



## Story Book Farm Primate Sanctuary

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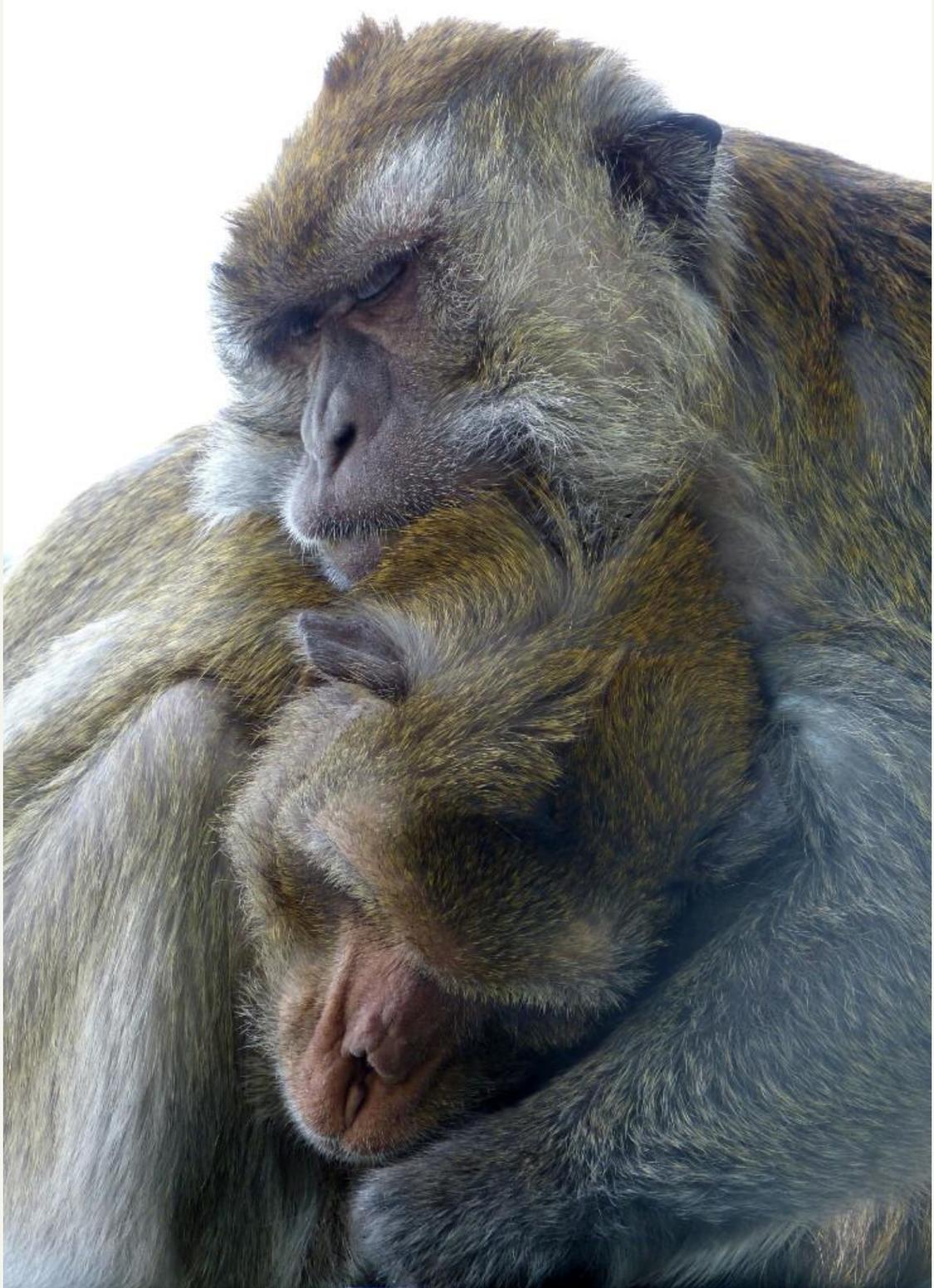


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**Thanks to your support, Cody, Pugsley and Cedric are enjoying their new outdoor enclosure and runway together with their new friend Darwin!**





Dear Friend,

Cody, Pugsley and Cedric have finally arrived! We are so thankful to supporters like you who helped make their rescue possible.

Three years and 20 days after the initial phone call, Cody, Pugsley and Cedric have arrived and are now living together – sharing indoor and outdoor enclosures.

Over three years ago we were approached by a research facility asking if we would consider taking two monkeys who were close to completing their testing. These monkeys had survived their experiments, were young and healthy and were much loved at the research lab. They were so loved that they were given names: Cody and Pugsley.

At the time we were unsure of the future of the sanctuary. We were in the midst of a fundraising campaign to raise money to buy the existing property, the monkeys and the sanctuary. To raise the money was a daunting task but this phone call from the lab made us realise, more than ever, that a monkey sanctuary was needed in Canada. It made us even more determined to succeed in saving the only monkey sanctuary in Canada. Failure to save our monkeys and provide a retirement home for these new monkeys was not an option.

It has taken over 3 years for Cody and Pugsley to come to us because, for the first time ever in Canada, lab monkeys were to be released to a sanctuary instead of being euthanised or ‘recycled’ into another experiment. There are many regulations imposed by the Canada Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), the organisation overseeing the fate of all lab monkeys. We had many meetings and phone calls and had to comply with all the guidelines the CFIA requested.

I cannot overstate that the retirement of these monkeys is precedent-setting. In 2016 there were approximately 7500 monkeys in research labs in Canada and, until now, once a lab monkey, always a lab monkey with absolutely no chance for retirement.

We were planning to provide retirement for two monkeys but that eventually became three. We are so happy to also welcome Cedric who, in the intervening three years, also became available for retirement.

Cody, Pugsley and Cedric are crab-eating macaques. Their average age is 12 with a lot of living still to do as they can live to be 30 years old. At the research facility they were kept separately in 4-foot square cages. Now they are able to sleep together, groom each other and swing on their favourite platform and catch flies.

First we built new indoor enclosures which was possible only because of your generous donations. Then we built an extensive 600 square foot outdoor enclosure especially for them to share. This beautiful space cost almost \$30,000 and it was worth every penny. 'The boys', as we call them, are able to feel the wind on their faces, the sun in their eyes and the wonderful sensation of grass under their feet as they chase each other around for the first time in their lives. I hope you can help us pay for these enclosures.

It's overwhelming for me, at times, to see how 'the boys' have adjusted to a life that is so different from what they experienced before. This has all been possible because of our volunteers who are here for them every day and thanks to people – like you – who support the sanctuary.

We hope you will stay with us and support our work for the monkeys. The favourite spot for 'the boys' is on their outdoor platform which swings. They have learned to propel their weight to make it swing and they groom each other up there, they play with new toys up there and they sometimes eat their dinner up there.

Your financial assistance to pay for these very worthwhile outdoor enclosures will be very much appreciated.

We hope you will also consider becoming a monthly supporter for \$10, \$25 or even more per month. It's a convenient way to give and helps us with planning.

As you know, the sanctuary requires a lot of upkeep as we continue to pay for the costs of operating and enhancing the enclosures for all our 19 monkeys. We make improvements continually and, of course, it all costs money. But, as I said, we wouldn't have it any other way.

Thank you for your support to help us move forward in our mission to make all our monkeys' lives so much better.

Thank you from all of us at the sanctuary.

Thank you for being part of the Story Book family.

Daina Liepa  
Board Member

P.S. We have some upcoming events planned, so we hope to see you soon! We'll post the details on our website or you can call or email us for more information in the coming weeks.

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