signed memorabilia and 1 night's stay for 2 people at Carbis Bay Hotel in St Ives including dinner and breakfast. If any readers are interested in bidding on these items but are unable to attend this event, please call 01503 262352 to make a phone bid.

Our super team of five will be running in this year's **Great North Run** on the 1st October 2006. To sponsor our monkey team, visit www.justgiving.com. Runners are: Angie Button, Yvette Foulds, Liz Lloyd, Brian O'Neill and Rhian Morgan.

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The UK primate pet trade: latest update

As one of only a few monkey sanctuaries in the UK, the Monkey Sanctuary Trust is increasingly called upon to re-home unwanted and neglected ex-pet monkeys from the UK primate pet trade. In recent years, this has meant providing sanctuary for ten capuchin monkeys. As you may be aware, over the past five years, we have been working hard to end the trade in primates in pets and raise awareness of the cruelty often associated with it.

This has all taken place during a period when the UK Government has been reviewing three important pieces of legislation and we have been a major contributor to this consultation process.

The new Animal Welfare Bill aims to update and amalgamate many outdated Acts making the law clear and appropriate for today. The new Animal Welfare Bill could also substantially restrict the keeping of primates in the UK to 'specialist keepers' which, although nowhere near a complete ban, will hopefully prevent monkeys being kept as pets in back gardens across Britain. We have been pleased to find a great deal of support from a number of members of the House of Lords; in particular, Baroness Miller, Lib Dem spokesperson on Environment Food and Rural Affairs, who was very helpful presenting our amendments and speaking on our behalf.

The Bill is likely to come into effect from April 2007 following announcement in the Queen's speech this December 2006. Rachel Hevesi has been invited, as The Monkey Sanctuary Trust representative, onto the working group with the task of developing codes of practice for keeping primates. Through these codes of practice, the Trust will certainly push for very strict standards.

In addition to the Animal Welfare Bill, the Government has been reviewing the Dangerous Wild Animals Act (DWAA) which currently requires owners of most monkeys to hold a licence in order to keep them. However, some types of monkeys are not

considered 'dangerous enough' to require a licence and sadly these monkeys are given little or no protection. We consider all monkeys dangerous; as wild animals, they are unpredictable and cannot be domesticated. Primates can also carry viruses which are harmful to humans and likewise viruses common to humans can be harmful and even fatal to monkeys. Proposed changes to the DWAA will sadly mean that fewer species of monkey will require a licence to be kept and therefore it will be more difficult to ascertain the exact number of monkeys living in the UK. Again, the Trust is opposed to these changes and has been presenting strong arguments to make licensing compulsory for all primates. However, the Government looks unlikely to change its position and therefore the Animal Welfare Bill is even more vital in the battle against the primate pet trade.

International trade and movement of primates has been difficult to identify; following a recent review of the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), Article 8.2, it became apparent that very little is recorded and known about it. Our links with primate sanctuaries overseas enabled us to gather evidence to show that the UK primate pet trade did have an impact on the wild population in the native countries. We thought CITES Article 8.2 might represent another potential way to end the trade in primates as pets in the UK but, again, the Government has pointed us back to the Animal Welfare Bill as the vehicle to protect primates.

Let's hope that the new Animal Welfare Bill does afford our primate friends the protection that they deserve and that eventually, the keeping of primates as pets will become a thing of the past. If you would like to sign our petition to end the UK primate pet trade, you can do so online at www.petitionthem.com/default.asp?sect=detail&pet=1623. Alternatively, call us on 01503 262532 for petition sheets or for further information about our campaign work.



Pele 1992 – 2006

Sadly, one of our woolly monkeys, Pele, passed away in April. Many of the keepers here shared a special bond with Pele as he was a very friendly monkey; he often suffered from itchy fingers and would be seen asking keepers to give them a rub for him. He was admired by visitors for his handsome looks and he was regularly seen sunbathing on his back and exploring out in the trees. Pele spent most of his time with his brother, Pablo, so it has been difficult for Pablo to adjust. However, he is coping well and at least has his sister, Lucy, and his nephews, Caju and Ollie, to spend time with. Pele was a wonderful character who will be missed very much and is sure to be remembered by all who met him.

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