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# A Message from Pam

Dear IPPL Friend,

When Shirley McGreal asked me to be on the Board of Directors over three years ago, I had no idea of the honor, or the work, that was in my future.

Our board worked together with Shirley until her passing in November of last year. Since then, despite the devastating loss of our founder, we have continued to maintain the Summerville sanctuary and provide special care for Shirley's beloved gibbons and otters.

We have also continued our ongoing support for our Global Partners with our year-end Small Grants as well as providing some much-needed emergency grants. Although the pandemic is loosening its grip, our partners are still struggling to regain funding lost during this time.

Last fall we were in the midst of planning our 2022 Biennial Conference. Even though it was to be a virtual meeting, Shirley was looking forward to seeing many of you. Instead, it turned into a virtual Memorial service for Shirley. It was live-streamed on Facebook with an outpouring of tributes from around the world. The Plantation Singers ended the Memorial with their usual spirit. I could see Shirley dancing in the Conga line with us! Shirley is resting now with her beloved gibbons, otters, and dogs—especially Bullet.

Perhaps the world will allow us to have a gathering in 2024. It would be great to see you again, walking the sanctuary grounds and visiting our singing, swinging gibbons and playful otters.

'Til we meet again, we send our heartfelt appreciation for your continued support.

With best wishes,



Pam Mendosa  
Chairperson  
IPPL Board of Directors



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## IPPL: Who We Are

IPPL is an international grassroots wildlife protection organization. It was founded in 1973 by Dr. Shirley McGreal. Our mission is to promote the conservation and protection of *all* nonhuman primates, great and small.

IPPL has been operating a sanctuary in Summerville, South Carolina, since 1977. Here, 30 gibbons (the smallest of the apes) live in happy retirement.

IPPL also helps support a number of other wildlife groups and primate rescue centers in countries where monkeys and apes are native.

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three times a year.



## Bobo and the Bushbaby!

*By Michaela Wells, Fundraising Coordinator*

Like all our orphans, Bobo suffered terrible tragedy as a young gorilla. He witnessed the slaughter of his family for bushmeat and was then taken from the wild and chained, isolated from any other members of his species. Thankfully, in 1999, Bobo was rescued and brought to safety at Ape Action Africa. The chain that held this two-year-old had caused a nasty wound around his neck. It was no surprise that Bobo was traumatized by the ordeal he had lived through and survived.

Bobo received round-the-clock care from our expert team, and when his quarantine period was complete, he was introduced to fellow orphaned gorillas, Kibu and Nkamun. These two young boys had already established a powerful bond with each other and their primary caregiver, Mr. Alfred Kombele, who continues to work with our young gorilla orphans to this day. Eager to form new relationships, Bobo gained enough confidence to approach Kibu and Nkamun. Still, Mr. Alfred recalls that although the twosome accepted Bobo's playful advances, it would always remain two against one in any childhood quarrels.

Bobo's popularity would take a turn for the better when, over the years, female orphans Avishag, Geri and Jasmine joined the group. His kind, fair and gentle nature, and his protective manner with the girls, meant that they backed him up in any disagreements with Kibu and Nkamun. The females had decided that Bobo would be this group's dominant silverback.

Bobo proved to be a fair, and respected leader, and in 2007, after a contraception failure, he fathered Eto'o with his favorite female Avishag. Eto'o was raised entirely within his family group (a first for a sanctuary), with Bobo helping to care for him and forming a strong and playful relationship with his son.

In 2018, while Bobo was relaxing in his forest enclosure, he came upon a baby bushbaby who had fallen or climbed down from a tree and was jumping around on the ground.

Bobo gently picked the bushbaby up to take a closer look. The bushbaby wasn't frightened of Bobo and didn't try to escape or jump off Bobo's large, flat hand. With Bobo's help, he would



Avishag and Eto'o



Bobo and the bushbaby

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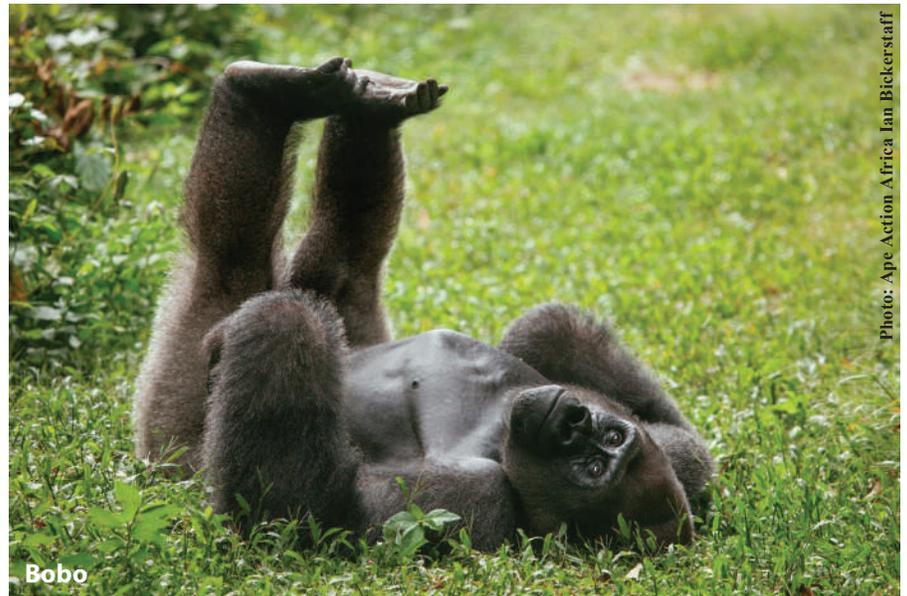
Although Bobo continues to keep his family group stable and has never been aggressive, he is now facing a few more challenges to his leadership. Kibu and Nkamun have maintained their close bond and, on occasion, test Bobo's authority. Eto'o, too, is growing up and quite naturally is now less submissive to his father. However, the females remain loyal to their chosen leader. As long as this continues, Bobo's position is secure, enabling him to maintain his very laid-back lifestyle, which he often demonstrates by adopting his favorite position—on his back with his legs in the air!

Since this incredible event, the number of critically endangered Western Lowland Gorillas at the sanctuary has increased

climb back on if he fell off. As the bushbaby sat holding onto Bobo's arm, Bobo would stroke his little head with his finger.

The other gorillas in the group were curious about their little visitor. Still, Bobo protectively kept the bushbaby to himself, and after a couple of hours, he returned him to the trees in the enclosure. It was an adorable and genuinely lovely moment, and an amazing example of how gentle gorillas are—one of the biggest of the primates, with one of the smallest.

Those who witnessed this unique encounter felt very privileged, and others reacted in awe of the encounter. The video went viral and has received millions of views to date! The video can be found on AAA's Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=232805464713659>.



Bobo

Photo: Ape Action Africa Ian Bickerstaff



Mbailassem

to 24, with our most recent orphan arriving in 2019. Around ten months old, and like all the babies that arrive at our sanctuary, Mbailassem had a tragic start to his life. We don't know exactly how he lost his family, but they were likely slaughtered for the bushmeat trade. Mbailassem's name means 'God help me', and he is named after Mr. Appolinaire Mbailassem Ndohoudou, our amazingly dedicated manager and most experienced gorilla caregiver.

Gorillas are extremely sensitive animals, and although Mbailassem was in relatively good physical condition on arrival, he was extremely fragile emotionally. His dedicated caregivers stayed with him around the clock, and as he settled into his new home, he got stronger and happier every day.

We can never replace Mbailassem or Bobo's mothers, but we are committed to giving both of them, and all the gorillas in our care, a safe forest home for life.



## *Farewell, Sweet Snow*



Once again, we were heartbroken as we said goodbye to our beautiful Snow in May of this year. Snow had followed two other Great Pyrenees who had also spent many happy years at IPPL. Sadly, many of these wonderful dogs end up in shelters, so three months after Zoe passed, a Great Pyrenees rescue in North Carolina was contacted. When the founder learned IPPL was looking for a female—she selected three-year-old Snow.

Snow arrived on January 31, 2011. Unfortunately, her previous owner had neglected her. She lived outside with a chain wrapped around her hips and belly that cut into her skin as she grew. Luckily this rough beginning didn't faze Snow. She was an incredibly sweet dog once she was introduced to you and knew that you were allowed to be on "her" property. A favorite ritual was to accompany the animal care staff as they delivered lunch to the gibbons.

As Snow grew older, she still patrolled the grounds and continued her self-appointed duty of chasing birds and squirrels who tried to get into the gibbons' buckets to eat their food. For the rest of the day, Snow would hang out with the staff enjoying many belly rubs. Snow was a big presence at IPPL. We miss this beautiful, white fluffy dog—but we are so glad we had her in our lives for 11 very special years





## Zambia Primate Project

*By Sara Ortin, CEO*

These first six months have been incredibly busy for the Zambia Primate Project (ZPP) rescue team. For the first time since our inception, we have rescued 16 primates from six different Zambian Provinces in the first half of the year. However, our biggest challenge, besides the increase in rescues we have had these last two years, has been the increase of orphan rescues. Thanks to our increased awareness campaign, we've gone from 1-2 cases per year to 10 cases. All our rescued and confiscated primates have usually been kept in horrid conditions. They were often tied on short chains, fed poorly, physically abused, deprived of daylight, or kept in full sun. They were also victims of snares and they had their teeth removed or their fingers cut off. Adult monkeys are poached and sold in the illegal pet and bushmeat trade, while the orphans generally are either illegally sold or kept confined in a small box and then a bag. As they cry,

adult vervet monkeys come close to the orphan and then the adults are poached.

Two harrowing cases this year were the rescues of Fred and Salim. Fred, a vervet monkey, was being kept in illegal captivity tied to a roof in a home in the Central Province of Zambia. The ZPP rescue team drove over 1000 km (621 miles) after receiving information from one of our local informers. We presume Fred was a victim of the bushmeat trade in the country.

Fred had been kept since he was a baby in Kabwe town with a tight rope around his waist. This rope would become tangled, forcing Fred to hang in the air. He was unable to move until someone would help him. After his confiscation, the rescue team took Fred for his health check at the University of Zambia Vet Clinic and we could see what we suspected—the rope around his waist had torn his flesh open. Can you imagine the pain of hanging from



**Fred at confiscation**

a rope on a wound? Fred was immediately transferred to our facilities in Kafue National Park. After his quarantine period, Fred started his integration into the main vervet troop where he is currently in his intensive rehabilitation process. Fred is happy now, learning how to bond with other vervets, climbing, playing, and exploring our huge, forested enclosure until the time when the whole troop is ready for their new life back in the wild.

The second heart-wrenching case was the confiscation of orphan Salim. The ZPP rescue team received information of an orphaned baby yellow baboon being illegally kept; our informers had seen Salim being taken around the village tied to a bike and being physically abused. The ZPP rescue team made all the arrangements and a few days later started the long drive to the Eastern Province of Zambia (over 1500 km or 932 miles), where Salim was being kept. The team was able to locate and confiscate Salim who was tied to a pole in the illegal owner's house. We suspect Salim's mother was poached and baby Salim was sold in the illegal pet trade. Salim



**Salim at confiscation**

was incredibly traumatized by all he had endured, all by himself. The team took Salim to the University of Zambia Vet Clinic. Salim had a deep cut and an injury on one of his toes, as if something very tight had been tied to it; he also had a fever and diarrhea.

Two other vervet monkey orphan rescues included Moyo the 27th rescue of 2021. His mother was trapped and killed and Moyo was used to trap other vervets. Moyo was severely dehydrated, he hadn't had any milk for two weeks, was not eating, and was extremely traumatized. We were not sure if he would make it. Today Moyo is



**Orphan Moyo enjoying grapes**



**Confiscation of infant Nkonde**

growing healthy and strong and is part of our infant group, rehabilitating in Kafue National Park.

Nkonde, the seventh rescue of 2022, was found in a home confined inside a little basket. He was unable to sit properly, had fractures on his tail, and was severely traumatized. Nkonde was a victim of the bushmeat trade and had been confined to the little basket since he was one month old.

Thankfully, not all are sad stories, however; each rescued primate brought to ZPP undergoes an intensive

rehabilitation period in our facilities in Kafue National Park in order to learn all the skills needed to survive in the wild—learning how to become monkeys again. It's a slow process but we are happy to report that the vervet troop released in Kafue National Park this past October is healthy and moving together to find food now that the rains have stopped in Zambia. The release team will monitor the troop until this November to ensure their maximum survival and, if needed, provide additional support.

We also have some marvelous news—Abby, one of the vervet females of the release troop, is pregnant! Abby was rescued in 2021 and was one of the most horrible cases of the year. Abby was in a completely dark cemented room, chained to a block of cement, kept with guinea pigs. There is a tribe where Abby was found who traditionally eats monkey meat, so we suspect that Abby and the guinea pigs were going to be eaten. Now

Abby is wild, free, and pregnant, with her new family in Kafue National Park.

Thank you to every one of you who makes this possible and thank you IPPL for your incredible support for the welfare of the Zambian primates. Warm hugs from Zambia.



Abby the pregnant female now in release troop

## Go Nuts for Gibbons!

Our friends at Nuts.com have put together a special care package that gibbon fans can purchase for our sanctuary residents. This goody box includes the following healthy snacks, which are favorites that Maynard and all our gibbons love:

- ◆ 5 lbs. jumbo roasted unsalted peanuts (in shell),
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Maynard goes nuts for peanuts!



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# Chloe and Gary

Chloe's first "home" was as a family pet during which time her canine teeth had been removed (a common practice when people are trying to "domesticate" primates). Then she lived in a sanctuary for two years before coming to IPPL in 2007. A bit like Gary, Chloe was quite lively, often spinning around the vertical pole at the top of her enclosure. In 2010 she was paired with our elderly, deaf, widower Blackie. They were a wonderful playful pair until Blackie died in 2009. After that, Chloe would spend her days spinning on her poles with a watchful eye on her neighbor—handsome Gary.



Gary arrived at IPPL in 2013 with his mate Kendra a daughter, and a son.

They had been living in a tourist attraction that was closing. Gary is a petite, blond gibbon with lustrous pale fur. Upon arrival, we could hardly believe that Gary was the dad of his son Thai who was twice his size! Since the death of Kendra in 2015, Gary had remained single. An amputee after a broken arm could not be repaired, Gary continued to busy his days exhibiting his amazing acrobatic skills by gracefully flipping, spinning, and twirling all over his outdoor enclosure. Perhaps he was unaware that someone was watching him—or was he watching her too?

For years these two had lived alone—but not too far apart. In March of this year, that changed when Chloe and Gary had a very successful introduction. No longer just neighbors, they are now enjoying each day as happy companions.



Gary (left) & Chloe (right) sharing life and a drink of water!

# Lilongwe Primate Rescue and Rehabilitation in Malawi

*By Torie Curr Smith, Head of Wildlife Rehabilitation*

Lilongwe Wildlife Centre (LWC) is the only wildlife rescue facility in the whole of Malawi. It's an amazing place—nestled right in the heart of the capital city of Lilongwe and surrounded by 180 acres of beautiful, protected forest. The Centre is run by Lilongwe Wildlife Trust, one of Malawi's leading conservation charities, which works to save wildlife, campaigns for conservation justice, and inspires people to value and protect nature in Malawi.

LWC opened in 2008 and most of our first animal residents were rescued from a run-down zoo. Since then, it has grown in size and expertise—we now have the capacity to support over 200 animals at any given time. Typically 90% are primates (mostly vervet monkeys and yellow baboons), in addition to other species including hyenas, serval cats, reptiles and birds. Many of the animals rescued by LWC are victims of human-wildlife conflict, poaching, trafficking, the illegal pet trade, and other wildlife crimes.

I oversee all aspects of animal care, which means no two days are the same! Thanks to funding from IPPL, we provide high-quality medical and husbandry support to a wide range of primates. Below are some of the activities and cases we have encountered in our efforts to rescue and rehabilitate primates and give them a second chance at life back in the wild.

due to poor diet while being kept illegally as a pet. On arrival her x-rays showed poor bone density and blood tests confirmed this was caused by a severe calcium deficiency. We supplemented her diet with oral calcium and multivitamins, which has helped, but the bends in her



bones are unfortunately permanent. This affects how well Pretzel can move as her joints don't have the same extension as a regular skeleton, so she will always be at higher risk of fracture. With this in mind, we have had to be very careful

about introducing her to companions. Luckily, the process has gone very smoothly: we introduced her to a slightly older baboon named Mwayi, who has a very calm temperament and had also struggled to fit into a troop. The pair got on well from the start. They were then joined by Ivy, an adult female baboon who struggled to integrate into other baboon troops, and four other baboons who were rescued from a situation of extreme neglect last year. They had been kept in a cage at a tourist lodge with insufficient food and water but have now put on weight and are climbing trees for the first time in their lives! Pretzel's troop continues to gain strength, and we are looking forward to watching their development as a cohesive baboon family.



## Intensive care cases

Over the last year we have seen an increase in the number of severe cruelty and neglect cases involving primates. We are currently caring for around 10 primates who have required intensive levels of medical attention and enrichment as a result of poor treatment during their time in captivity. One of our most clinically significant cases is a young baboon named Pretzel who was suffering from severe rickets, most likely

## Routine health checks

Upon arrival, all incoming primates are given a physical examination by a veterinarian and two quarantine examinations which involve being tested for tuberculosis as well as an assessment of their general health. All the animals undergo a quarantine period before introduction to the general sanctuary for further rehabilitation. All primates also have routine bi-annual health checks which cover TB testing, vaccinations

(rabies and tetanus), bloodwork and general investigations for injuries that may need correction, dental disease, weight loss etc. Prior to release, each animal is also given a pre-release assessment by a veterinarian.

## Enrichment

Enrichment is a critical part of the rehabilitation process for our primates—for both those that are being prepared for release and those who will be lifelong residents at LWC due to medical or behavioural conditions. Our enrichment programme



Ivy holding Polly

is species-specific and covers food-based enrichment, environmental enrichment, social enrichment, and sensory enrichment. We also train volunteers in enrichment techniques to increase our capacity for implementing this work. All enrichment is assessed and

adjusted accordingly to ensure that it is making a real difference for the primates in our care.

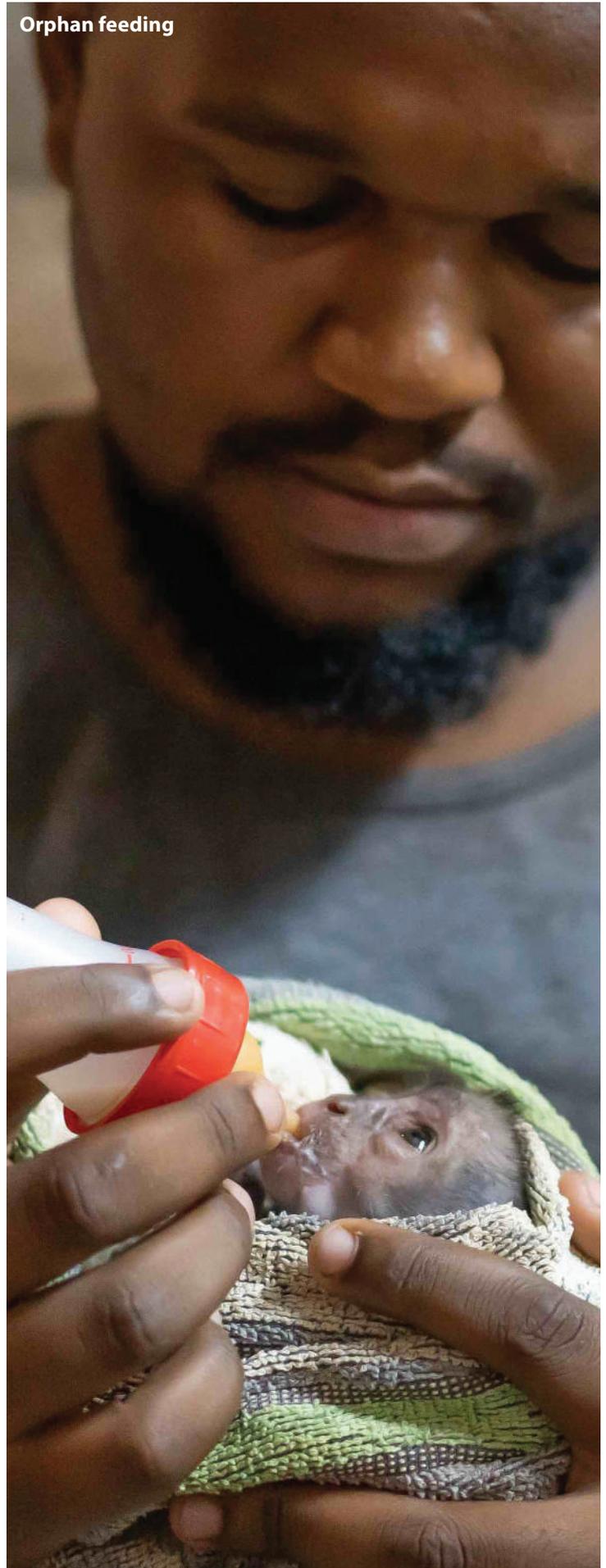
## Integrations

Given that primates make up around 90% of our intakes, we have a dedicated Integrations Coordinator who oversees all troop integrations and dynamics. He is responsible for managing the careful integration of individuals into larger troops, with the aim of eventually releasing the troop back into the wild as an entire social group. The integration process is complex and involves careful monitoring of behaviours over many months to ensure that stable troop dynamics are maintained. During monitoring we use ethograms to record things like stress-related behaviours and positive and negative interactions between individuals (An ethogram is a record of behaviors exhibited by an animal used in the scientific and objective study of animal behaviour).

## Orphan care

Working with young, orphaned primates is very specialized. Usually orphans arrive frightened, disoriented, and malnourished, so our first priority is to make sure they're fed, hydrated and warm and receive any medical attention they might need. They usually require around-the-clock care, so a staff member

## Orphan feeding





**Mowgli**

or volunteer will be on hand for feedings every two hours. All new animals spend their first six weeks in our special quarantine block. Orphaned primates are paired with foster mothers before being integrated into larger troops. The following are two successful

orphan rescues.

Mowgli, a tiny vervet monkey, was rescued from the illegal pet trade. After arriving at Lilongwe Wildlife Centre he was paired with veteran foster mum Rain. Dzuwa was the youngest infant Rain has ever raised but the pair quickly became inseparable and Dzuwa now has an excellent chance at life back in the wild.

Orphaned baboon Doodle Bob was just six weeks old when he arrived at Lilongwe Wildlife Centre. After being fostered by experienced foster mum Kezi (pictured with him) he was integrated into a larger troop. Doodle settled into his new family really well.

## Releases

Primate troops spend a year in our pre-release enclosure at LWC where we conduct daily observations on issues like group cohesion and predator awareness. Once we are happy that they are behaviourally and medically fit for release, the troop will move to a pre-release enclosure in one of Malawi's protected parks. This is always done in the wet season when food is plentiful. They stay in this bush enclosure for a short period of time before being fully released, and we continue to feed the troop for a short time afterwards. Post-release monitoring of these animals is conducted to update our rehabilitation and release practices. We are currently preparing for the release of a troop of 16 vervet monkeys who all arrived as orphans or ex-pets and have spent a few years being integrated into a cohesive family unit at LWC. It's been really exciting to watch the development of this group, and we're so excited that they will soon get to experience living in the wild, where they belong!



**Kezi (left) and Doodle Bob (right)**

# Farewell to two special little Otters

We are deeply saddened to announce the May passing of our 18-year-old Asian small-clawed otter Mocha. Mocha was the oldest otter we've rescued at IPPL. He was 15 when he arrived in 2019. Because of his age, Mocha had been receiving extra special care from our animal care team but despite these efforts, we had noticed an increase in the signs of aging that he was exhibiting. Though our hearts are heavy, we take comfort in knowing we did our best to keep him healthy and comfortable during his last years. Mocha was such a sweetheart and we are extremely grateful to have been a part of his life.



We also had to say goodbye to Asian small-clawed otter Olive who passed away in June after a battle with cancer. Olive and her siblings Pickles and Turnip arrived at IPPL in 2017 after a flight from the National Zoo in DC. Olive was always spunky, and she remained so to the end.

Olive was our resident interior decorator, always trying to drag various items such as leaves, bamboo, and fallen tree branches into her den. Sometimes she would drag so much stuff in there that there was barely any room for Olive and her mate! We will remember her for the delight she took in sneaking up on her caregivers, the intensity with which she pursued her lunches, the way she would decorate her large pond with some fresh hay, and the tenderness she showed to her mates.

While we grieve the loss of these two personable little otters, they have left us with some very special memories of good times shared.

# *Special Gifts to IPPL Given by:*

- **Richard Abbott** in memory of dogs, Keiva & Bella
- **Larry Allen** in loving memory of my little black cat, Leo
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- **Melissa Dutton** in memory of Banks A. Dutton, Jr.
- **Dennis Florkowski** shout out to Trish McCoy and her animal care staff, great job!
- **Bill Frodyma** in memory of Annie Pun Pun
- **Diane Gallagher** dedicated to Eugene H Pancher
- **Anita Garcia** in honor of my cat, Zoe.
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- **JoAnn Hertz** in honor of our sister, Nancy Tobin
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- **Kristin Morgan** in the memory of Anthony Waters who spent his life advocating for animals
- **Debi Newlander** in memory of Brad Davis, Betty White & our beloved Shirley
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- **Fran Thaler** in honor of Bonnie Goebert's birthday
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- **Eric Valen** in memory of Geza Teleki
- **Evelyn Vineberg** in memory of Ardith Eudey
- **Kathleen Walden-Land** in memory of Pat Walden
- **George and Linda Warriner Jr.** in honor of Jake Gagnon
- **Teresa & Shane Waxler** in memory of Betty White
- **Patricia Wendell** in memory of Marcella Shepler - my Grandmother
- **Rose Wilson** in memory of J & M Feliciano

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*...for the Primates You Love*

Over the years, IPPL has benefitted greatly from bequests left to us by departed supporters. Their thoughtfulness has allowed IPPL to...

- ◆ build new gibbon houses and outdoor enclosures at our sanctuary;
- ◆ acquire new sanctuary land, now totaling 45 acres, which not only creates space for our gibbons but provides a buffer zone that shelters local wildlife;
- ◆ construct a much-in-demand guest cottage for our visitors, known as “Swan and Mary’s Cottage” after the lovely couple who left IPPL the funds to build it;
- ◆ provide support to dozens of primate sanctuaries and rescue organizations around the world, wherever primates are native.



**Ahimsa, son of Arun Rangsi and Shanti**

Some of our bequests have come from people who have only been able to make small donations during their lifetimes. Others honor friends. For some, there are tax advantages to making bequests to charities.

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**Gary, retired from a tourist venue**

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# Primate Paraphernalia!



**Two-sided Gibbon Tote**  
Each unique bag was air-brushed by San Francisco artist Ken Holley



**Two-sided Gibbon T-shirt:** 100% cotton T-shirt with gibbon design front and back. Gray long sleeved option available in some sizes



**IPPL Gibbon T-shirt:** 100% cotton; green shirt features 3 IPPL gibbons: **Arun Rangsi**, who came to IPPL as a baby from a biomedical lab; **Igor**, who spent 26 lonely years in research; and **Beanie**, who was blinded by illness.

**Shop online for more gibbon apparel at [www.ippl.org/gibbon/store](http://www.ippl.org/gibbon/store)**  
*We have a great assortment of shirts and totes!*



**IPPL Swinging Gibbon Roomy Totes** with a side pocket and an inside pocket and **T-shirts with Swinging Gibbons** 100% available in a variety of color combinations

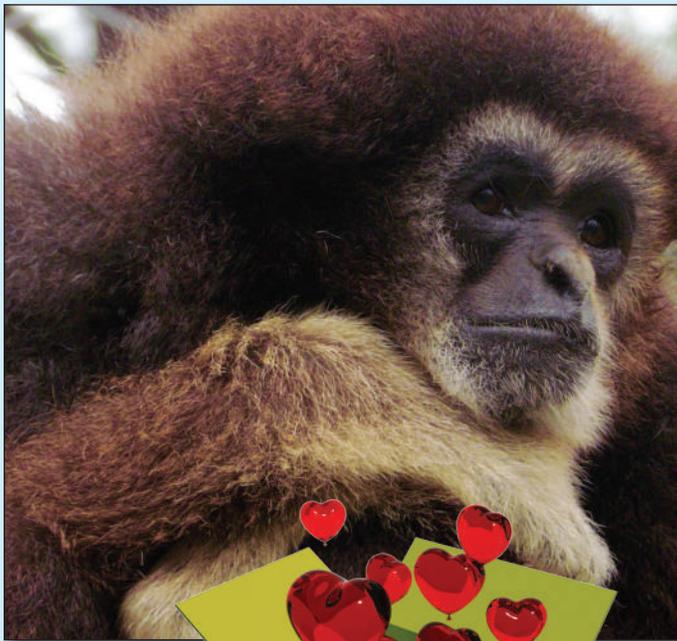
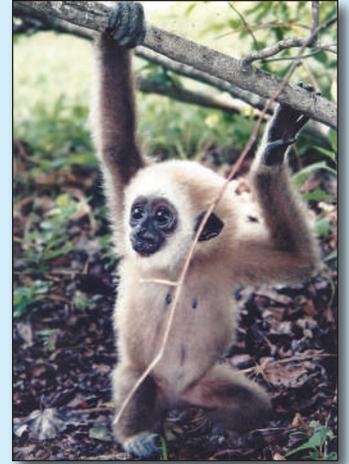
# Meet the Gibbons Available for Adoption



*Please adopt me at [www.ippl.org](http://www.ippl.org)!*

*Courtney*

**Courtney** was born at IPPL on 10 January 2002, the result of a failed vasectomy. When she was 12 days old, her mother rejected her, leaving this tiny infant with a terribly mangled leg. Since she could not be returned to her mother, she was hand-raised by IPPL staff, special night-nannies, and volunteers for over six years. Many caregivers took turns feeding her, playing with her, and taking her for walks around the sanctuary grounds. Always curious and energetic, she was a real handful! Courtney has made an amazing recovery since the difficult time of her early life. She now runs, swings, and climbs so well you would never guess how badly she had been injured. Despite Courtney's high level of activity, she is the biggest gibbon in our sanctuary. If asked what her favorite food is, we would have to say "grapes, and well... everything!" Since May 2009, Courtney has been paired with a former lab gibbon by the name of Whoop-Whoop. His mild-mannered personality is a good match for her wild ways as he always lets her have first dibs at their lunch pail. We hope you will consider adopting this spunky and determined "not so little" ape!



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*Peppy*

**Peppy** was born in 1979 at a cancer lab run by the University of California at Davis, where the gibbons were used in painful and usually fatal viral cancer experiments. When the lab closed, he was sent to another research facility, the Laboratory for Experimental Medicine and Surgery in Primates (LEMSIP) in New York. Fortunately, LEMSIP closed in 1982 and he and his companion-for-life, Helen, came to IPPL. They lived together at our sanctuary for 35 years until Helen suddenly died of cancer. Peppy sucked his thumb the day he arrived and has never "kicked this habit." Peppy is the only gibbon who favors veggies over fruit, and in the morning, in addition to looking forward to breakfast, Peppy has his own ritual. When let out of his night quarters, Peppy begins every single day by running from one end of his outdoor enclosure to the other—the whole length of it, arms flung up, out of sheer excitement: it's as though every day he's grateful not to be stuck in a lab! Wouldn't you like to adopt this grateful little guy?



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**Val** was born at a wildlife park in southern Florida where he lived with his parents and a few siblings. In the fall of 2017, the facility suffered extensive damage from Hurricane Irma and fell on hard times. We got a call in October of 2017 asking if we could take in two of their gibbons and after some quick preparations two staff members drove down to Florida, picked Val up, and brought him to his new home in November. Val's father, Snowy, followed a month later. After the long drive back to IPPL, Val quickly bonded with the animal care staff. We got him settled into his night house and he even presented his back for grooming.

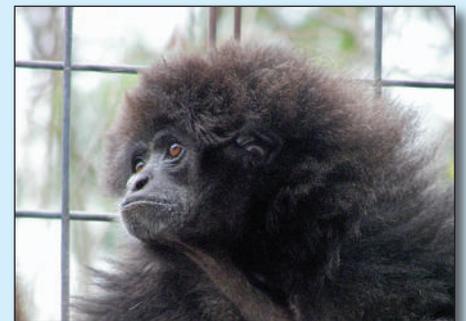
Today, Val is one of the most engaging and entertaining gibbons out on the grounds. He loves interacting with the staff and demands that they play tag with him! He spends his mornings swinging through his enclosure and, when a staff member approaches, he drops down in front of them to get their attention. Once he has them focused on him, he'll hop and roll around on the ground, swing upside down from his ropes and reach out for them, then the chase is on! His enthusiasm for the game quickly wears out the staff and he doesn't seem to understand why we need to take breaks to catch our breath! Wouldn't you love to bring some more excitement to Val's life by adopting him?



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Val*



**Shanti**, whose name means "Peace" in Sanskrit, was born on June 24, 1978 at the Laboratory for Experimental Medicine and Surgery in Primates (LEMSIP) in New York. IPPL was looking for a potential mate for IPPL's very first rescued lab gibbon, Arun Rangsi (Rui). In 1983, Shirley and a former animal caregiver drove to New York to bring Shanti back to IPPL to begin her new life at our sanctuary. They found her living alone in a small cage—what a change she was about to have! Once at IPPL, we observed that Shanti had a very laid-back disposition. Her favorite food became figs and her favorite pastime became picking fresh figs from trees next to her outdoor habitat. When she was introduced to Rui – it was love at first sight. For over three decades they rarely left each other's side and even shared food. Sadly, in December 2018 Rui became very sick and he was gently put to sleep. After all the years that he and Shanti spent together, we thought it was fitting to offer Shanti as our newest gibbon available for adoption. We have a feeling that Rui would approve and hope that many of you will want to make Shanti your new adopted gibbon!



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Shanti*

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## Meet Wendy Towne, Volunteer at IPPL!



just be on property surrounded by singing gibbons.” And it doesn’t stop with the work on the property. Wendy has helped with fundraising events and even spends time at home preparing delicious treats for the gibbons (and the staff!). And as an added bonus, because of the Charitable Giving Program sponsored by her employer Dominion Energy, for every 20 hours that Wendy volunteers, Dominion makes a significant donation to help our cause.

So, to all who participate in supporting IPPL, we want you all to know how much your efforts are appreciated. Whether it is liking us on Facebook, sending donations, or helping us spread the word about primate protection, we are grateful! And we thank Wendy, who continues to help our team with her hard work and kind heart.

When it comes to running the IPPL sanctuary, there are always many people to thank. Among the financial supporters, there is office work, animal care, maintenance, and grounds. We would like to extend special thanks to all of you; in particular to Wendy Towne, one of our amazing volunteers who has been helping us since 2017.

Wendy first learned about IPPL while she was an anthropology student in the 1980s. She was impressed by our mission and the accomplishments of our founder Shirley McGreal, so after moving with her family to the Summerville area, she decided to spend some of her time and energy “working with an organization that understands the importance of keeping the primates of our world safe.” And we are so glad she did!

Many Saturday mornings you can find Wendy at IPPL...she always shows up with a big smile and a willingness to jump into anything we need done, from moving piles of bamboo to painting, scrubbing, cleaning, reorganizing or feeding. It’s not always an easy job, but according to Wendy “no matter what task I’m given, it is always such a pleasure to

Homemade gibbon treats!

