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Dear Primate Pal,

May I introduce you to three long-distance friends of mine?

Aketi, Pulito, and Squeeky are three primates living in different sanctuaries around the world. But they all have something in common:

They're calling on you to be their friend, too!

My primate friends—and their fellow rescued monkeys and apes—live at sanctuaries in countries where the illegal primate trade is taking a terrible toll: the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Chile, and Thailand.

Primates like Aketi, Pulito, and Squeeky must rely on the care provided by grassroots rescue centers that work on a shoestring budget. There are no other alternatives, except a short life of cruel confinement—or the cooking pot.

But, by “answering the call” for IPPL’s Sanctuary Fund, you can help provide them with a better life.

100% of your donation will be forwarded promptly to the three sanctuaries where Aketi, Pulito, and Squeeky now live, where care is so urgently needed but funds are so hard to come by.

AKETI’S STORY

Aketi is a chimpanzee baby living in the DRC, in Africa. His mother was shot by a hunter in November 2008, and he was left to lie on the floor of the hunter’s mud hut in shock for days. Aketi was rescued and transferred to the **Center for Primate Rehabilitation in Lwiro** (“CRPL” in French), thanks to funding provided by IPPL. Now, we’d like to make his life as comfortable as possible, after all he’s suffered.



At CRPL, Aketi joins 44 other chimps and 55 monkeys. They arrived due to illegal activities in the DRC’s National Parks, like hunting for bushmeat, mining, battling rebel groups, and poaching animals for the pet trade. Despite this climate of conflict and corruption, CRPL continues to plan improvements—like a large, forested enclosure for its orphaned chimpanzees.

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PULITO'S STORY

Pulito is a woolly monkey living at **Siglo XXI, a primate rescue and rehabilitation center in Chile**. Chile has no native monkeys, so we think he was smuggled in from Peru or some other part of the Amazon rainforest, which happens all too often.



He was rescued as a two-month-old baby by Elba Muñoz Lopez and her team 13 years ago. He had to be hand-reared and is now a "very spoiled" (says Elba) 20-pound adult male! Elba and her staff care for him and 150 other South American monkeys. We'd like to make sure that Elba can continue to rescue monkeys like Pulito from terrible conditions: smuggled across borders, abused in circuses and labs, or neglected as "pets."

SQUEEKY'S STORY

Squeeky is a crab-eating macaque monkey—and a mom! She and her surprise baby boy Bambam live at the **Wildlife Friends Foundation of Thailand (WFFT)**. She had been chained alone to a couch in the home of a Frenchman in downtown Bangkok, until a neighbor alerted WFFT's director Edwin Wiek. Now she lives with 20 more of her kind and is best friends with the alpha male, Friday!



WFFT staff members have not only built naturalistic islands and forested enclosures where many of the 259 primates in their care can live in social groups. They have also set up a mobile wildlife veterinary clinic, protested the use of baby primates in tourist "photo-ops," and helped confiscate and re-home illegally imported orangutans.



But these sanctuaries can't do it alone—they need YOU!

Won't you please consider a donation to help these sanctuaries provide the best possible care to their residents—and help put an end to primate abuse?

Best regards,

Dr. Shirley McGreal OBE
IPPL Founder and Executive Director



P.S. Let's make sure that our "long-distance" primate friends get the care they need and deserve! Aketi, Pulito, and Squeeky are calling on you!