



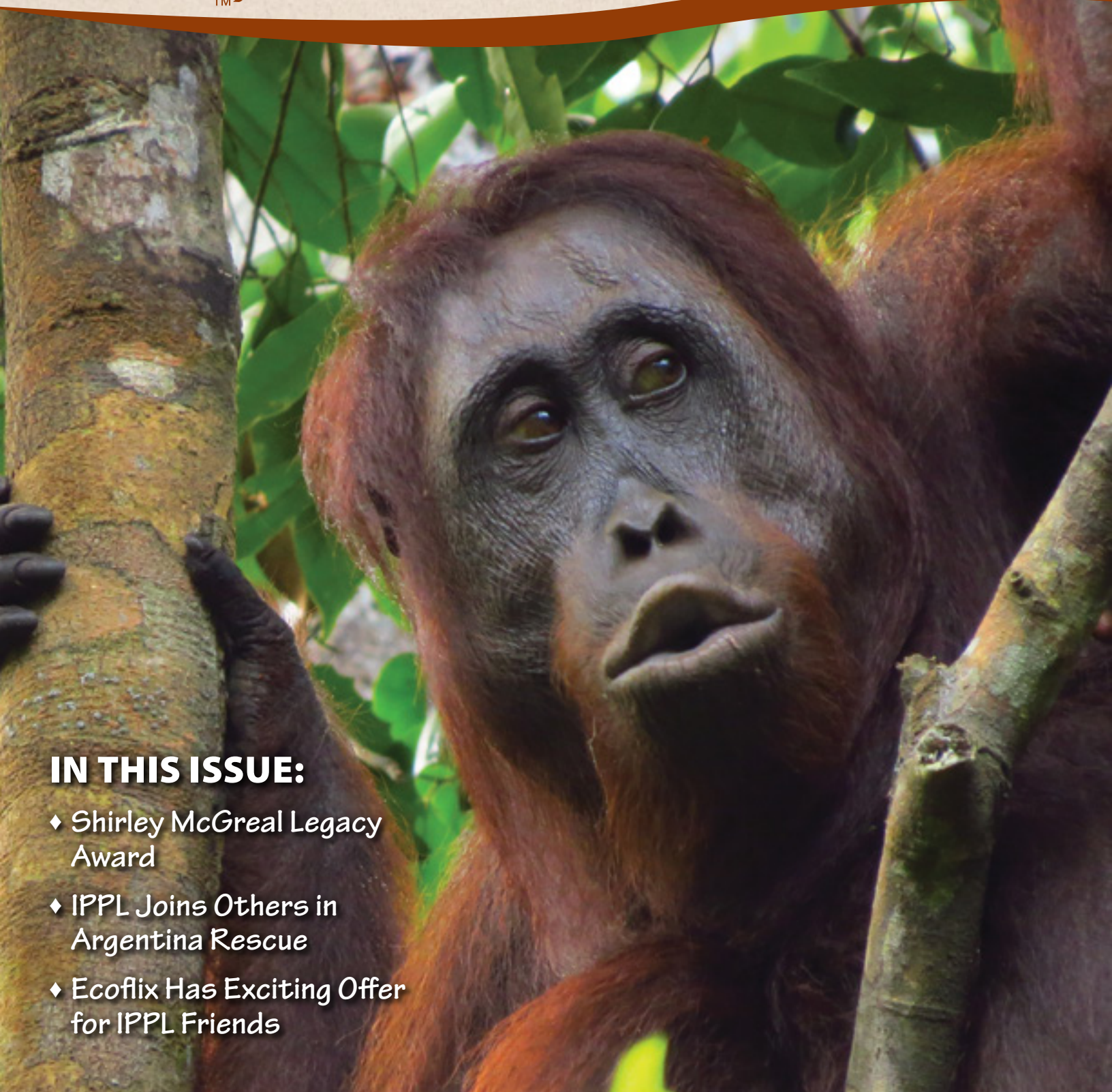
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# A Message from Sam Shanee

Dear IPPL Friends,

In this first issue of IPPL *News* for 2025, we begin with the introduction of the first recipient of the Shirley McGreal Legacy Award, Carolyn Thompson. Carolyn has been actively researching primates since 2015 and shares her interesting story on page 4.

There is an update from Peñaflor Primate Rehabilitation and Rescue Center with some photos of their Museum of Trafficking and an article about IPPL's recent Small Grant recipients. Ian Redmond, an IPPL board member writes introduces Ecoflix and explains how readers can get FREE unlimited access to hours of exciting and informative wildlife films, TV shows and Podcasts on Ecoflix for an entire year.

Several IPPL staff members have provided articles that include our volunteer program, social media and the renovation and expansion of our sanctuary. As you get to the Adopt a Gibbon pages, you will be surprised to see that we have now offered all our gibbons to be symbolically adopted.

Early this year IPPL agreed to become involved in an important and usual mission – the transport of over 40 primates from The Center for Medical Education and Clinical Research (CEMIC), a lab that was closing in Argentina, to South Africa.

While our gibbon sanctuary is almost always a happy place, there are times when we are deeply saddened by loss. This year our loss included three very special gibbons. Donny, an exceptionally handsome gibbon, Mia who was unique and a bit feisty, and the gibbon who beat so many odds and lived to be almost 67 – Gibby. While their passing breaks our hearts, we are comforted in knowing each of their lives were transformed when they arrived at IPPL.

Thanks for your continued friendship and best wishes,



Sam Shanee  
IPPL Board Chairperson



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This issue of IPPL *News* introduces you to Carolyn Thompson, the first recipient of the Shirley McGreal Legacy Award. Carolyn's article walks the reader through her journey working with primates beginning with her first wild primate encounter with an orangutan. Since 2017, she has concentrated her research on the world's rarest primate, the Hainan gibbon, as well as the newly described Skywalker Hoolock gibbon. Carolyn's article begins on page 4.

## 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, 23 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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# *The Shirley McGreal Legacy Award*

**By Alison Harvey**

Imagine believing that you're destined in life to do one thing, and it turns out, abruptly, that a whirlwind of events takes you down a completely different path, not just for a few months or years, but for the rest of your life. That was exactly the turn of events that sparked the unpredictable journey that the late and great Dr. Shirley McGreal embarked on more than a half-century ago.

Born in England in 1934, Shirley Pollitt and her identical twin sister Jean lived through World War II which most certainly impacted their young lives. But children are resilient and Shirley eventually surrounded herself in an environment of pure academia.

She studied Latin and French at the University of London, graduated in 1955 and traveled to the US to pursue a postgraduate degree in French at the University of Illinois. It was there that she met her husband John McGreal and married him in 1960.

John's work as an engineer for the United Nations took the couple to India and Thailand. It was in 1971 at the Bangkok Airport where Shirley first witnessed a horrific sight: monkeys and apes crammed in small, dirty crates that were to be shipped overseas. Shirley was overcome with compassion and empathy for these helpless primates, and she searched for organizations that could rescue them, but to no avail. In 1973, therefore she founded the International Primate Protection League whose headquarters and sanctuary grounds have been home to dozens of gibbons and Asian short-claw otters for over five decades in Summerville, South Carolina.

When Shirley passed away in November of 2021 at the age of 87, the Board of Directors took on a new challenge. Continuing Shirley's work would require all the confidence and courage that our mighty leader embraced. Her legacy is a gift to the planet that will have lasting impacts on those who choose to follow in her footsteps. And because Shirley's legacy encompasses more than just the determination to save and protect primates around the world, the Board of Directors announced last year that IPPL would begin offering a yearly financial gift in the amount of \$10,000 to someone deserving of this recognition. Hence, The Shirley McGreal Legacy Award was born.

Each year, IPPL will accept nominations from anyone around the world. You need not be a donor, member of the Board, or on staff at IPPL in order to nominate someone. However, no self-nominations are allowed, nor are board members permitted to nominate each other. Some examples of nominee's work include the following:

- be making significant contributions with their work to protect and conserve primates in their natural habitats.
- provide knowledge to the public with educational outreach programs to areas where primates live in the wild.
- start up a grass roots program for primate conservation and focus on planned management of their protection.
- be actively involved in the fight to end the dangerous and illicit wildlife trade, the use and abuse of primates in commercial and government labs, and the exploitation of primates in circuses, roadside zoos, or as pets.

This year, IPPL is happy to announce their first recipient of the Shirley McGreal Legacy Award: Carolyn Thompson. Her interesting article follows on page 4..

Congratulations, Carolyn! Shirley loved you and would be so proud of your hard work and amazing accomplishments.



# My First Primate Encounter and Beyond

*By Carolyn Thompson, Primate Conservationist and  
First Recipient of the Shirley McGreal Legacy Award*

There is something unforgettable about your first wild primate encounter. I remember mine well. A majestic creature, powerfully gliding towards me through dense undergrowth.



**Me following wild primates in a peat-swamp forest in Indonesia.**

Effortlessly hanging despite her weight. A solitude traveller, watching me with her deep, thoughtful eyes. Shaggy, vibrant orange hair. A sweet, lingering stench. Outstretched fingers, so much like our own.

For as long as I can remember, I have been passionate about studying and conserving primates. However, my journey to get there was anything but straightforward. Initially, I was advised to steer clear of the sciences, and regularly struggled with financial constraints, forcing me to think creatively. Instead of following a typical path, I opted for a distance-learning undergraduate degree, allowing me to work and gain direct experience with primates. Like many aspiring primatologists, my ultimate dream was to witness orangutans in their natural habitat. In 2007, I had the opportunity to work with an orangutan-focused organisation in Malaysian Borneo, marking my first role in primate conservation. I quickly realised the immense value of primate rescue centres, such as IPPL, and the critical need to involve local communities in sustainable conservation efforts.

Despite being surrounded by a wild population of orangutans, my initial work focused on rehabilitating juvenile orphans, victims of the monoculture crop industry. One of my most cherished memories was observing three juvenile orangutans stealthily steal a hose from the sanctuary, grabbing it

joyfully before fleeing into the forest. We often anthropomorphise in primatology—seeing ourselves in their behaviours and traits, making them effective flagship species for conservation education initiatives. With this in mind, I worked with chimpanzees for the Jane Goodall Institute in South Africa where I witnessed the heart-breaking effects of the pet trade. The rescued chimpanzees had histories of being tied up outside nightclubs, forced to wear clothes, smoke, and perform tricks for entertainment. One individual, Cozy, particularly stood out to me. He behaved like a clown, both physically and figuratively, reminiscent of a previous life. His story inspired me to write a children's book about him, although it sadly never made it to publication due to the same financial constraints that had become all too familiar in primate conservation. This once again underscored the harsh realities of funding shortages, and I would spend the next four years working for UK-based primate charities to learn how funds were raised and delegated.

Recognising the significant and positive impact that comes with studying primates in their natural habitats, I pursued jobs in Africa. Here, I was pushed to my limits in ways I had not anticipated. My first challenge came with an organisation that lacked both morals and ethics, exposing me to the stark reality that bad conservation organisations exist. The second challenge was physical, testing my endurance in the field. One of my most unforgettable experiences was a six-week expedition in Cameroon, led by an incredibly skilled ex-bushmeat hunter, tracking critically endangered Cross River gorillas. We caught giant rats for dinner with our bare hands, foraged for wild mushrooms, slid down waterfalls to track the primates, and dodged black mamba snakes poised in trees above our tents. In those



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**Adult-Female-Hoolock, tianxing, China, Fan-Peng-Fei**

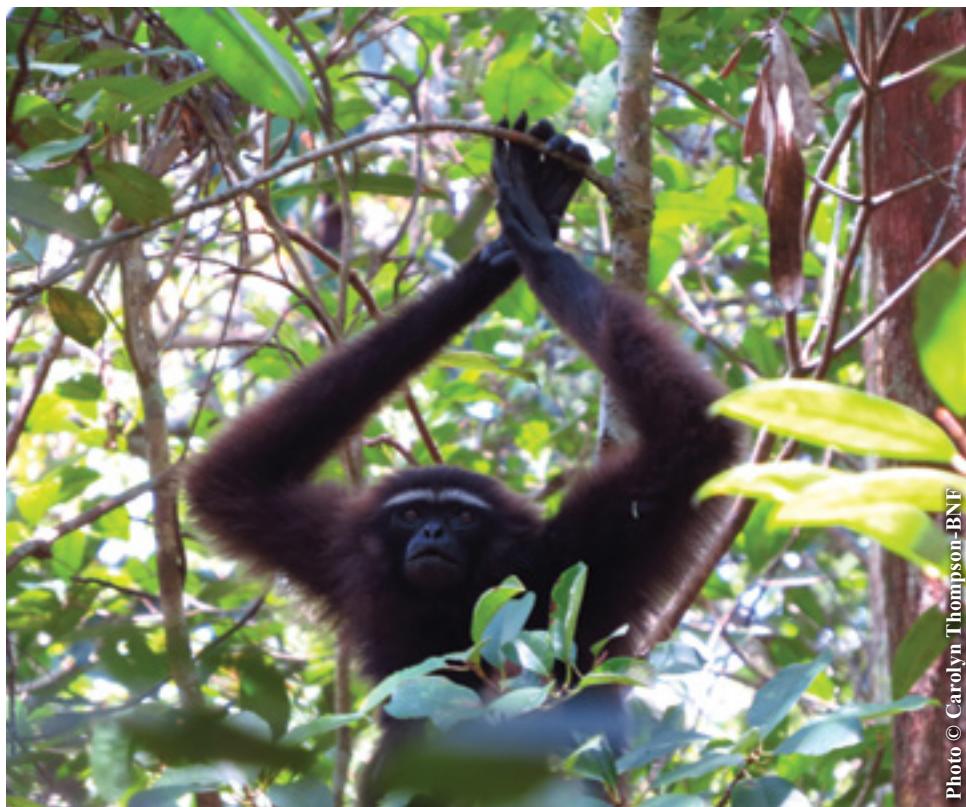


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#### Bornean White-Bearded Female

moments, I felt immersed in the work, and knew with certainty that I was not meant to be behind a desk. I was a field researcher.

As a budding field researcher, I took on a role with the Borneo Nature Foundation, a holistic conservation organisation in Central Kalimantan, Indonesia. Arriving on Borneo, I felt like I had come full circle—back to where it all began. With a primatology-based Master's degree in hand, I was appointed Head Primate Scientist, overseeing all on-site research focused on wild Bornean orangutans, red langur monkeys, and Bornean white-bearded gibbons. The first time I heard the haunting songs of the gibbons echoing through the forest, I knew I had found my calling. Gibbons, the smallest of the apes, are among the most threatened primate species. Nineteen of the 20 species are classified as endangered or critically endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, yet despite their vulnerability, they receive less funding and research attention compared to their great ape cousins.

Since 2017, I have concentrated on the world's rarest primate, the Hainan gibbon, with fewer than 40 individuals remaining, as well as the newly described Skywalker Hoolock gibbon, with around 150 individuals in China. My PhD research focused on understanding the relationship between humans and gibbons, first by comparing local knowledge and nature-based values regarding gibbons, and second by exploring their shared use of space with humans. You can read more about my interdisciplinary PhD research in IPPL's June 2020 newsletter (<https://ippl.org/newsletter/2020s/IPPL-News-June-2020.pdf#page=6>)

The most rewarding aspect of this research has been the remarkable collaborations with some of the most passionate researchers in gibbon conservation. One notable project I co-managed was the creation of the transboundary Skywalker

Gibbon Conservation Committee in 2021. This collaboration, involving 12 organisations from Myanmar, the US, Germany, China, and the UK, aimed to carry out habitat viability assessments and Skywalker gibbon population surveys in Myanmar. Our work garnered international media attention, highlighting the expansion of the Skywalker gibbon population into Myanmar.

After 18 years in primate conservation, I am truly honoured to be the first recipient of the Shirley McGreal Legacy Award. It is deeply humbling to be recognised in a field to which I have devoted myself, and the emotional and financial support from such an esteemed organisation is invaluable. I intend to allocate the award funding towards childcare, which will enable me to continue my efforts in protecting gibbons and advocating for other field mothers. My 18-month-old daughter had the opportunity to meet some gibbons in 2024 at IPPL's Biennial Meeting, and should she choose to pursue a similar path, we may come full circle once more.



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Carolyn's baby watching gibbons at IPPL Member Meeting, 2024

# IPPL Small Grant Program

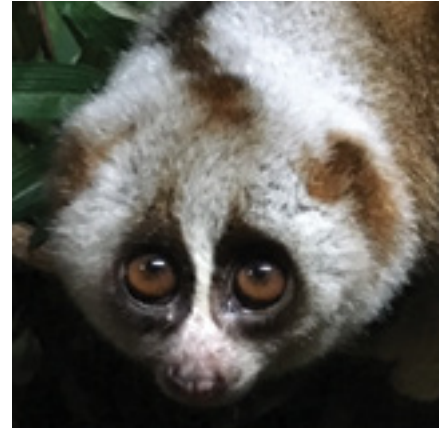
*By Sam Shanee, Co-Founder of Neotropical Primate Conservation and IPPL Board Member*



**Colobus Conservation**



**Limbe Wildlife Centre**



**Little Fireface Project**

Since 1974, IPPL has provided critical funding to primate organizations around the world through several grant options. These include our year-end Small Grants Program, Emergency Grants and the Shirley McGreal Legacy Award. In some circumstances we also award funds for critical work outside of these channels.

In 2024 we proudly launched the inaugural Shirley McGreal Legacy Award, honouring the life and work of our founder. This award seeks to recognize exceptional contributions to primate conservation. We were pleased to give the first Legacy Award to primatologist Carolyn Thompson for her work on the Skywalker Gibbon project (see pages 4-5.)

Our year-end Small Grants Program provides support to many primate rescue centres and conservation groups that protect primates and their habitat globally. Grants can be used to support general cost of maintaining rescued animals or for specific projects such as education or construction. These grants are made by invitation only, but we are always looking for new and worthy projects. Our emergency grants are open year-round and support organizations experiencing unforeseen difficulties which could stem from civil unrest to flash flood, disease outbreak or a sudden influx of rescues.

For 2025, IPPL awarded grants to the following 17 organizations in Africa, Asia and South America:

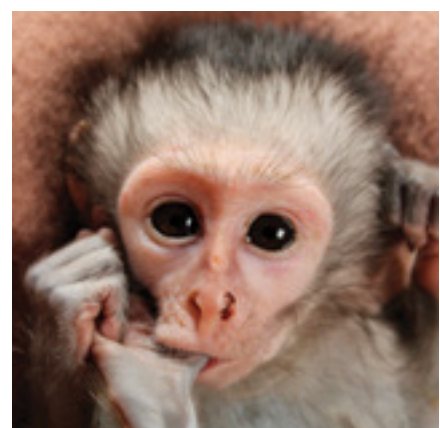
- **Akatia Project Primate** supports the rescue and rehabilitation of orphaned chimpanzees in Guinea and Cote d'Ivoire, Africa. They also focus efforts on education, law enforcement, and habitat protection.
- **Colobus Conservation** was founded to protect the black and white colobus monkey and now protects primates and habitat in the coastal forest of southeastern Kenya, Africa.
- **Fundación Entropika** fights the illegal trade in owl monkeys between Colombia, Peru and Brazil and works to ensure long-term conservation of biodiversity in the Amazon.
- **HURO Gibbon Project** in Assam, India is the only conservation program dedicated to the conservation of the Western hoolock gibbons and cares for around 40 rescued animals.
- **Ikamaperu** in the Peruvian Amazon offers sanctuary and rehabilitation to woolly and spider monkeys. The majority are babies whose mothers have been killed and eaten.
- **Itombwe Génération pour l'Humanité** in the Democratic Republic of Congo works to protect Grauer's gorillas and Eastern chimpanzees and other species with anti-poaching patrols and education.



**Neotropical Primate Conservation**



**Sanaga-Yong Chimpanzee Rescue**



**Vervet Monkey Foundation**

- **JACK Chimpanzee Sanctuary** in the Democratic Republic of Congo takes in confiscated chimpanzees and other primates to their rehabilitation centre.
- **Limbe Wildlife Centre** in Cameroon houses primates including gorillas, chimpanzees, mandrills, drills, and several species of guenons. Through educational initiatives and community programmes, they work to conserve Cameroon's natural heritage.
- **Little Fireface Project** works to protect slow lorises, which are heavily persecuted for the pet trade. Their goal is to aid in the conservation of lorises, raising global awareness of the devastating impact of the trade.
- **Long-Tailed Macaque Project** conducts research on the trade, culture and ecology of the long-tailed macaque to generate public interest and protection of the species.
- **Neotropical Primate Conservation** is dedicated to the conservation of primates across South and Central America. They promote conservation of primates through protection, education, reforestation and anti-trafficking.
- **Peñaflor Primate Rescue Centre** in Chile rescues South American monkeys, including capuchins, woollies, howlers and squirrels. All were smuggled into the country as pets or came from circuses, laboratories, or zoos.
- **PROFAUNA (Protection of Forest and Fauna)** in Indonesia works through education programs, advocacy, investigation, and primate rehabilitation and release for wildlife protection.
- **Sanaga-Yong Chimpanzee** in Cameroon cares for rescued chimpanzees. They also work to stop trafficking through national and international awareness and law enforcement.
- **Sumak Allpa** in Ecuador cares for rescued woolly, squirrel, and other monkeys with the aim of releasing them back to the wild. They also have a centre for environmental interpretation and biodiversity management.
- **Vervet Monkey Sanctuary** in South Africa rehabilitates orphaned vervet monkeys in large natural enclosures, forming viable troops to be reintroduced into protected vervet forest reserves.
- **Güirá-Oga** in Argentina provides care to victims of wildlife trafficking, those injured on roads or by poachers, and voluntarily surrendered animals. They are now pioneering a reintroduction program to save the brown howler monkey.

## *With Heavy Hearts, We Share the Passing of Three Special IPPL Gibbons*

*By Jennifer Buchanan, Curator of Animal Care*

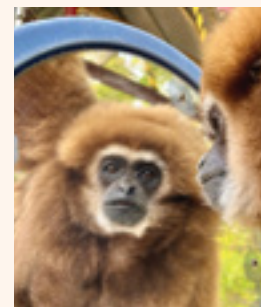
So far, 2025 has been a very difficult year here at IPPL's sanctuary. We have suffered the loss of three of our beloved gibbons in just the first month and a half. On January 9, we lost Mia to a struggle against pancreatitis; on February 5, we lost Donny after a cerebral event; and on February 11, we lost Gibby due to complications of old age. As animal caregivers, we know that loss of an animal is inevitable, but each one still hurts tremendously. Losing three animals in such a short time-frame compounds that pain exponentially. All three of these gibbons had their own unique personality and different backgrounds that made them special.



**Farewell Donny** Donny was a gentle and handsome gibbon who came to IPPL in 2001 from Wildwood Zoo in Wisconsin. During his time at IPPL he had been paired with E.T., a former lab gibbon with whom he was a wonderful partner. In the years after E.T.'s passing in 2017, we attempted to pair Donny with other female gibbons, but it seemed that he preferred to live alone. He spent his time lounging in his aerial runways, enjoying the sun and watching to ensure his caregivers were doing their jobs. One of my favorite things about Donny was the way he would take his preferred snacks from his caregivers. If you had almonds especially, he would sit in front of you and just stick out his tongue for you to feed them to him. While I would not recommend this method for most of our gibbon residents, Donny was always incredibly gentle taking snacks this way.

When I asked the animal care team to share stories of Donny, everyone mentioned the same things. He was an intelligent gibbon, who was adept at puzzle feeders and would even open his own window in the morning if someone unlatched it and cracked it just enough for him to get his fingers in. Donny was also the only gibbon that we have ever seen using a mirror to look at things outside of his field of vision. Caregiver Bella tells the story of Donny with the full-length mirror that staff walk around with for enrichment, "Most gibbons get a little frustrated because they think it's someone else, but Donny just wanted to look at everything. He would turn it a little to the left or right to be able to see things differently. He always looked so thoughtful when he did that, like to him the world was just full of wonder and beauty. While I do think he might have been the tiniest bit vain about his own appearance, I want to always remember the adoration he had for the world reflected back at him in the mirror." Donny will always have a special place in the hearts of his caregivers, none more so than CEO Debbie Misotti, who adapted the song, "Oh Danny Boy" to "Oh Donny Boy" – just for him!

Videos of Donny can be viewed when this issue is on our website: <https://www.facebook.com/reel/786632506594361>, <https://www.facebook.com/reel/3444279432497416>



**Farewell Mia** Mia was a very strong and independent gibbon who came to IPPL in 2015 from the Jackson Zoo. She did not want much to do with her caregivers; she preferred the company of other gibbons. She had recently been paired with Val and while they were only together for a short time, the two of them were a great couple. Caregiver and Volunteer Coordinator David noted that in our aerial runways "she would not let Val go by without some affection," and in fact we observed them hugging and grooming each other more than most of our established couples.



Though Mia was only with us for 10 years, she made a lasting impression on her caregivers. Caregiver Jennifer deMedici said of Mia, "She was a sassy girl who knew exactly what she wanted and when she wanted it." One of caregiver Mirabella (Bella) Hagan's favorite gibbon stories is about a time when she was scrubbing Mia's house, and she found what she thought at the time were teeth lined up like a collection. "I panicked and brought them back to animal care, showing everyone and asking if they were really her teeth, but after the panic wore off, we quickly deduced they were seeds – tamarind seeds to be exact! While everything got resolved, I have always still found it interesting that she lined them up in such a particular manner. I've never seen any other gibbon do anything like it before – or since. It was just a special event exclusive to Mia." Our unique and feisty girl will be remembered often.

Videos of Mia can be viewed when this issue is on our website: Sleepy Mia <https://www.facebook.com/reel/738002894482063>, "Sasquatch Watch" <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1297168680918106>





## Farewell Gibby

Our sweet Gibby came to IPPL in 2007 after an already long and difficult life. He was one of a few of our gibbons who had been wild caught. This traumatizing beginning showed that Gibby was a survivor. He went on to become a lab gibbon at the State University of New York at Stony Brook in the 1970s where he was used in locomotion research, this research was taxing on his body and contributed to his almost lifelong disdain for men. During his time at Stony Brook he had two different female gibbon companions and an adoring caregiver named Marianne who did her best to make Gibby's life more comfortable. After the lab decided to end experiments on gibbons, Gibby was moved to a sanctuary in Texas. After four years there, that sanctuary fell on hard times and Gibby finally came to IPPL. It was here that he was finally able to relax and enjoy life.

He enjoyed being paired with Tong for seven years. He enjoyed the freedom to swing about his enclosure or just sit still and watch the other gibbons around him. He enjoyed tearing into bags, boxes, or pinatas for enrichment. He enjoyed his favorite foods including the occasional Dots because everyone knew how much he loved them. He enjoyed being around his special people and would seek out their attention whenever they were around. Even his dislike for men waned over time and eventually he would welcome affection from some of our male caregivers. Gibby was a favorite companion for many of our staff members, past and present.

For me personally, losing Gibby has been one of the most difficult losses I have ever had to deal with. He was a wonderful friend and special in many ways. So kind and gentle, you would never know that he had such a difficult life before coming to IPPL. Some of my fondest memories at IPPL are of spending time with Tong and Gibby and then just with Gibby after Tong passed in 2020. Any time I was feeling sad or stressed I could go sit down on the ground next to Gibby's enclosure and he would immediately come over to me and sit down and we would just exist together while I scratched his back or rubbed his arms, hands, or feet. He just had a way of making me feel like everything would be okay.

I am not the only one who felt this way. I offer the following quotes from some of his caregivers who are more eloquent than I am.

"Gibby was one of the first primates here to welcome me to IPPL. Little by little I earned his trust until one day he guided my hand to his stomach, which is a high honor in the gibbon world. From then on I knew I was a primate keeper. Although I only knew him for a short amount of time, Gibby will always stay with me." – Molly Seeberger

"He felt almost like a lifelong friend with how welcoming he was almost as soon as I met him. He was a calming and supportive presence during hard days and cute and silly during lighter moments. He had the cutest little old man waddle when he would



chase me down (very slowly) for attention, and I always had to drop everything I was doing to go massage his hands. He liked to fold up into a little Gibby Loaf to have his back rubbed or brushed and would usually fall asleep and snore gently after a few minutes." – Jennifer deMedici

"Gibby was like everyone's personal little fuzzy grandpa. He had a way of soothing you, even if you knew he didn't like you. He had a disposition that made you feel loved. He was always a comfort to everyone. He was definitely a place of rest for me when I was ever going through a hard time. If I was having a bad day, I would retreat to his enclosure. Just being near him made you feel good and the way he looked you directly in the eyes was like he really saw you, and he was happy you were there. I don't think there will ever be another gibbon as full of love as Gibby was. He was truly one-of-a-kind, and his memory will stay with everyone who had the absolute honor to meet him." – Mirabella Hagan

As Gibby aged, our staff did all that they could to ensure that he had anything that would make him more comfortable. We bought him Warmies (stuffed animals that you warm in the microwave) and would swap them out daily in colder weather. He had an orthopedic dog bed to sleep on, though he rarely used it. To entice him to eat more, I made him cheese soup (which is mostly veggies) and we would warm it up and give it to him on small pieces of bread. He loved that treat! He also got as much attention and affection as he wanted from all of us. Gibby made it to an estimated 66 years old, ancient for a gibbon – another testament to his strength and resilience. Gibby, we will miss you, but you will live forever in our hearts.

These special videos of Gibby can be viewed when this issue is on our website: <https://www.facebook.com/reel/231677842692975>, <https://www.facebook.com/reel/597310845310949>

# Big Changes for Our Gibbons and Some New Primates!

*By Craig Gilpin, Animal Care and Facilities Lead*

## Gibbon House 4:

### A Fresh Start for our Beloved Gibbons

Get ready to swing into action! Gibbon House 4 has undergone a complete transformation, receiving a much-needed facelift that will enhance the comfort and well-being of our beloved gibbons. This exciting renovation project included a new roof, improved insulation, upgraded electrical systems and smoother sliding door access. In addition, new windows were installed allowing for seamless transitions between indoor and outdoor spaces. The enclosures now boast durable, easy-to-clean concrete floors finished with a non-toxic epoxy and sealant, providing a bright and inviting environment for our gibbons.

But the real stars of this renovation are custom furnishings. Our dedicated Maintenance and Facilities team, in collaboration with Curator of Animal Care Jennifer Buchanan created unique spaces tailored to each gibbon's individual needs and preferences.

**Gibby**, our most senior resident who will be dearly missed, was able to enjoy a spacious enclosure with multiple platforms, ladders, ropes, and two cozy sleeping boxes, providing safe and easy accessibility with a variety of options for movement and relaxation. This space will be a wonderful home for another senior member of our gibbon family.

**Spanky and Maynard**, our energetic youngsters, will have access to exciting swing sets and fewer platforms, encouraging their playful nature.

**Speedy**, as a more introverted resident, will have multiple hiding spots and comfortable retreats to ensure her comfort and security.

As with everything we do at IPPL, we are meticulous in our approach. Each detail has been carefully considered to ensure the safety, functionality and individuality of the furnishings. We will be moving our gibbons back to their renovated home with a well-thought-out plan, allowing each one ample time to adjust before introducing any new roommates. The corresponding outdoor enclosures will also be thoughtfully refurbished to accommodate the unique preferences and abilities of each resident.

"We are thrilled to see the positive impact these renovations will have on our gibbons," said Debbie Misotti, CEO at IPPL. "These enhancements will not only improve their quality of life but also provide valuable enrichment opportunities."

IPPL is committed to providing the highest quality care for our gibbons. This renovation project reflects that dedication, ensuring our beloved apes have safe, comfortable, and enriching environments to thrive.



### Expanding Horizons: New Hope for Primates in Need

Exciting times are upon us at the IPPL Sanctuary! We're embarking on a significant expansion project that will provide crucial space for our thriving gibbon family and ensure the well-being of our growing primate community.

A cornerstone of this expansion is the construction of a brand new six bay gibbon house. This modern facility will feature six spacious indoor enclosures, each seamlessly connected to a tunnel system leading to dedicated outdoor enclosures.

## Designed with the Future in Mind:

Recognizing the ever-evolving needs of our gibbon residents, we've meticulously designed our new outdoor enclosures with a forward-thinking, modular approach. This innovative design will allow for future expansion and reconfiguration of outdoor enclosures and for the introduction of enriching features. For instance, the modular design will facilitate the addition or modification of climbing structures, the installation of new enrichment features, and the adaptation of the enclosure layout to best suit the individual needs and preferences of each resident.

## Welcoming New Residents:

This expansion marks a pivotal moment in IPPL's journey, representing our largest single expansion to date. It will accommodate 13 new gibbons, and for the first time, diversify the primate species housed here with the introduction of 6 New World monkeys to the IPPL family. These animals will be relocating to us from Florida. Furthermore, we are actively pre-



paring to welcome a growing number of animals from other facilities seeking a safe and enriching forever home at IPPL.

## Prioritizing Efficiency and Animal Welfare:

Utilizing invaluable input of our dedicated staff, we have identified and will incorporate several enhancements into the design of the new house, building upon our previous successes. These improvements are aimed at minimizing routine maintenance requirements and streamlining animal care procedures, ensuring the highest levels of efficiency and animal welfare. For example, we are incorporating features such as improved accessibility for cleaning and enrichment item placement, enhanced ventilation, and improved soundproofing for the comfort of our gibbon residents.

This expansion represents a significant milestone in IPPL's unwavering commitment to providing a safe and enriching sanctuary for primates in need. We are incredibly grateful for the unwavering support of our donors and volunteers, whose contributions make this vital project possible.

Construction of new houses (left) and outdoor enclosures (below) for new gibbons and monkeys



## 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),
- ◆ 1 lb. raw unsalted cashews (shelled),
- ◆ 1 lb. dried mango (unsulfured, low sugar),
- ◆ 1 lb. dried Turkish figs, and
- ◆ 1 lb. dried diced Turkish apricots.

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Maynard goes nuts for peanuts!

# Peñaflor Primate Rehabilitation and Rescue Center: A Refuge of Hope

*By Elba Muñoz Lopez, Founder and Director*

In the heart of Chile, a country that paradoxically has no wild primates, there is a sanctuary dedicated to the rehabilitation and rescue of these animals: the Peñaflor Primate Rehabilitation and Rescue Center. Its story began in 1994 when a small woolly monkey named Cristóbal arrived at the home of the Almazán Muñoz family. This unexpected encounter sparked deep awareness about the cruel reality of the illegal wildlife trade and the suffering that primates endure in captivity.

Since then I have dedicated my life to rescuing, rehabilitating, and giving these animals a second chance. Today the center houses more than 140 primates of various species, each with stories marked by abuse, exploitation, and loss of freedom. However, thanks to the personalized care they receive, they can recover natural behaviors specific to their species in a safe environment adapted to their needs.

## Education

Through the Museum of Trafficking, visitors – including students from schools, universities, institutes, and the general public – can learn firsthand about the shocking stories of these animals and the cruel trade that affects them worldwide. This space not only informs but also aims to raise awareness about the importance of conservation and respect for all species.

## 2016: The End of Animal Circuses in Chile

In August 2016, Chile's largest and most powerful circus, Los Tachuelas, was found guilty of repeated animal abuse against 25

animals that had been used in performances for years. Among them, 15 were hamadryas baboons of different ages, and they were transferred to our center for rehabilitation. This seizure marked a milestone in Chile, as it meant the end of animals in Chilean circuses.

Almost a decade later their transformation has been remarkable. They have regained their weight and fur and now live in specially designed habitats, forming social groups where they have developed behaviors typical of their species.

## Climate Change Also Affects Us

In August 2024, an unusual hurricane-force storm caused trees to fall, destroying tunnels and enclosures. Currently, with the help of IPPL, we are rebuilding habitats.

Due to high temperatures and the risk of wildfires, we are developing a project to improve the electrical network for the water extraction system. We invested in purchasing a water pump and a complete wet network system that reaches all areas of the center. Additionally, we increased the number of fire extinguishers and trained the staff in forest emergency management.

These changes will ensure that the entire team is prepared to respond effectively to future fires.



(Above and left)  
Peñaflor Museum of  
Trafficking



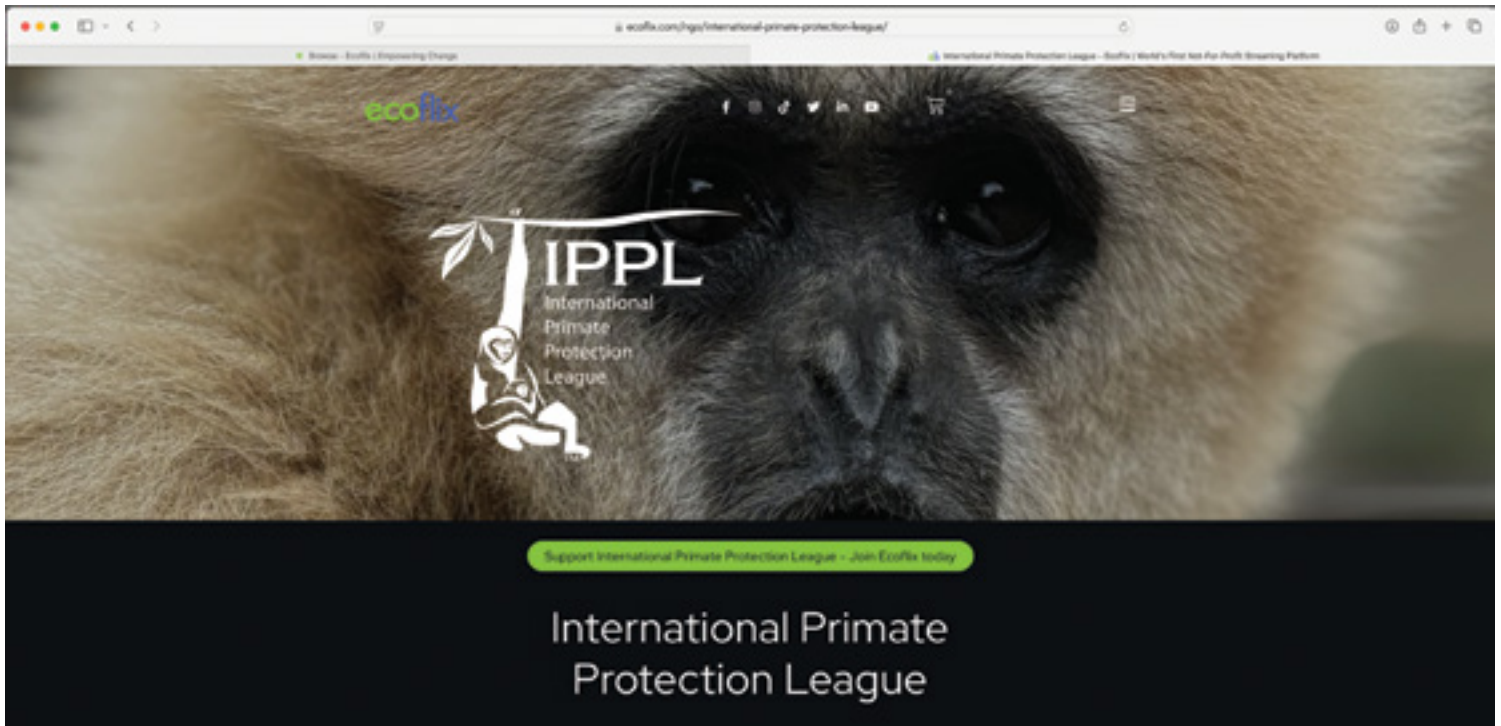
(Left) Storm destruction



(Below) Elba Muñoz (far  
right), teaching children

# IPPL Partners with Ecoflix

*By Ian Redmond, OBE, Head of Conservation for Ecoflix  
and IPPL Board Member*



We are excited to announce that IPPL has partnered with Ecoflix, a new environmental TV channel and streaming platform dedicated to animals and the planet. Ecoflix is the first not-for-profit streamer with this focus and is equally excited to be able to promote the important work of IPPL.

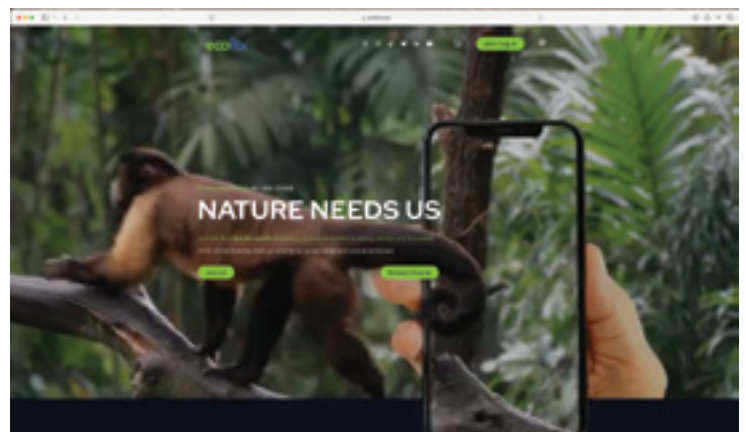
How does it work?

The subscription is \$47.88 per year, paid in one payment, is equal to just \$3.99 per month (the price of a cup of coffee). For this, subscribers can watch thousands of documentaries about wild animals, their habitats and the people working to restore nature, ranging from short videos to feature length films. Ecoflix is a family-friendly online space (no graphic images of animal abuse) that shows wildlife in the wild and how dedicated people are working to save animals and solve the environmental problems we face. When this issue is online, you can use this link <https://www.ecoflix.com/ngo/international-primate-protection-league/>, to subscribe. Fully **100 per cent** of your subscription – \$47.88 for a year – **goes to IPPL to fund our essential work** rescuing and caring for primates in distress and supporting primate conservation in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

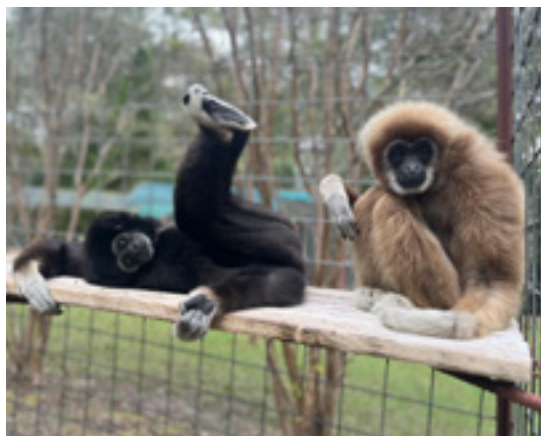
Ecoflix was founded by David Casselman, a California philanthropist and retired trial lawyer; he has represented animals in court on a pro-bono basis for decades and co-founded the Cambodia Wildlife Sanctuary, which rescues elephants, primates and many other species. He says, “Our goal at Ecoflix is to inspire people around the world to come together to turn things around. We need global effort to stop the destruction (of nature) which now seems inevitable.”

As well as award-winning original documentaries, such as ‘The Last Stand’ about deforestation in old growth forests, Ecoflix provides a platform for independent filmmakers and conservationists from all over the world. There are programmes for children and educational materials for teachers. David is host to a wide-ranging podcast in which he interviews extraordinary people in the animal rescue and conservation world. There is also a Primate Podcast, which I host, discussing all things primatological from poaching to parasites to preserving tropical forests that drive global weather patterns.

Ecoflix is but a seedling at the moment but is growing and reaching new audiences – watch out for us on airlines, in schools and hospitals as well as on hand-held devices, social media platforms and TV screens. Our slogan is ‘Nature Needs Us’ – which supporters of IPPL know only too well – so what are you waiting for? Go to [www.ecoflix.com](http://www.ecoflix.com) and have a browse of the free section, then head over to the IPPL page and join the movement.



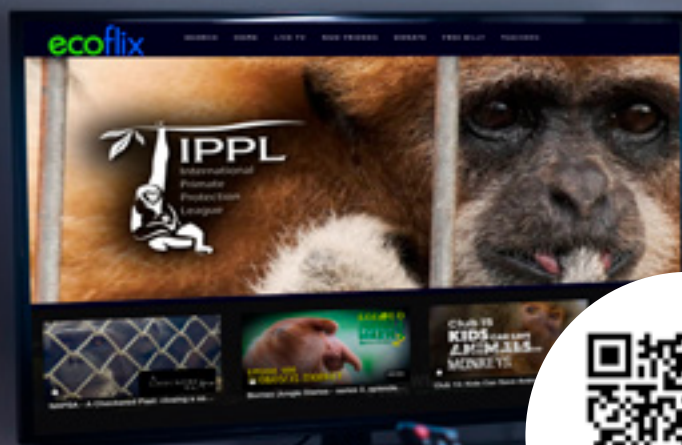
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# IPPL Joins Others to Save Primates in Argentina

By Debbie Misotti

The International Primate Protection League and its primate sanctuary has been located in Summerville for over 50 years. We have kept a low profile due to the covert work our founder, Dr. Shirley McGreal O.B.E., accomplished in fighting illegal wildlife trafficking and rescue around the world. Some of us, as members, were involved in these operations, but since her passing in 2021, we have been working to focus our work in rescue, education and international work for primates around the world. Our focus has become the next generation of primate activists and conservationists for the environment.

IPPL was approached by Gerard de Nijs, a private citizen in the Netherlands, to make us aware of a rescue he and his friend Natasja de Winter were involved in where they were working to rehome over 40 primates from The Center for Medical Education and Clinical Research (CEMIC), a lab that was closing in Argentina. Due to the international sensitivity of the operation, IPPL was approached to see if we could help them in their efforts.

The following is part of an article that appeared in the publication *CLARIN*, Argentina's largest newspaper, that provides highlights of this unusual and important rescue.



This is one of the 41 capuchin monkeys released from the country's last primate laboratory, and which are already in a sanctuary

in South Africa. Their caregivers kissed each one goodbye.

They are part of a colony of the species *Cebus apella*, also called Caí, which lived in the basement of CEMIC, in Saavedra, although the place had not been active for three years.

CLARIN learned the details of a very complex and hidden flight of liberation. One that has been in the works for five years,

which was about to be cancelled due to the complaint of a group of protectionists and which includes a fight for animal welfare that is not yet over.

The first thing to know about this story is that this vivarium (enclosure), as animal research testing centers are called, was never illegal, nor was it even secret. Silence came when it was decided to close it.

It was created in 1983 in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) as part of the Center for Research in Human and Experimental Reproduction (CIRHE), and clinical trials were carried out there until 2021, the year in which CEMIC asked CONICET (the main government agency that fosters the development of science and technology in Argentina) for advice to begin its dismantling.

## Why was it decided that the monkeys had to go to that sanctuary in South Africa?

"It would have been much easier to move them to a reserve in Argentina, but throughout these years we did not find reception centers here or in neighboring countries that had the technical capacity to house them, a team of veterinarians who could attend to that number of animals, or for climatic reasons (they are monkeys that do not resist low temperatures). In addition, some reservations that applied to receive them are not official," Agustín Languasco, director of CEMIC, told Clarín, Argentina's largest newspaper.

"The sanctuary in South Africa, the *Hidden Forest Sanctuary*, in KwaZulu-Natal, is very large. We had very good references. It's part of a league of sanctuaries and reserves in Africa that is also huge, so they quickly had the support of several conservation associations around the world to welcome the monkeys. It always met the requirements to be the place of reception. What seemed to be the most complex challenge was the issue of the transfer," Languasco details.

Once at the airport, three foundations – *Stichting Abri voor Dieren* with the support of *Stichting Red een Dier* and *The International Primate Protection League (IPPL)* together with *Stichting Wings for Animals* – paid for the plane trip to Johannesburg. Once in the capital of South Africa, the reserve



Transport "cages" on pallets about to leave for South Africa



Transporting by the Environmental Brigade

took care of the cost of the animals reaching the sanctuary.

As CEMIC explains to Clarín, “the great challenge that the sanctuary now has is the linking of this colony, to see how they can be combined into groups that work, and how they can expand the place where they reside. The ideal is that these animals that will never be able to live 100% in freedom, form a social group as large as possible in the largest possible enclosure.”

This heartwarming video of these primates enjoying their new sanctuary life can be seen when this issue of IPPL News goes on our website. <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=628118183293122>



Size of transport boxes was a “detail” that delayed everything

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# Volunteering at IPPL

*By David Kibbel, Animal Caregiver*

Volunteering is one of the most noble activities a citizen can perform for their community. Giving one's most precious asset, time, is cherished and honored by the staff at IPPL. Our volunteer team supports all staff in the sanctuary's daily functions, which in part allows for IPPL's enrichment and operant conditioning programs to flourish. At IPPL the volunteering experience can range from preparing meals for the gibbons to cultivating the grounds to welding and all other activities needed at the sanctuary. In addition to on-site volunteering, off-site tabling events, visiting schools, and speaking to students about the gibbon population, as well as those lovable otters, is also greatly needed. Volunteers must be at least 17 years of age. Volunteers help with food prep, gardening, landscaping, creating enrichments, office work, fundraising events, and much more. We have the equipment to maintain carpentry projects and welding projects, and plumbing and electrical talents are all appreciated!

IPPL can accommodate individual volunteers and students of all ages and company-sponsored volunteering programs. IPPL has worked closely with The United Way and their annual "Days of Giving" event. We welcome team-building projects for our corporate donors as well as participating in part of The United Way's "Days of Giving." The University School of the Lowcountry has been dedicating its time and efforts "to be of

service" for IPPL. Since September 2009, the USL has been of service to the International Primate Protection League, and that tradition continues today. On a cold day in November 2024, this group of students continued their ongoing commitment to dedication and thoughtfulness. Over the years, USL students have participated in projects at IPPL, such as building raised garden beds. This past visit, the students helped design and paint outdoor sleeping boxes for all of the gibbon population. This partnership continues to benefit both organizations by providing educational opportunities for students and supporting IPPL's conservation efforts. The tradition will continue into 2025 with another group of students visiting the sanctuary in May. We welcome other schools to take advantage of this fun opportunity.

Our individual volunteer team has grown exponentially, and we have volunteers consistently spending time on the property four out of seven days a week. Still, with all this excitement and new opportunities, IPPL is still in search of talented, selfless, caring individuals to grow with IPPL for at least another 50-plus years and continue the time-honored tradition of volunteering. We welcome volunteers seven days a week. Perhaps this would work for you!

To find out more about IPPL's volunteer program, you can visit [www.ippl.org](http://www.ippl.org) or email [volunteer@ippl.org](mailto:volunteer@ippl.org)

Tammy



Josh



Ricky, Shedgie & Claire (left to right)



# IPPL's Social Media

*By Wesley Shaver, Animal Caregiver*

I began working at IPPL's Gibbon Sanctuary in August of last year. It's been a year of growth at the sanctuary, including our online presence! After joining the team as an animal caregiver, I quickly shared my passion for social media management and my lifelong pursuit of hands-on work with wildlife. Having fulfilled the first goal, I was eager to submit my proposal for the social media manager position. Once approved, I aimed to create a cohesive presence across our platforms.

IPPL's Facebook and Instagram friends love our gibbons and otters! Fortunately these charismatic gibbons and playful otters provide us with many engaging photos and videos to share. That makes our task easy – and fun!

Getting to know a gibbon is much like getting to know a

human. Over time and with some persistence, they may let you know their likes and dislikes, favorite spots to sun in and their favorite people, whether or not they are energetic or laidback. They also let you know how they feel about having their picture taken! Some love the attention but others do not. It is an art to take a clear photo of the fastest arboreal primate on earth. Brachiating (the act of swinging arm over arm) is a gibbon specialty at which they excel. Luckily, we have a talented animal care team adept at photography. We are constantly sharing our pictures throughout the day, slowly creating an archive of images to work with.

The IPPL community on Instagram, Facebook and TikTok have all been a dream. I feel a sense of gratitude being able to work for an organization protecting primates domestically and abroad and being a part of it. I am excited as we look towards the future ahead. We are reminded of the good work we do every day as we get encouraging messages from sanctuaries we work with worldwide and people who have found our content inspiring and have chosen to join our troop!



Wesley with Maui as she makes the rounds with her camera



A Facebook post by Wesley



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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.

Your bequest to IPPL will ensure that our unique work can carry on long into the future. Our address to include in your will is: IPPL, P.O. Box 766, Summerville, SC 29484, USA. Our U.S. federal tax ID number is 51-0194013.

If you are thinking about remembering IPPL in your will or trust, know that your love for primates will continue to live on through your generosity.



**Gary, retired from a tourist venue**

**This map shows the locations of many of our Global Partners who have been helped by IPPL over the years.**



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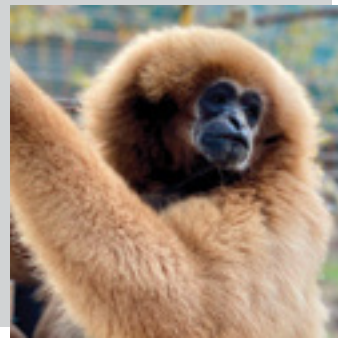
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# ALL IPPL GIBBONS ARE NOW “SYMBOLICALLY” AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION



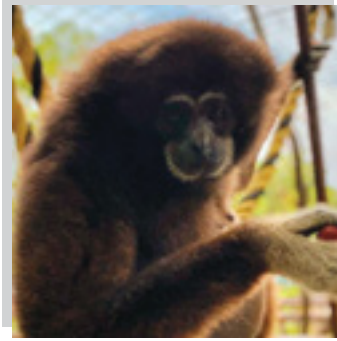
## Ahimsa

Ahimsa was the first gibbon born at IPPL! He was born to Shanti and her mate Arun Rangsi. Ahimsa was a surprise baby, as his dad had been isolation-reared in a lab and was not expected to breed.... See more <https://ippl.org/gibbons/ahimsa/>



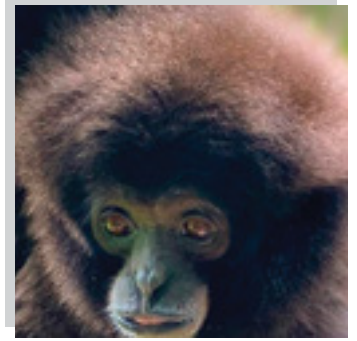
## Courtney

Courtney was a “surprise baby” born here at IPPL. Her mother Michelle never showed that she was pregnant, and her father, Maui, had supposedly been vasectomized. Sadly, at just 12 days old, her mother attacked her.... See more <https://ippl.org/gibbons/courtney/>



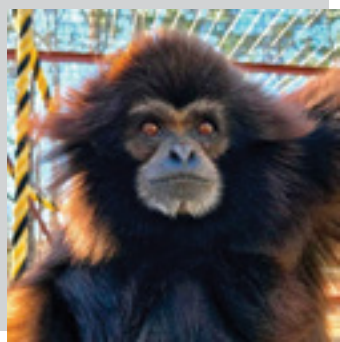
## Dianne

Dianne is one of our more reserved gibbons. She is daughter to IPPL's own Arun Rangsi and Shanti, so she spent her young life living in a normal gibbon family with her parents and siblings.... See more <https://ippl.org/gibbons/dianne/>



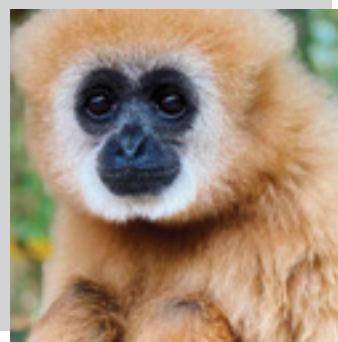
## Elsa

Elsa is one of the many children of IPPL's Arun Rangsi and Shanti. When she grew up, she was placed with Nicholas, a former zoo gibbon. They are one of our cutest couples as they frequently groom, cuddle, and play together.... See more <https://ippl.org/gibbons/elsa/>



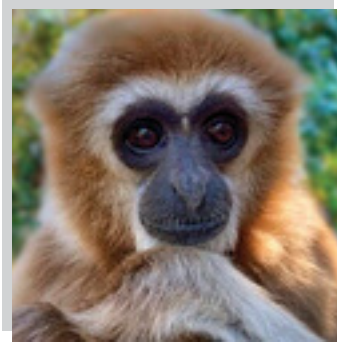
## Erin

Originally from the Hattiesburg Zoo in Mississippi, Erin was sent to a sanctuary in Texas when aggression broke out in her zoo family group and she had to have her right foot and lower leg amputated.... See more <https://ippl.org/gibbons/erin/>



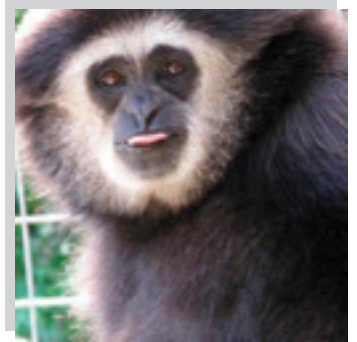
## Gary

Gary arrived at IPPL in 2013 with his mate Glenda, daughter Kendra, and son Thai. They had been living in a tourist attraction that was closing. Gary is a petite, blond gibbon with lustrous pale fur.... See more <https://ippl.org/gibbons/gary/>



## Gideon

Gideon was born at a Nebraska zoo on January 11, 1995. He lived with his brother in an unusual zoo setting. It was an indoor mixed species exhibit. After his brother died the zoo tried to pair Gideon with one of their female gibbons.... See more <https://ippl.org/gibbons/gideon/>



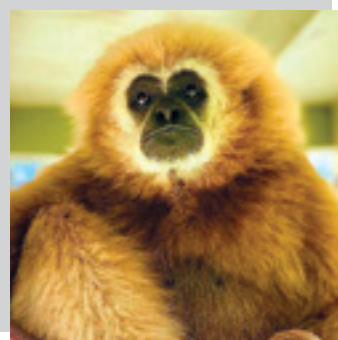
## Louie-Louie

Louie-Louie came to IPPL with his elderly parents Cleon and Clementine (now deceased) in October 1991 from the Lube Foundation in Florida, after the death of the establishment's owner.... See more <https://ippl.org/gibbons/louie-louie/>



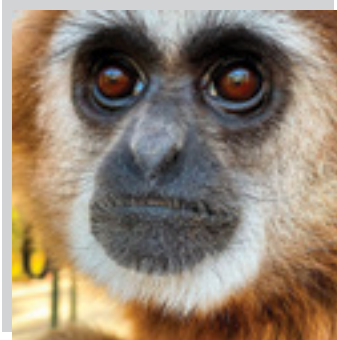
## Jade

Originally from the Honolulu Zoo, Jade was sent to Maui Zoo. She, her mate Palu-Palu, and their son Maui came to IPPL in March of 1996. The family arrived at IPPL with several boxes of Maui pineapples as their luggage!.... See more <https://ippl.org/gibbons/jade/>



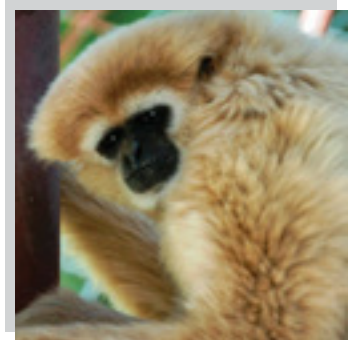
## Maui

Maui came to IPPL in March of 1996 with his parents Jade and Palu-Palu from the Maui Zoo, which was being closed due to its violations of the Animal Welfare Act. After reaching maturity, we paired him with tempestuous Michelle.... See more <https://ippl.org/gibbons/maui/>



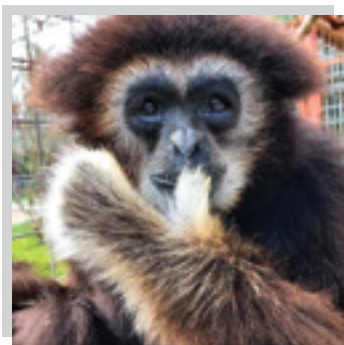
## Maynard

Maynard arrived at IPPL on October 30, 2009. He had been living at a small sanctuary for rescued animals of all species in Washington State. A former pet, he was surrendered to this facility, where he lived for four years.... See more <https://ippl.org/gibbons/maynard/>



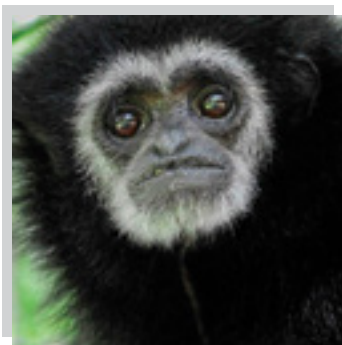
## Nicholas

Nicholas arrived at IPPL in April 1993. An Illinois zoo had sent him to another zoo in the Midwest, but they returned him after just six months. Nicholas was kept off-exhibit in an indoor aviary shared with birds of prey.... See more <https://ippl.org/gibbons/nicholas/>



## 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.... See more <https://ippl.org/gibbons/peppy/>



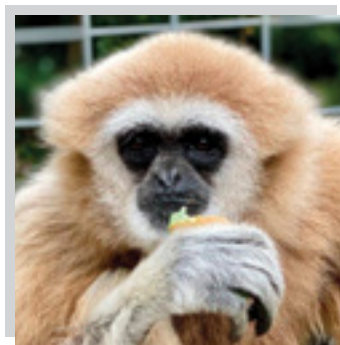
## Paen

Paen, a petite white-handed gibbon came from a zoo in the northwest. She and her two sisters were in zoos most of their lives and were companions the entire time.... See more <https://ippl.org/gibbons/paen/>



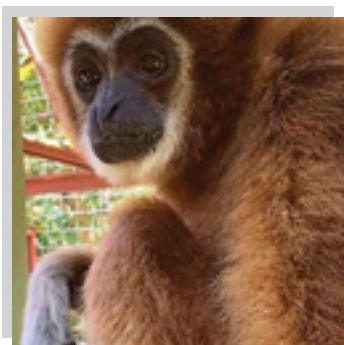
## Robbie

Robbie was born here at IPPL. His mother was E.T. who came from a New York laboratory as a baby along with her elderly parents, Penny and Blackie.... See more <https://ippl.org/gibbons/robbie/>



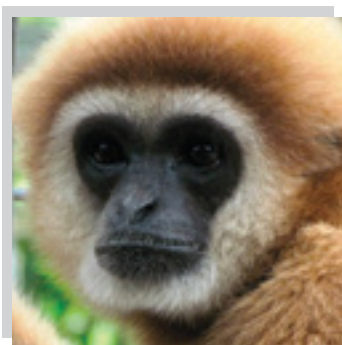
## Snowy

Snowy is originally from a wildlife park in southern Florida where he lived with his mate and a few offspring. As his male children grew up they showed signs that they needed to be separated.... See more <https://ippl.org/gibbons/snowy/>



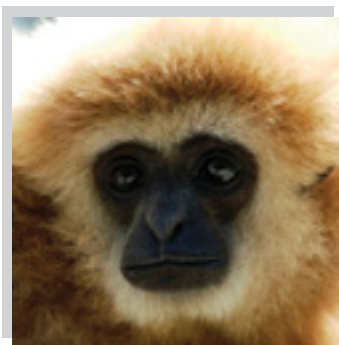
## Scrappy

Scrappy and his mate Uma were brought to IPPL in March of 2007 from a sanctuary in Texas. We were informed that Scrappy and Uma had been sent to Texas in 1993 from the Glen Oak Zoo in Peoria.... See more <https://ippl.org/gibbons/scrappy/>



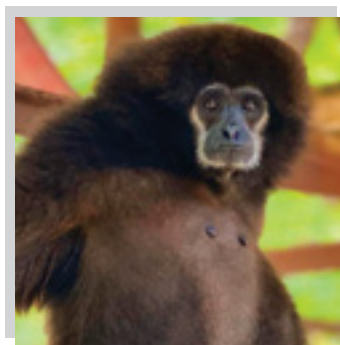
## Spanky

Spanky is one of the unfortunate primates bred in the U.S. for the pet trade. He was purchased as a birthday present by a family when he was eight months old and was intended to be a companion for a female gibbon they already owned.... See more <https://ippl.org/gibbons/spanky/>



## Thai

Thai arrived at IPPL on May 13, 2013 along with his big sister Kendra and parents Gary and Glenda. They came to us when the Silver Springs, Florida tourist attraction where Thai was born was being closed.... See more <https://ippl.org/gibbons/thai/>



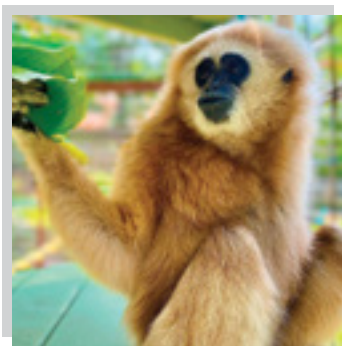
## Speedy

Speedy is one of Arun Rangsi and Shanti's children, and she was born after Arun Rangsi's first vasectomy failed. Gibbon vasectomies are a tricky process and are sometimes left unfinished which means that the males can still breed.... See more <https://ippl.org/gibbons/speedy/>



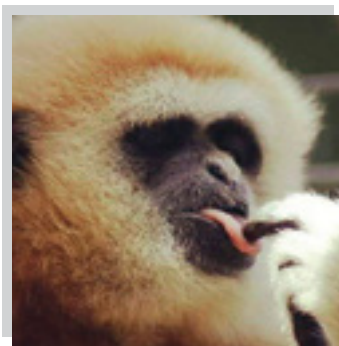
## Val

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 & fell on hard times.... See more <https://ippl.org/gibbons/val/>



## Whoop-Whoop

Whoop-Whoop came to IPPL in March 2007 from another sanctuary where he had lived for four years. Before that, Whoop-Whoop had been used for research at a notorious primate lab in Louisiana.... See more <https://ippl.org/gibbons/whoop-whoop/>



## Ziggy

Ziggy arrived at IPPL in 2007. He came with his mate Erin and daughter Cathy from a Texas sanctuary that was undergoing reorganization. Prior to that, he had lived at the Dallas Zoo. His records show that he lost some fingers to frostbite while there.... See more <https://ippl.org/gibbons/ziggy/>

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