



## Help IPPL's Gibbons Live "Happily Ever After"!

Dear E-Friend,

Valentine's Day was made for gibbons.

Gibbons are monogamous and will pair up with their "special someone" for life. Compared with the other apes, they are definitely the "poster species" of choice for Valentine's Day! Just look at the competition:

- Orangutans—they're basically loners at heart.
- Gorillas—in most groups only the lone silverback gets lucky, so what's a romantic young blackback male to do?
- Chimpanzees—apart from the occasional "safari honeymoon," males mostly hang out with their buddies and females do their own thing.
- And let's not even talk about those every-which-way crazy-love bonobos!

Here at IPPL's Headquarters Sanctuary in South Carolina, we have numerous gibbon couples who have been together for years, if not decades. Like—

- Arun Rangsi and his mate Shanti. Both of them came to IPPL from laboratories. They've been together for decades and successfully raised several youngsters (before we found someone to get Arun Rangsi "fixed"). They celebrated their "silver anniversary" in 2008.
- Elsa is one of Arun Rangsi's and Shanti's kids, but Nicholas came to IPPL in the early 1990s from a zoo in the Midwest that no longer wanted him. They are very affectionate together—we often catch them hugging each other. And Nicholas is such a gentleman: he always lets Elsa have first dibs at the food bucket!
- Michelle and Louie-Louie are an odd couple. When we paired them up, she was a feisty, mature female of 20 who had already had an infant; he was an innocent 15-year-old in the prime of his life. Almost two years ago, she became a "cradle-robber"—and Louie-Louie became one very happy fella.

But these sweet couples, and dozens more rescued gibbons like them, rely on the compassionate long-term care we offer at our sanctuary. They've come to us labs, zoos, and pet situations. Won't you [donate](#) now, to help us help them live "happily ever after"?

Sincerely,

Dr. Shirley McGreal OBE, IPPL Founder

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▲ Arun Rangsi being groomed by his long-time mate Shanti.

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▲ Louie-Louie (left) and Michelle, hanging out at IPPL.



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