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A Note from Shirley

Dear IPPL Friend,

I hope this fall issue of IPPL News finds you well. We have been staying busy at the sanctuary caring for our 30 gibbons and six otters and suddenly it's September. It's hard to believe that we are approaching the end of another year.

During the summer, Summerville had quite a dry spell followed by a lot of rain and humidity. Fortunately, there was no flooding, and our wonderful gibbons were outside most of the time. Originally from Asia, even if they were born here, their bodies tolerate heat and humidity quite well.

I wish we could add a video to our newsletter of the gibbons swinging and singing. They are delightful to watch, and a video would surely brighten your day! But you can still see them as there are wonderful videos and playful photos on our Facebook page. We hope you will check them out!

We are in frequent contact with our Global Partners. Unfortunately, they are still struggling with the pandemic, but they continue their heroic efforts every day on behalf of primates around the world.

Another spring came and went without having one of our unique IPPL Biennial Conferences. We miss having everyone here to interact — supporters, old friends, and our Global Partners who always deliver mesmerizing presentations. We would love nothing more than seeing many of you walking the grounds and visiting with our happy gibbons and comical otters.

Perhaps we'll get lucky and have a green light to plan a conference in 2022. It would be great to see so many of you again.

Until next time, stay well!



Shirley McGreal
IPPL Founder



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Mr. Waruh is a magnificent male orangutan who lives in the Dulan Reserve. Kalaweit follows him regularly to make sure he is protected. You can read more about Mr. Waruh in the Kalaweit article on page 7.

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.

Gold and black howler monkeys



Neotropical Primate Conservation Continues to Grow with New Argentina Office and New Colombia Reserve to Protect Spider Monkeys

By Sam Shane and Luciana Oklander

In 2007 a group of friends who knew each other from volunteering or studying together and shared an interest in primate conservation teamed up to found Anglo-Latina American NGO Neotropical Primate Conservation (NPC). The aim was to bring together our varied experiences and outlooks,

gained from previous projects, to try and bring about real change in on-the-ground conservation of some of the world's most threatened primate species. To achieve this, we work with local communities to combine projects focused on land protection, reforestation, field studies, environmental education, sustainable development, and anti-wildlife trafficking work. Our local community focus allows us to build projects which target conservation as well as the needs of species and local people on the smallest scale. This focus also leads to landscape level change by combining these projects into a wider network of initiatives.

NPC's first projects in Peru focused on the Critically Endangered yellow-tailed woolly monkey, which is endemic to the cloud forests of the country's northern Andean regions. This project quickly grew to include other primates as flagship species, such as the Critically Endangered San Martin titi monkey and the Endangered Peruvian night monkey, both of which are also endemic to the country. From an initial goal of creating a 2,000 acre reserve in the community of Yambrasbamba, we were soon contacted by many neighbouring

Critically Endangered yellow-tailed woolly monkey



communities who were also interested in conserving their local forests and species.

From there the project has grown to include the creation of 12 new protected areas, covering over 200,000 acres of forest and protecting many primate species across three states, all run by our local community partners. We continue developing new projects in Peru, and even though some of our activities have been put on hold due to the pandemic, we have recently finished building a tree nursery for habitat recuperation. Unfortunately, we have had to continue with animal rescues throughout this period, including nine monkeys so far this year.

One of our central beliefs is that for conservation to really work, we need to build local capacity. For this reason, we have always offered fully funded internships for Latin

Endangered brown-headed spider monkey

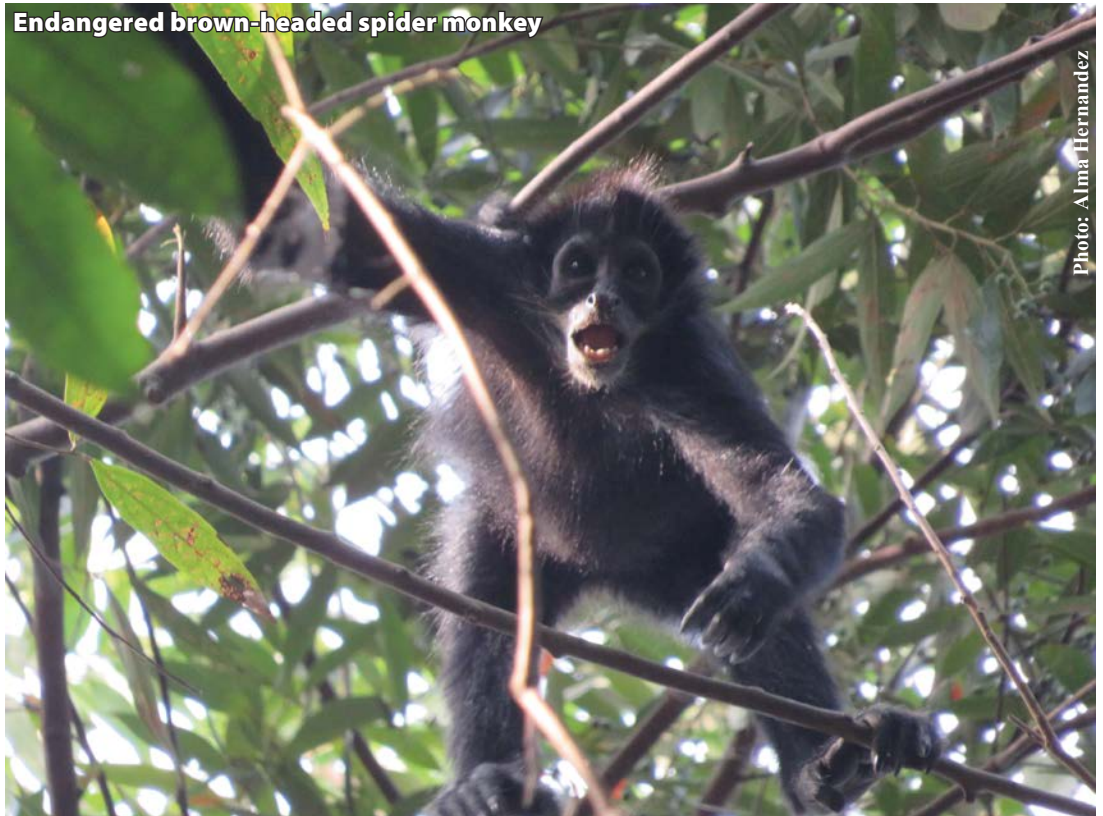


Photo: Alma Hernandez

Gold howler monkeys



Photo: Luciana Oklander

American students to volunteer with us or to carry out their undergraduate research projects. In 2012 a group of Peruvian volunteers and students suggested that we create a permanent Peruvian office. Until then we had only been legally registered in the UK. As a result of their suggestion, NPC Peru was born!

NPC Peru is headed by Nestor Allgas, a biologist from Lima who works with a team of dedicated young conservationists to carry on managing our existing projects and developing new ones. Soon after this, a group of Colombian ex-volunteers and friends approached us with the idea of creating NPC Colombia, and in 2017 this became a reality. NPC Colombia is led by Alma Hernandez, currently studying for her PhD at INECOL in Mexico. Our first project in Colombia focuses on the Endangered brown-headed spider monkey. Here we work with local communities throughout the species' distribution in the coastal forests of the Colombian Pacific, carrying out surveys and environmental education activities and leading the development of the national conservation action plan for the species.

Those of us who formed NPC Argentina share a desire to take our previous work further and carry out actions that produce on-the-ground changes in conservation for the primates of Argentina. Knowing the trajectory of NPC in other countries, we aim to replicate their achievements from other Latin American countries. We are professionals and students in biology and primatology, as well as veterinarians, who share a deep commitment to conservation. Our team members have worked together for many years, sharing projects and training students, as well as supporting government decision-makers in environmental decisions whenever we have the opportunity.

Argentina is home to five primate species which inhabit different forest types in the northern part of the country, mainly in the provinces of Formosa, Chaco, Corrientes, Misiones, Salta, Jujuy, and Santa Fe. Some of these species are threatened with extinction, including the Critically Endangered brown howler monkey which is listed as one of the world's 25 most threatened primate species. Similarly, the spectacular black and gold howler monkey, Azara's night monkey, and Azara's capuchin are all listed as Vulnerable nationally, and the black horned capuchin is listed as Vulnerable in Argentina and Near Threatened by the IUCN. Habitat loss and hunting are the main threats to these species and understanding their ecological and conservation needs will be priorities for our work.

Notwithstanding our international reach, NPC continues to be a small NGO, running locally based projects. Currently we are running a crowdfunding campaign to raise funds for the legal recognition of our first community reserve in Colombia. The area, known locally as Venado Verde, is in the San Cipriano Afro-Colombian community near Buenaventura. This area is home to our flagship spider monkey species, as well as capuchins, howlers, and owl monkeys, and is the water source for the local community (to date 25 waterfalls have been documented in the area). Incredibly, not only is the area under threat from mining, but the district council has also proposed using some of the area for a municipal garbage tip! (*Waste tipping is a fee paid by anyone who disposes of waste in a landfill.*)

Thanks to our previous contact with community members, they got in touch with us and the environmental authorities to ask for help in securing protection. If we can legally register the area as part of the National Parks System, it would mean that both mining and other uses (such as waste tipping) are permanently prohibited.

We are eternally grateful to all IPPL members, who have supported our work since the start. For more information or to contact us, please visit our website or social media pages.

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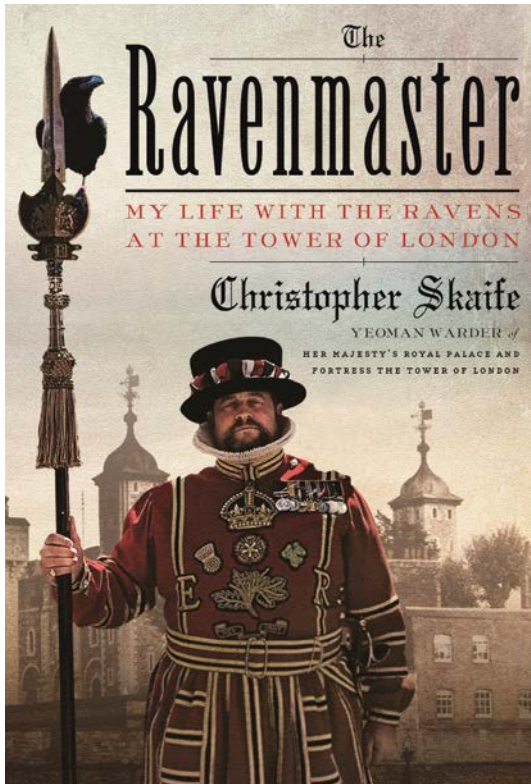
Photo: Hector Farago

Venado Verde community leader, Juan Andres



A Ravenous Read!

By Shirley McGreal



I seldom read a book in one sitting, but *The Ravenmaster* is one such book. It is written in an amusing style by Christopher Skaife, a Yeoman Warden at the Tower of London. Yeoman Wardens are also known as Beefeaters and all have spent many years in the UK military. If you have been to the Tower, you have probably seen them in their colorful red and black costumes trimmed with gold.

The Tower is famous for its ravens and there is a legend that if the number of birds falls below six, England will fall apart. So, there are usually seven or eight.

Ravens are very large birds, weighing up to four pounds with loud raucous voices.

As lead Ravenmaster, Christopher is responsible for their feeding and care.

They are predatory birds who thrive on rats, mice, and pigeons. They also like to pilfer food from visitors and sometimes even bite them! They are quite aggressive.

The ravens are brought in at night to save them from foxes.

Christopher introduces all the ravens in his care, including several favorites like Merlina and escape artist Munin.

Christopher and the other Beefeaters are housed on-site. He tells the story of falling into a pool filled with sludge and his struggle to get out and clean up as he had a dinner reservation with his wife at a nearby restaurant. In the end, they had baked beans on toast at their house!

With so many executions and murders over so many centuries, many people believe the Tower is haunted. Christopher believes he has seen the ghost of Anne Boleyn.

One of the other duties of the Beefeaters

is to lead public tours, telling of some of the events since the Tower was founded by William the Conqueror in the 1070's. The Tower was a place of torture and executions, including Anne Boleyn, Catherine Howard, and Lady Jane Grey.

The Yeoman Warders are also responsible for guarding the Crown Jewels.

I hope you'll enjoy this book as much as I did!

The Ravenmaster is available as an Amazon audible book narrated by the author.



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:

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The Dulan Reserve

Saving Apes When They Are Still in Trees!

By Chanee Kalaweit

At the end of 2018 we discovered a pocket of superb forest about 13 kilometers (8 miles) south of Kalaweit in Borneo. It was during an aerial patrol, using a paramotor (which we use to detect illegal logging), that this forest on the edge of a lake caught our attention. The 1,500-hectare (3,707 acres) pocket of forest that is surrounded by palm oil and coal companies has proven to be a sanctuary for many primates: proboscis monkeys, langurs, macaques, as well as gibbons and orangutans. It was while conducting a ground survey with the villagers that I realized this forest was certainly the richest ever discovered in Borneo in 23 years! Not only was the biodiversity there very rich, but the density of animals was also extremely high. The animals had fled the deforestation in the surrounding areas to find refuge in this forest island.

At the beginning of 2019, in collaboration with the forestry department of the central province of Kalimantan and the Indonesian Ministry of Environment, we started to secure land to make this forest a reserve. We signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the township settlements, and we started compensating people. As in all of our reserves, if we buy the land (as the companies do), people still have access to the land for their traditional activities, but hunting and tree cutting are prohibited.

This technique allows the villagers to make an economic contribution without giving up their land to the companies and to continue to collect fruits and rattan in the forest. Our programs are very popular with the villagers.

Without our intervention, the Dulan Forest would have been threatened with extinction within three to five years! Land had already started to be converted in the south. Thanks to camera traps and our various surveys, we now have an idea of animal populations. We estimate that between 60 to 100 orangutans visit the area, and there is a resident gibbon population of at least 225 individuals. Predators such as clouded panthers and sun bears are also present in this forest.

It was a big surprise to discover orangutans in this area as we thought they were further south. For years at Kalaweit, we had never encountered these great apes. Dulan is, however, only 13 kilometers (32 miles) from Kalaweit, further south but more importantly, it's on the other side of the Barito River.

Kalaweit, which has existed in Indonesia since 1998, has long devoted itself exclusively to the rehabilitation of orphan gibbons who are victims of trafficking. We started off with the generous support of IPPL, but the difficulties in releasing these animals are immense. Mainly because gibbons are territorial,



Mr. Waruh is one of the dominant orangutan males in the Dulan Reserve. His territory is on the south of the reserve. We follow him regularly to identify and secure his territory. Depending on the season, he sometimes goes out of the reserve in search of food, so we continue to adjust our strategy to secure more land. Thus far we have identified four dominant males in the Dulan Forest.

we cannot release them where there are wild populations. With massive deforestation in Indonesia, where there is forest left, there are bound to be gibbons, and it is therefore very difficult to identify release sites. Today we care for hundreds of gibbons and siamangs in Borneo and Sumatra. It is a great sadness to see these animals in cages, even though they have a peaceful life at Kalaweit. It's like when the gibbons arrive in Kalaweit, it's already a bit too late. We want to save them before the poachers capture them at the time of deforestation (by killing the mother and thus decimating an entire family). With the creation of a reserve, by protecting the forest with daily patrols on the ground and in the air, we finally find gratification: Save them when they are still happy and free!

In addition, once the land is secure, the management of a reserve is less expensive and less problematic than the management of hundreds of captive gibbons. This is how Kalaweit continues its policy of expanding its reserves,



Samuel arrived at the beginning of this year. An adult Muellergibbon, he had been kept as a pet for years before being confiscated. Due to COVID and a lockdown, Samuel was forced to stay at the Forestry Department office for months. He is now in quarantine at Kalaweit, and we will try to pair him in the coming weeks.

alongside its sanctuaries. Today the Dulan reserve is 671 hectares (1,658 acres), and we are securing a little more land almost every month. It is extremely tangible. In total, Kalaweit protects more than 1,381 hectares (3,413 acres) in Borneo and Sumatra and thus many free primates. This is in addition to the Sumatran tiger and all the other jungle animals. This has become our greatest satisfaction to date. We finally feel like we have acted at the right time!

In the end our reserves enter into a conservation scheme and our sanctuaries into an animal welfare approach. Part of Kalaweit's philosophy is helping primates who are victims of trafficking and conserving species within our reserves.

We owe it to ourselves to help these animals, victims of humans, and to secure these populations, vulnerable and taking refuge in fragments of forests. We are so thankful to IPPL for supporting our fight for so long. Their assistance has been invaluable.

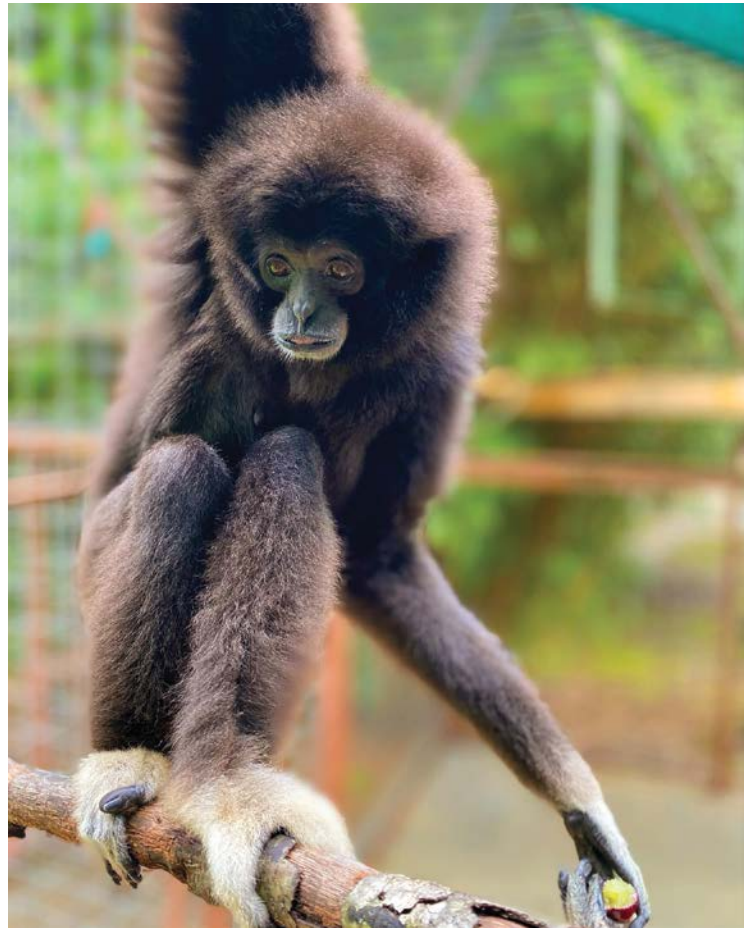


Nico, about one year old, is one of our youngest gibbons. Kept as a pet for four months after his mother was killed, the Indonesian Forestry Department confiscated him. He is still at the Kalaweit clinic in Borneo, under the care of our vets.

Below: Dulan Reserve



IPPL's Charismatic Gibbons Enjoying Life!



Left to right, top: Scrapy guarding a banana leaf from Paen. Gideon playing with bubbles. Middle: Thai enjoying cherries. Camera-shy Elsa. Bottom: Speedy finds a new seat.

Thanks to supporters like you!

Keeping a Conservation Program Alive: A Journey Through a Pandemic With the Local Women of Meghalaya

By Florian Magne

We started work with the hoolock gibbons back in 2007, two years after the Population and Habitat Viability Assessment (PHVA) report came out with very alarming conclusions on hoolock gibbons' survival. We first came across the rare and meaningful matriarchal culture of Meghalaya's tribes, Garos and Khasis. Traditionally, the heritage is passed on from mothers to their youngest daughter, be it lands, titles or power. However, with the massive Christianization initiated by British during the Raj and the economical changes, the main core of the local culture is slowly but irrevocably disappearing. When we first established a team in 2009, we naturally divided it into two distinct groups: the Center Team, working with gibbons in rehabilitation and constituting the patrolling squads from one side and the Education Team on the other side, working with children and local people. At that time the Center Team was composed entirely of men and the



Betsidha with new baby hoolock gibbon

Education Team was composed entirely of women. This wasn't a choice, but the people coming forward did so in this order and we naturally adapted to this configuration.

Sanchi, Betsidha, and Madam Afatha Sangman, former Union Minister for Women and Children and India's youngest minister



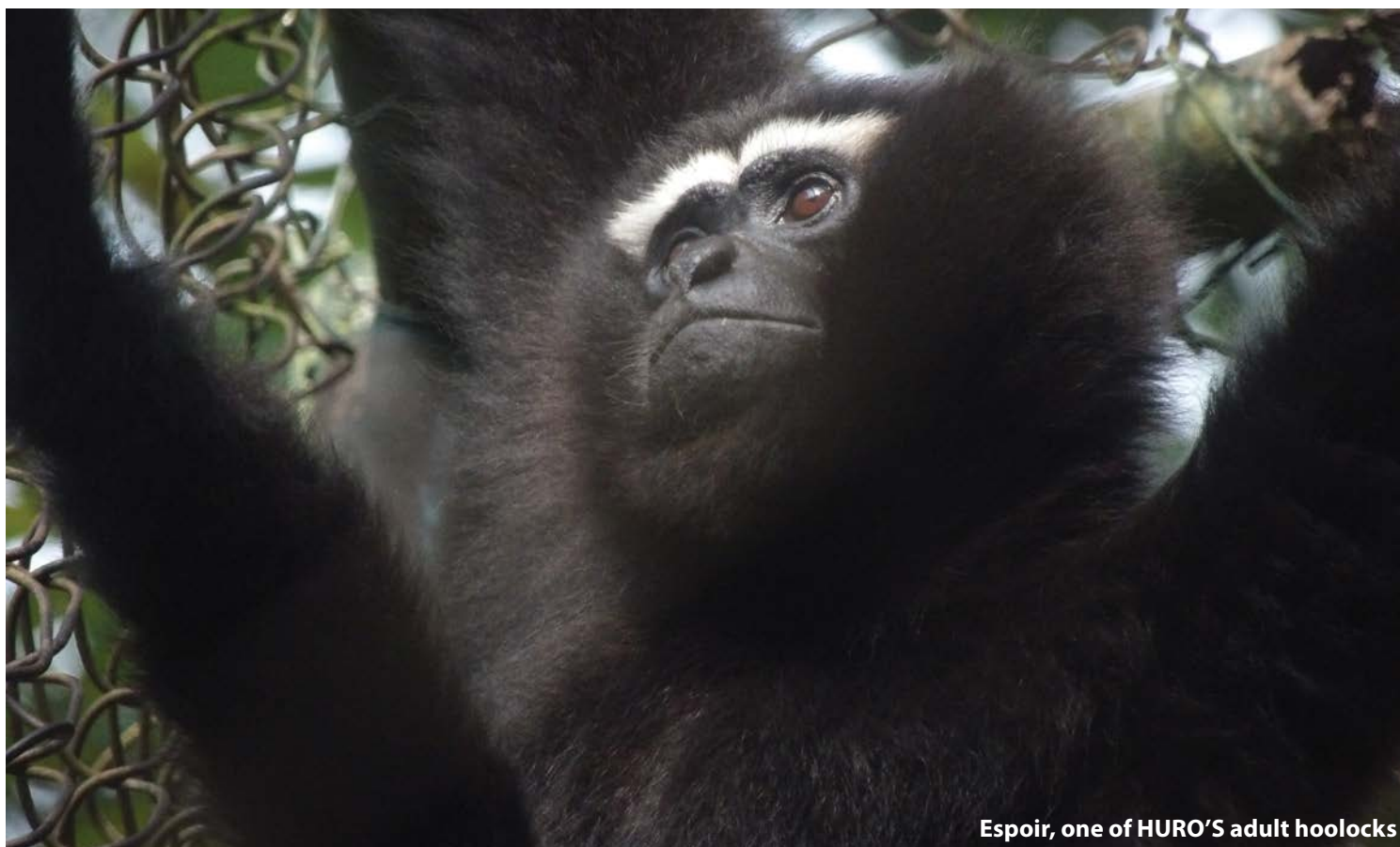
That lasted until 2018 when HURO experienced heavy backfire from some top forest department officers after the publication of a critical article towards the local Forest Department policy written by Ms. Maneka Gandhi with the participation of HURO Programme. Within a week our Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was removed, our team was corrupted, and I was called on July 4th into police custody for illegal possession of wildlife as a result of our MoU removal. Things were looking very bad but we managed to save the day, thanks to the support of Ms. Maneka Gandhi and Sir James Sangman, (brother of Meghalaya Chief Minister and present Forest Minister). The Chief Wildlife Warden was promoted to a senior researcher in order to remove him from this position. Then a new Chief Wildlife Warden was appointed and HURO's MoU was reestablished. However, everything had to be rebuilt.

One lonely evening as I was sitting with the remains of our team, we were joined by Betsidha, then our head teacher. Her words that day have changed HURO's functioning forever. If a majority of local men were easy to corrupt and easy to replace, she was convinced that we could rebuild through a strong women-led team. This teacher was offering me her temporary support in the center management. I accepted, and in early 2019 our new team with Besidha as a manager successfully accomplished the release

of Kalsin, a lone rehabilitated male gibbon with Sonatchi, a lone wild female gibbon, in the Ramwalkangre Reserve Forest. This led to the birth of a little baby at the end of 2020! This wonderful success was the first step of what would later become the war machine against the SARS-CoV 2 pandemic.

Today our team is still standing. We went through 18 months of lockdowns, two high peaks of contaminations (every time India had the highest number of cases in the world), and our borders were closed. There were dozens of COVID RT-PCR tests, liters of hand sanitizers and hundreds of face masks used, vaccine drives, high fevers, acute financial scarcity, personal sacrifices, rainy days, enclosure renovations with very little access to material, and so on. Through this nightmarish time, there was one light-house: Betsidha. She never became tired of managing resources, handling the gibbons, repairing enclosures, and standing through the storm with us. She has been the inspiration for all of us. Our team and I can confidently say today that we would not have made it without her.

This is the main core and the soul of a conservation program, I believe. Initiated in France back in 2007, it is today carried by a strong, intelligent, and understanding local lady who is the proud mother of three. Betsidha is now the present and the future of the Hoolock gibbons in India and deserves appreciation in this article and much more.



Espoir, one of HURO'S adult hoolocks



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Goodbye to Sweet Elizabeth

By Shirley McGreal



Elizabeth was born at a tourist attraction in Florida in June 1984. Her gibbon family was living on an island in the Silver River and jungle cruise boats would pass by daily. One day, a cruise boat guide noticed a baby gibbon being neglected. Staff removed her from the island and for a time the staff members hand-raised tiny Elizabeth. When the management at Silver Springs decided that hand-raising a gibbon was too time-consuming, Joann Zeliff, long-time, dedicated caregiver, arranged to have baby Elizabeth sent to IPPL in 1985.

We lovingly hand-raised Elizabeth until she reached adolescence. When she reached maturity, we paired her with Ahimsa. Like a few other gibbons that have been hand-raised, Elizabeth acquired a thumb-sucking habit that continued her entire life. Elizabeth was a bit of a gardener. When a new flower bed was planted close to her enclosure, she would reach her long arms out of the enclosure to pull up and eat the flowers and the leaves!

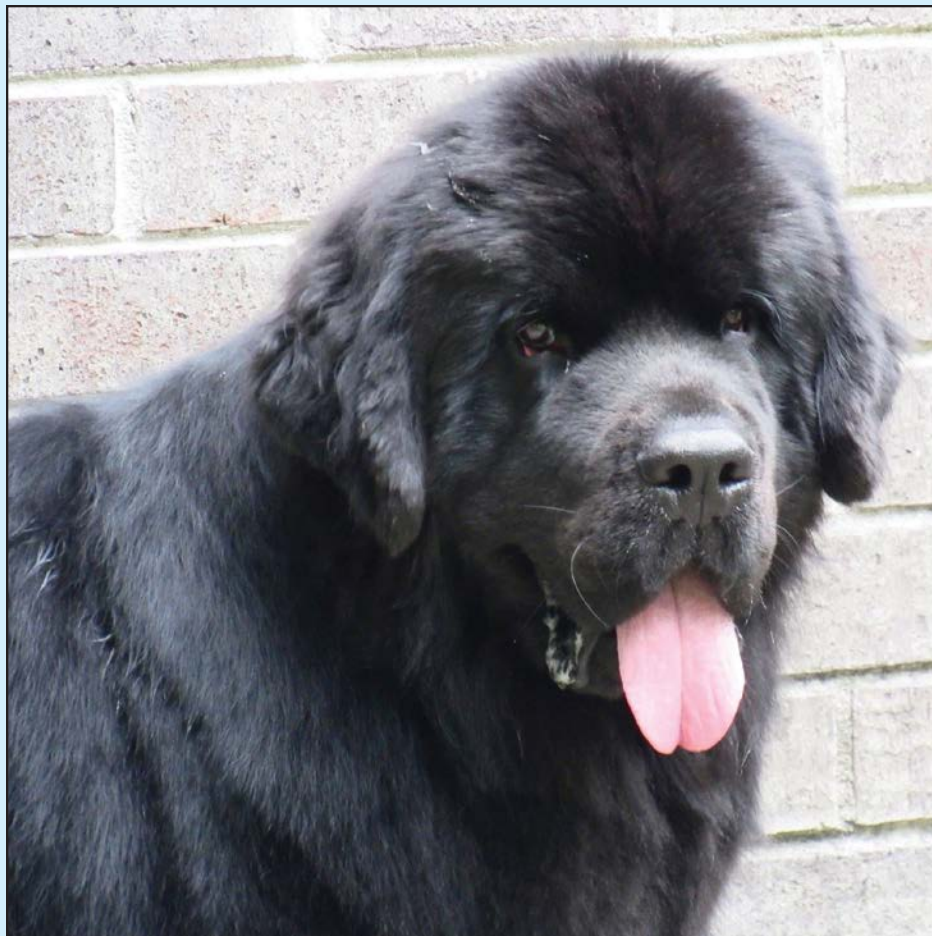
Elizabeth enjoyed her new life at IPPL, along with her companion Ahimsa. Then 28 years later we were asked to accept her parents, brother, and sister. After almost three decades, the whole family was enjoying life at our sanctuary.

From the time Elizabeth arrived as a frail little gibbon, we watched her grow into a healthy adult with her own unique personality. Elizabeth was at IPPL for 36 years. Sadly, she died on January 20, 2021. Elizabeth left us with many special memories, beginning when she was just a tiny baby. She will always have a special place in our hearts.



An Unexpected Goodbye to Our Friend Blue

By Shirley McGreal



We have some very sad news to share with you. Blue, our beautiful Newfoundland, died unexpectedly after a swift and traumatic attack of bloat in June. He was rushed to a specialty clinic, but there was nothing that could be done. Blue had recently turned seven.

Since Blue's arrival at IPPL in August of 2014, he had endeared himself to everyone. He grew and grew and grew until he was a magnificent specimen of his breed. So much so, that his co-owner and breeder Judi Randall asked if she might enter Blue in shows.

Gentle Blue, who was content to roam the gibbon sanctuary, play with Tong and was known to get a bit muddy at times, also complied with the request to be a show dog. And show he did! Our Blue won multiple championships including a Grand Championship!

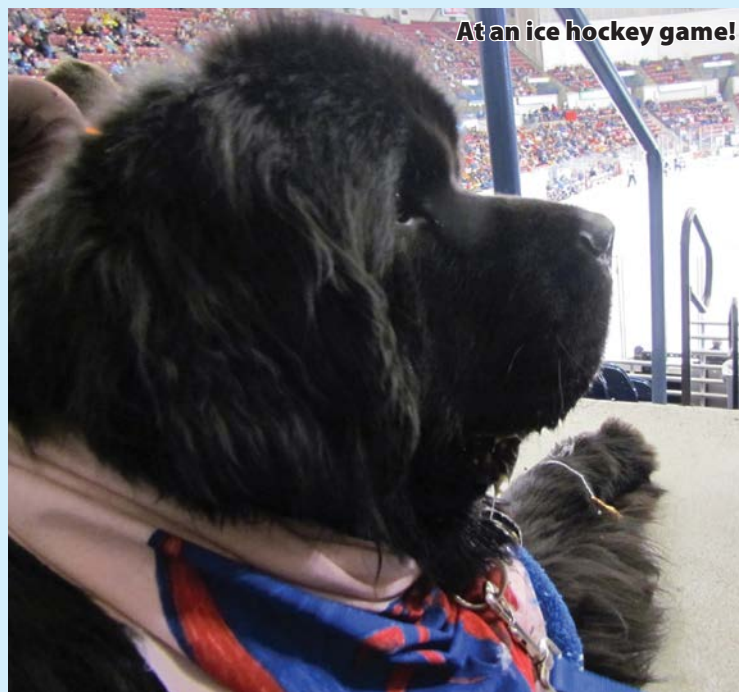
Blue charmed everyone he met whether he was in the Summerville Christmas Parade, at an ice hockey game or at the

Farmers' Market. We actually think some people came to the market—just to see Blue!

Needless to say, we are heartbroken. Nothing is the same without our beautiful boy walking the grounds or spending time with the staff or me. We miss him terribly and will always cherish our memories of this very special dog.



Just a little puppy



At an ice hockey game!

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...for the Primates You Love

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- ◆ 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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With gratitude,

Dr. Shirley McGreal
IPPL Founder and President Emeritus



Gary, retired from a tourist venue

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Meet the Gibbons Available for Adoption



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!



*Please adopt me at www.ippl.org!
Courtney*



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?



*Adopt me
too at
www.ippl.org!
Peppy*

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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?



*Don't forget about me!
Visit www.ippl.org now!
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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Handsome Donny!

Donny's life began when he was born in a Michigan zoo in 1989. At age four he was sent to a zoo in Ohio and a year later to a zoo in Indiana. Already bounced around, life at this third zoo was very hard on Donny. He was placed with gibbons who attacked him mercilessly. He received many injuries to his face, hands, and body. Poor Donny became very depressed that he started sitting at the bottom of his cage to avoid being attacked. Shortly thereafter, Donny was sent to a small zoo in Wisconsin. Sadly, his life there was not good either. Due to the cold climate, he spent most of his time indoors.



All this changed when Donny arrived at IPPL in 2001. Finally after twelve years of unhappiness, Donny had a wonderful night house with heat, air conditioning and a TV (when weather was not suitable to go outside). Winters in South Carolina are much better than Wisconsin so Donny makes the most of his huge outdoor enclosure where he indulges in his one of his favorite pastimes—sunbathing in an aerial tube.

Donny is one of the most relaxed gibbons at IPPL. He gets excited and vocalizes when the animal care staff serves him lunch. He is thrilled when it's his turn for one of the enrichment mirrors we hang in the gibbons' enclosures. Donny loves to spend time sitting in front of the mirror, turning his head slightly and gazing at his reflection from different angles. Maybe even Donny knows that he is one of the most handsome gibbons at IPPL!

