



## International Primate Protection League

Working to protect all primates since 1973.

*IPPL E-Bulletin*

### Vote for Animal Planet's Hero of the Year— And Raise Funds for Animals!

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Dear E-Friends,

Last week I was thrilled and honored to discover that I had been selected as one of the top ten finalists for Animal Planet's Hero of the Year award! I and the nine other animal lovers who are featured on the TV channel's Web site were chosen from a field of 4,000 nominees. Now it's up to visitors to the polling site to choose their favorite animal hero for 2007:

[http://animal.discovery.com/convergence/hero\\_of\\_the\\_year/poll/poll.html](http://animal.discovery.com/convergence/hero_of_the_year/poll/poll.html)

**Voting closes October 8.** The winner will be awarded \$10,000 to be donated to the charity of her choice. All ten finalists have worked hard to promote the well-being of many kinds of wild and domestic animal species, even though their efforts have taken place far off the national radar.

I was nominated by our long-time Advisory Board member Ann Koros. In her statement to Animal Planet, she wrote: "Shirley has worked with, helped support, and inspired over 40 grassroots conservation organizations, animal protection groups, and primate sanctuaries in many countries.... She also spearheads investigations of illegal primate trafficking and abuse, exposing the perpetrators and, when possible, bringing them to justice. Many primates around the world are alive and thriving today thanks to Shirley McGreal's life work and dedication."

But of course, I—and IPPL—couldn't have done it all without our network of supporters and primate lovers around the world: people like you!

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The September issue of *IPPL News* has now been published. Selected stories have been posted to our Web site (<http://ippl.org/news.html>). Please read about and protest Malaysia's plans to restart—after 23 years—the export its native wild monkeys for research or even as exotic meat in China's restaurants. Let's not turn back the clock!

Sincerely,

Dr. Shirley McGreal, IPPL Founder/Executive Director



Courtney and I snuggle for a brief moment at IPPL's Headquarters sanctuary in South Carolina. We have been hand-rearing the little ape ever since she was rejected by her mother over five years ago.



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