



## IPPL Profiled in Local Newspaper

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Dear E-Friends,

In the previous "IPPL E-Bulletin," I described how I had been selected as one of ten finalists in the Animal Planet TV channel's Hero of the Year contest. As a result of the publicity surrounding this honor, a reporter for our local paper, the *Summerville Journal Scene*, profiled me and IPPL in a lovely feature titled "Ape advocate finalist for hero award." You can read the story online; go to:

[http://www.summervillejournalscene.com/articles/2007/10/19/community\\_news/061019femcgreal\\_shirleydb.txt](http://www.summervillejournalscene.com/articles/2007/10/19/community_news/061019femcgreal_shirleydb.txt)

You can tell the reporter really enjoyed his visit, especially hearing the gibbons sing. All our little apes are appreciating the cooler weather. Our vet was here last week and did a "well animal walk around." Everyone looked good!



In other online news, the Web-based Malaysian video news site *Malaysiakini.tv* (associated with the independent online newspaper *Malaysiakini.com*) recently posted a press conference given by N. Surendran, the chairperson pro-tem of Roar (the Malaysian Animal Rights and Welfare Society). He is leading the fight against the Malaysian government's plan to overturn a 23-year-old ban and begin exporting long-tailed macaque monkeys again. The plan was announced last August but has yet to be implemented. A video clip shows N. Surendran describing a complaint being submitted to the Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA), alleging foul play behind the plan to resume the exports:

<http://www.malaysiakini.tv/?vid=1433>

N. Surendran and other members of Roar (a coalition of several Malaysian animal welfare groups) asked the ACA to look into alleged business dealings involving a minister and a former director-general, in which wild monkeys could be exported for profit. The group said the ACA must investigate Environment Minister Azmi Khalid and former Department of Wildlife and National Parks Director General Musa Nordin for possible abuse of power.

Let's hope that justice is done before it's too late for Malaysia's native monkeys.

Sincerely,

Dr. Shirley McGreal, IPPL Founder/Executive Director



A long-tailed macaque goes through a Malaysian trash bin. These native monkeys have been displaced from their forest homes by rampant urbanization and are now deemed a "nuisance" by some Malaysian wildlife authorities—some of whom may stand to profit by the capture and export of these animals to foreign meat markets and research labs.



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