



## Story Book Farm Primate Sanctuary

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### FALL 2017 NEWSLETTER

#### Summer at the sanctuary

Dear Friends,

We hope you had a great summer. We have been busy at the sanctuary – no time off when looking after monkeys – and we have had a number of wonderful success stories over the last few months (See our featured stories below).

We continue to upgrade the monkeys' enclosures and enlarge their outdoor areas as finances allow. We are excited about building an outdoor area that Rudy and Cheeko can share, in addition to their own enclosures. Although Rudy is a squirrel monkey and Cheeko is a capuchin, we feel confident that they will like to spend time together based on their current interaction next door to each other. In order to ensure a safe integration, we are constantly monitoring the monkeys' behaviours and how they change over a period of time.

In addition to the three success stories that we are excited to share below,

**we are very proud to tell you that some of our residents have made incredible improvements in recovering from their traumatic past:**

**- Lexy is a lot more relaxed around her caregivers, taking treats from our hands.**

**- Julien continues to enjoy being surrounded by people, even occasionally inviting caregivers to groom him.**

**- Mr. Jenkins has discovered how to out-smart the volunteers when they want to clean his enclosure. He has realised that, by sitting in the doorway, it is impossible to close the door. The volunteers need to sneak up to the cable closing the door when he's outdoors or otherwise they need to bribe him with a banana.**

**Summer always seems to be the favourite time of year for the monkeys. After all, they all do come from warmer climates so they all have free access to go indoors and out as they wish. We will be spending the next few weeks preparing the sanctuary for winter: caulking, adding insulation, collecting firewood.**

**Your donations make a real difference in the monkeys' lives – as we are able to improve their environment at the sanctuary.**

**Thank you so much for your continuous support!**

**Our last Open Day of the season is on Sunday, September 24th. Come and visit your favourite monkey!**

**Wishing you a bountiful, beautiful fall.**

**The Board and volunteers**

**Featured Stories**



## A tribute to Amigo

First, we would like to pay a tribute to our much-loved Amigo, our remaining marmoset. He had far out-lived his life expectancy at over 16 years of age. Lately he was barely interested in his favourite foods – crickets and marshmallows – and died peacefully in his sleep. We miss his chirps, his bright eyes and his perfect little hands and feet. He was a tiny monkey but he had a great personality, and he will be greatly missed.



### **Sweet Pea and Pierre are together!**

**Baboons are social animals and they live amongst large family groups in the wild. However, bringing two unrelated primates together is a difficult challenge. It takes a lot of patience, perseverance, enough space and a perfect knowledge of the monkeys' personalities.**

**For some time we have been hoping to introduce Pea and Pierre and allow them to be together. They have lived next to each other but separately for many years and we felt that it was time to try it out. While we were making plans to have a vet on hand in case the introduction went wrong, Pierre (literally) took things into his own hands. He had observed how one of the doors separating him from Sweet Pea worked and, by pulling on a cable, he was able to open the door himself.**

**Fortunately, all went well and Sweet Pea and Pierre have been sharing and enjoying the large new outdoor enclosures we built for them last**

summer. Pierre is often seen grooming Sweet Pea but he can be a little dominant when it comes to food. We are really happy that Sweet Pea and Pierre are spending their days together.



### **A true lemur family!**

The dedicated sanctuary volunteers managed another successful integration this year. Kye and Kismet (father and daughter) have been living in an enclosure next door to the boys, Bandit and Keanu. Once both Bandit and Keanu were neutered, the plan was to introduce them and have them all interact. The plan went well. Kismet, as the dominant female, accepted the boys and they have been co-existing happily. They have all been observed to be grooming each other and sleeping together in different configurations. We are very proud to say that they truly are a family now.



### **Cheeko is happy again!**

Cheeko had major dental surgery in January of this year and was on the operating table for almost 4 hours. He came to us after being kept as an attraction at a garden nursery. His diet had consisted of only soft foods, never requiring him to properly use his teeth. As a result, his teeth and gums were in terrible condition: Cheeko needed 12 extractions removing roots and teeth.

His recuperation went well and since then he has put on weight, his coat is thicker and his personality has changed. He can't wait for our visitors on Open Days to come and visit him. He can be seen jumping up and down in his enclosure as people are taking their time with Rudy next door. He then 'chats' to the visitors, always singling out one person in the group to interact with.

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