



Latest Good News from IPPL

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Dear E-Friend,

We have two pieces of good news for you!

Gibbon Lawsuit Over

The first news is that the litigation over the "Texas Twelve" gibbons is over. It was settled in June. Three gibbons returned to their former home at the Primarily Primates sanctuary in Texas and nine will stay at IPPL. Two chimpanzees now living at Chimps, Inc. in Oregon, who were also part of the lawsuit, will get to remain at their current home, too.

The gibbons staying with IPPL are: Scrappy and his mate Uma, Ziggy and Erin and their daughter Cathy, Whoop-Whoop (single male, lab veteran), Chloe (former pet, canine teeth removed), Gus (former pet), and Gibby (elderly, formerly used in locomotion research).

Now that we know how things stand, we have plans to build a new gibbon living area and signed our contract with the builder for the indoor units last week. We bring the IPPL gibbons in at night to protect them from bats, snakes, and mosquitoes, and because they might drive our neighbors crazy if anything alarmed them and they started making gibbon calls in the middle of the night!

IPPL Goes to Buckingham Palace

I received my OBE (Order of the British Empire) at an investiture held at Buckingham Palace on 4 June 2008. It was an exciting day for me, my sister Jean Martin, and IPPL guests Ann Koros and Dianne Taylor-Snow.

The day before, we had received a surprise phone call at our hotel asking if I could arrive half an hour early for a private meeting with Prince Philip. We were worried about London traffic jams and gave ourselves plenty of time to get to the Palace. Our very early arrival worked out wonderfully for us. Prince Philip's Equerry, Richard Maundrell, gave us a tour of many of the palace rooms not open to the public, including a spectacular art gallery with several fabulous Rembrandt paintings. Two corgi dogs dozed under one of the paintings! I was then escorted to Prince Philip's private quarters, and I and the prince discussed many events in which we both had been involved, including the famous Immuno chimpanzee lawsuit, the "Bangkok Six" orangutan smuggling case, and other battles against the illegal wildlife trade. It was lovely to catch up with an old friend!

Sincerely,

Dr. Shirley McGreal, OBE, IPPL Founder



▲ Gibby, one of the "Texas Twelve" gibbons who was the focus of a lawsuit between IPPL and Primarily Primates, will remain at IPPL.



► Ann, Dianne, and Jean were escorted to the ballroom where the

OBE investiture was held.

They were given front row seats, so they got a wonderful view of Queen Elizabeth making the presentations to the 97 honorees. The Queen was very interested in the gibbon pendant I always wear for important occasions. You can read more about this great day online ([www.journalscene.com/results/0625FEmcgreal2](http://www.journalscene.com/results/0625FEmcgreal2)).



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