

# **MONKEY**

# *Matters*

July 2001 Vol. 7 Number 3

*Publication of the International Primate Association*

*Do Monkeys Like Fireworks??! (page 14)*



***Our Terms  
Of Use! (Inside  
Front Cover)***

***Cinnamon,  
Diabetes &  
Your Monkey!  
(page 13)***

***Brat Of The  
Month, Cassy!  
(page 4)***

*for people who care about primates...*

**We support responsible monkey ownership and the right to be fairly regulated in every state!**



## Our Copyright / Terms Of Use

This magazine is owned and operated by Monkey Matters Magazine Except as expressly licensed by Monkey Matters Magazine, **no material from Monkey Matters Magazine may be republished, uploaded, posted in any way, except that you may download a copy of the materials on any single computer for your individual, noncommercial use only, provided you keep intact all copyright and other proprietary notices. Modification of the materials or use of the materials for any other purpose is a violation of Monkey Matters Magazine copyright and other proprietary rights.**

### Disclaimer: Who Do We Support?

Maybe you have read or heard or have been told that Monkey Matters recommends a person, their organization or their sanctuary. This is not true. We support the rights of responsible monkey ownership and the right to be fairly regulated in every state but as a matter of policy (because we cannot be there to oversee the dealings of others). Monkey Matters is not affiliated with, nor do we endorse, any other primate organizations, businesses or sanctuaries.

For purposes of these terms and conditions of use, the use of any such material on any other Web site is prohibited. All trademarks, service marks, and trade names (collectively, the "Marks") are proprietary to Monkey Matters Magazine, or other respective owners which have granted Monkey Matters Magazine the right and license to use such Marks.....☐



## Visit The Monkey Matters Website

If you would like to see your monkey's face on our new website, and have not yet sent in a photo, do it now! Short biographies or stories (optional) can be sent in along with your photos!!

<http://www.monkeymatters.com>

Please send your original stories, letters, photos and videos to:  
Monkey Matters  
PO Box 80697 - MB181  
San Diego CA 92138-0697



E-Mail submissions:  
Send a floppy or attach your file and send to:  
[submit@monkeymatters.com](mailto:submit@monkeymatters.com)



#### Editors

Diane Sage  
Janein Dunn

#### Contributing Editors

Patricia Blancaneau  
Christine Ryan

#### Staff Photographers

Marcia Gaunt

#### Board of Advisors

Scott R. King  
Rick Storrs, PhD  
Bill Walker, Esq.  
Buck Farmer, Esq.  
Horacio Rilo, M.D.

Monkey Matters is a publication of the International Primate Association and is published by ILM Graphics & Publishing Co. Monkey Matters and the International Primate Association are not affiliated with any other primate organizations or businesses, including brokerages or sanctuaries. Articles, photos, drawings and advertisements do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Monkey Matters as a whole and publication does not indicate endorsement. All information and artwork is copyrighted unless copy rights revert to authors. Written, photo, art and video material may not be reproduced in whole or part without express permission from Monkey Matters magazine. Articles, photos and letters are welcome.

"Our  
Anthropomorphic  
Best!" Your Photos.....  
(Photo of cinnamon capuchin  
"Jony" by Joie)



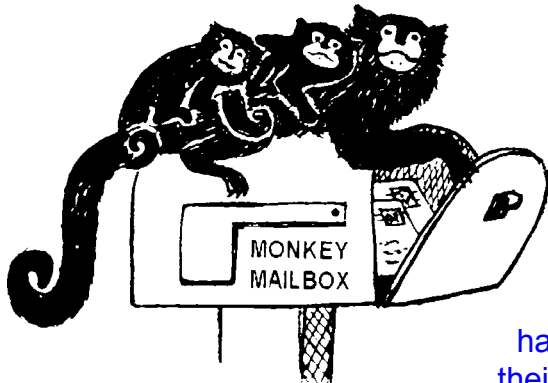
## *In This Issue.....*

Contents.....	1
Monkey Mailbox--Letters To The Editor.....	2
Hanging Out, (Long Shots!).....	3
Brat Of The Month, "Cassy".....	4
More "Mick" Pix!!.....	5
Housing: Cage Furniture.....	6
Gardening For Monkey Lovers.....	7
Factoids.....	7, 14
Monkey Helpline.....	8
Monkey-Cat, In Loving Memory.....	10
One Of My Special Angels.....	11
Nature Walking Monkeys.....	12
Cinnamon, Diabetes & Your Monkey!.....	13
Do Monkeys Like Fireworks?.....	14
Java Faces.....	14
Our Anthropomorphic Best (Sparky).....	15
Question Of The Month.....	15,16
Artist's Corner.....	16
Socializing--Your Photos.....	17
Enrichment: Paper Fun.....!	18
World Of Primates, Cartoon.....	19
Brat Of The Year Contest!.....	19
Parting Shots, Your Photos.....	20
Mandatory Information, A Letter To New Readers.....	20
Primate Placement Service.....	21
Monkey Matters Complete Guide To Care & Behavior..	22

**Brat Of The Month  
"Cassy"!** ○ ○ ○ Page 4

**More 'Mick' Pix!!!**  
○ ○ ○ Page 5

**One Of My  
Special Angels!**  
○ ○ ○ Page 11



## MAILBOX

Dear Monkey Matters,

(Shortened to fit in magazine) I have been a fan for several years of your magazine and would like to offer some criticism of your website, while full of information it is too confusing and a lot of links do not work, on this computer anyway.

I have been working for monkeys for years and have had them since I was 8 years old and love every facet of their beings, bites, stubbornness, devotion, etc. all the different parts that make up a primate.

I have fought with the Texas terrors, suffered illness during this time and still love the monkeys that have made the fight worthwhile.

(About sanctuaries)...I feel most primates are happier in a home setting other than a sanctuary and have strong feelings about this. I have seen sanctuaries, both good and bad, they just simply do not offer a primate that has been raised with humans the necessary companionship that is needed. Sanctuary owners and workers do not have the time or inclination to offer the time needed one on one with a primate. Being thrust into a sanctuary setting a monkey that is not used to being a primate as such, will suffer terrible mental anguish, usually suffer contempt from the other inmates, and become a target of torment from the other residents until he either survives it all or passes away.

I feel that you are on the right track with your on-line attempt to educate and promote healthy primate ownership and would like to put a link on our website to your site.

Sincerely, Linda

(Editor's note: Thank you for the critique of our website. We have updated the links and a site map and hope that will help. Please feel free to put a link to us on our website.)

Dear Monkey Mailbox,

I live in London, England and am interested in receiving a copy of Monkey Matters magazine as a gift for my boyfriend. I am specifically looking for a copy from last October but if this is not possible any recent edition you have would be appreciated and I will pay for the magazine and postage to the UK. If it is only possible to subscribe annually then could I

*(Continued on next page)*

## On The Cover



Java/Rhesus cross "Sheena", left is the bigger of these two monkey sisters. Java macaque "Java" is the more submissive of the two. Java macaque females are generally considered more handleable in maturity than Rhesus females.

Although coloring can be similar in infants, comparing tail length of Java and Rhesus macaques is the best way to ID them. The Rhesus has a "3/4" sized tail and the Java a long, rope-like tail. (Photo from Joie).....☐

## Hanging Out!!



**L**esser spot-nosed guenon “Gwen” and black spider monkey “Samantha” hanging out in a social moment. That mischievous spot-nose looks ready to jump on Sam’s head.....(Photo by CC)

(Continued from page 2)

take a one year’s subscription to Monkey Matters magazine? If either of these options is viable, please advise what method of payment you will accept and how much this will be.

Many thanks,

Ekatarina van den Rekk

(Editor’s note: Monkey Matters is now free on line and no longer comes in a hard copy. Thank you for your interest, and we hope you enjoy it.)

Dear Monkey Matters,

I want to buy a young monkey to raise and keep in Miami, FL. I would be interested in any suggestions as to what species you suggest and any information you may have about where I can make the actual purchase. I would appreciate this very much seeing as to how I don’t know very much about monkeys.

Sincerely, Michael

(Editor’s note: Although we do not recommend specific breeders, we do recommend doing your homework on primate species before considering a purchase and educating yourself as much as possible through our recommended list of books. There’s a big difference in size and behavior between a 2 pound male squirrel monkey and a 30-50 pound male macaque.)

Dear Monkey Matters,

I just found your website. Oh my God. It is beautiful. I’m still looking around on it The magazine is absolutely beautiful! GREAT JOB,

Connie

P.S. I’m workin’ on a story.

# **Brat Of The Month "Cassy"!**

*Mischief in progress, this photo of a 3 1/2 year old white faced capuchin, (Cebus capucinus), "Cassy" is from monkey mom Kathy of Florida..*



I would like to share with you a recent trip I had to South Carolina with my three year old capuchin. Like always when I travel with "Cassy", I took a portable ferret cage that is about 4 feet tall. I had to attend a seminar, so my girlfriend came along to watch my kids and enjoy the beach while I was in class.

My son Chris went up to the hotel room to check on Cassy and she had figured out how to disassemble the cage and she had gone into the bathroom and got into my cosmetics! When he went into the bathroom, there was Cassy looking in the mirror and putting my red lipstick on--she had lipstick stains on her face for a couple of days

afterwards! She had taken my liquid makeup and unscrewed the top and went over to the trash can and poured it all in the can. She took all of the toilet paper off of the roll and put it in the toilet!

**At three years of age, Cassy has now learned how to take everything apart, open child-proof bottles, take her leash and collar off and, with the exception of padlocks, undo all types of locks.**

Needless to say, my girlfriend wasn't too happy with her. When she tried to get her, Cassy ran out the glass door out onto the balcony and my girlfriend said for a split second, she was hoping

she would jump! I guess Cassy decided it was too far to jump so she came back inside and had to spend the rest of the trip in her pet carrier.

Cassy has now learned how to take everything apart, open child-proof bottles, take her

*(Continued on next page)*

(Continued from previous page)

leash and collar off and undo all types of locks. The only thing she can't undo is a padlock, so I have to padlock her leash on and padlock the sides and top of her portable cage so she can't disassemble it,

Cassy also has a Shis Tzu puppy that is 10 months old and they play really well together. However, Cassy hates it when Cookie gets groomed and comes home with a bow--it isn't long and Cassy has it out. Cassy also laughs at Cookie when she gets shaved. For these reasons, I think Cassy should be Brat Of The Month!.....☐

(See Cassy in the artist's corner on page 17.)



1. Here's the world's happiest common marmoset (*Callithrix jacchus*), "Mick", shown smiling, as he eats a cooked shrimp. Mick has his own habitat, but also loves running loose in the house during the day. 2. & 3. Here's a stretched out Mick lounging under his sun lamp. Notice the beautiful banded tail. Common marmosets are also called "cotton eared marmosets". (Photos of Mick from monkey Mom & Dad, Harriet and Kevin P.).....☐

**More 'Mick' Pix!!**



## Housing - Cage Furniture!



*Adult squirrel monkey "Abby" stops to enjoy an insect in a summertime outdoor habitat.*

**Summertime is the perfect time.....**for your monkey to enjoy an outdoor habitat, no matter what part of the country you live in. But remember.....

- Even large spaces can be boring without "cage furniture".
- If you haven't yet tried garden hose as perchways for small monkeys, now is the time! Fold the ends of the garden hose over and fasten with a nut and eyebolt. Clip the end up to a cage wall or all the way up to the cage roof.
- Garden hose can be used for any monkey who does not chew it. That includes some capuchins, guenons, macaques and spiders. Some monkeys, if they have their full canine teeth will chew into it. Most monkeys who have their canine teeth reduced will not.
- Garden hose is easy to wash off. Spray the hose and then run a damp cloth with bathroom cleanser over it, then rinse.

*(Continued on next page)*

(Housing, continued from page 4)

☑ Hanging plants make excellent way-stations for small, lithe monkeys like marmosets, tamarins, owls and squirrels.....☐

## Gardening For Monkey Lovers!

☑ To make a natural looking basket like the one squirrel monkey Abby is sitting in, buy a large bag of sphagnum moss, potting soil and a wire basket with a wire hanger. Pick out a nontoxic plant like a rabbit's foot fern (seen in basket) or spider plant. Soak the sphagnum moss and pack in a layer lining the basket. Fill with potting soil and your plant, water and hang! When the rabbit's foot fern is mature, it will send fronds out through the sides of the basket as well.....☐



## Monkey Factoids!

1. Temper tantrums are performed by infant and juvenile chimpanzees (great apes). The chimp will scream loudly, leap into the air with its arms overhead or hurl itself to the ground, writhing and sometimes hitting itself against objects. Temper tantrums in connection with weaning have been described in infant baboons and langurs.

2. Temper is displayed in more subtle forms in most infant and juvenile monkeys. When walking on a leash, a juvenile mona guenon, who wanted to go in the opposite direction, laid

(Continued on page 14)

Monkey problems?! Monkey solutions?! Any topic!! For answers call (800) 796-7363, ext. 1100146 and leave a clear voice message with your name, the nature of your question, phone number and best time to call you back collect.



**Q**

**Bathing & marmosets?.....**

Dear Monkey Helpline,  
My male marmoset has started to look a little oily. Do marmosets need to be bathed on a regular basis?

**A**

No, marmosets do not need to be bathed by immersion. Immersion in water is not a natural behavior in the wild as it is for monkeys like the Java macaque. Most marmosets are stressed by sink or tub bathing. One method of cleaning them is to use a piece of a washcloth dipped in warm water. Be methodical and explain what you are doing. Say hands when you wash the hands, tail when you wash the tail, and so on. Start small with the easiest to handle body part and add more each time. Make sure to praise your marmoset as he cooperates and reward him with a mealworm, grape or other healthful treat when done!

chlorides, gasses, inorganic minerals and other carcinogenic substances.

Well water is suspect also. The EPA tested water in private wells in Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska and South Dakota and found one quarter of the well water excessively high in nitrates. Across the country, the EPA found half the water in private wells excessively high in nitrates (which act as carcinogens in your monkey's body).

Lead, which impairs health and behavior, is a major problem in water. Sixty three different pesticides have been found in ground water by the EPA.

If you want to find out more about the water in your area, contact a lab to test it or in the USA, contact the EPA hotline in your state or city.

Monkey foods such as formula should also be prepared with bottled or purified water.

**Q**

**Bottled or tap water?.....**

Dear Monkey Helpline,  
I have my new squirrel monkey set up with a small animal water bottle like the ones used for hamsters. Should I use bottled or tap water. The tap water here is drinkable.

**A**

Bottled water or water purified with activated carbon filters, reverse osmosis or distillation is preferable for your monkey's good health. Normal tap water is loaded with chemicals, pesticides,

**Q**

**Monkeys who pout over time out.....**

Dear Monkey Helpline,  
When I put my capuchin youngster in time out, he pouts and won't come out when his time is up. What should I do?

**A**

If you have a soft heart, it is hard to deal with monkeys who react with pitiful behavior. But remember that monkeys (like humans and dogs)

*(Monkey Helpline continued on next page)*

*(Monkey Helpline continued from page 8)*

are great manipulators. A lot of times, they know us better than we know ourselves. They know HOW to push our buttons and WHICH BUTTONS to push. A monkey knows whether or not his human caretaker is A SOFT TOUCH!. If so, of course he will tend to take advantage. Pouting and looking pitiful after time out is a great way to do this.

If you feel your monkey is genuinely upset over being placed in time-out for 3 minutes, try 30 seconds the next time and work up to 60 seconds, then 90 seconds, etc. You can even use a stopwatch or a timer with a bell. In any case, he will adjust and come to understand that time-out is a consequence, a non-injurious interruption in his day that happens when he bites. A consequence is different than a punishment, which is done with a mean spirit and intent to harm or punish. Unlike punishment, time out is a form of problem solving that will not change the posi-

tive aspects of your monkeys personal-ity. Make sure you give your monkey his time-out with a neutral, matter-of-fact attitude, rather than an angry, punishing one.

Unless your monkey receives a logical consequence (time-out) for biting or other aggressive behaviors, he gets away with it. "Getting away with" biting is a built in reinforcer. He WILL continue the behavior. The behavior WILL GET WORSE! Other accidental reinforcers include laughing or playing with your monkey immediately after he bites or nips.

Behavior modification with time out is the best method to date of working

*(Continued on next page)*



## A wet guenon

*shakes like a dog and licks like a cat.....Three year old mona guenon "Sasha" is fresh out of the shower and ready to dry outside on a warm day.....*



(Monkey Helpline continued from page 8)



So just hang in there. Time out is really such a gentle form of “tough love”. Don’t respond to his pitiful looks. Tell him, “The door is open now. Your time-out is over. You can come out whenever you want to and be a good boy.” Return to affectionate interactions, as well as praise for good behavior after time-out.

Remember that time-out works on your monkey’s thinking and behavior over a long period of time. You will have testing behaviors and ups and downs but over the course of time, you will see improvement. Time out, as well as providing daily bonding time and a happy environment (spacious housing, a good diet, enrichment, etc.) should allow you to keep an enjoyable interactive relationship with your capuchin monkey.....☐

with a monkey’s difficult behaviors. The anxiety and discomfort he will ultimately go through, as a pet monkey, will last him a lifetime if his aggression puts him in a position to be permanently exiled from human interaction.

## In Loving Memory Of.....



The best cat ever, “TC”, monkey cat par excellence, who would sit patiently while being groomed by white-faced capuchin “Heidi”, (top left), who would just sit companionably looking out the window beside spot-nosed guenon “Molly” (bottom left), and who was loved dearly by Samantha the black spider monkey, who carried him in the prehensile end of her tail when he was too young to leave his mother and who mourned his passing by screeching inconsolably for several hours.....(Photo from CC)

## One Of My Special Angels



I've been very blessed in my life with beautiful children and grandchildren but never in my wildest dreams did I expect to have something so special and life changing happen to me. As I was watching a local TV station one day (because of the pet's that they featured during commercials) I saw the most amazing face looking up at the camera; she seemed to be looking directly into my soul. Puddin' (a black-capped capuchin, *Cebus apella*), just happened to live in the same city that I did, I started watching day and night for another glimpse of her and told my husband that someday she would be mine; I had dreams of her for months.

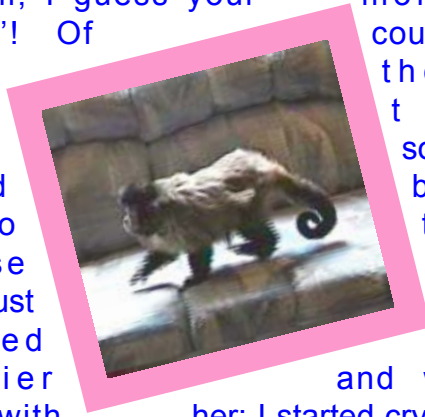
I left my house one day to pick my youngest son up from kindergarten and as I pulled out of my driveway, directly across the street from my house sat Puddin' and her then mama under a tree waiting for a bus; as I slammed the brake on my heart was about to pound



of my chest. I could only talk a few minutes so as not to be late for my son; but long enough to find out Puddin' was for sale, get a phone number, and begin the process of talking my husband into another "child". Never in my wildest dreams had I seen anything so beautiful and I knew that God had

meant to bring us together; my heart melted every time I looked into her eyes. It took a short time to convince everyone involved how much we needed each other but I finally got my point across; it was plain to everyone that no one was going to get any peace until I got my baby!

I only had her about ten days when I had to go grocery shopping and as much as I hated it I put her in her carrier while I reluctantly went to the store; I had no large cage for her because she had the run of the house. When I returned home my husband was standing in the driveway and greeted me with ' Well, I guess your monkey's gone'! Of course my first thought was that someone broken the



head into house had just picked up her carrier and walked out with her; I started crying and ran for the house, and as I entered my grief turned to anger as I saw her carrier sitting right where I had left it except for an open door.

I looked at my husband and asked what was going on? He had this look of shame on his face and said ' well, she looked so sad in the carrier '; is there anywhere in the house she might hide?

By this time I was screaming at him, "I've had her less than two weeks; how would I know.?"

About this same time I noticed the back door open and asked if he'd been outside, to which he answered ' only for a minute '. The search was on--to neighbor's doors to ask if I could look in their backyard for my monkey

(Continued on the next page)



(Continued from previous page)

(lots and lots of strange looks).

After about two hours of searching, crying, and yelling at my husband I heard the

birds way at the

end of the block making lots of noise, I again went to the end of the block and watched the birds for a few minutes. About fifty feet, right at the top of a huge pine tree I saw something white moving around; I climbed over a six foot fence into a backyard to get a better look and to my delight there was my baby sitting in the top of the tree.

Now should I call the fire department and ask them to come and get my baby out of the tree?? What to do!! I'm terrified of heights but I was afraid all the fuss would scare her; so I climbed up on another fence and just started calling, ' Puddin'; mama's here honey, come to mama ', at which point she started talking back to me and slowly started working her way down the tree. It took her a while because she had a small waist leash on and she would stop to move it out of her way, I was crying and talking and she was talking back until I could finally reach way up and she jumped into my arms.



Of course daddy was in big trouble (even though he was trying to be nice to her he was never quite brave enough to open her carrier again, even

when I was home).

I cannot imagine what my life would be like without her; even though the son I was going to pick up that day now has a beautiful daughter about the age he was then.

Puddin'



a l w a y s likes to get her own yogurt out of the fridge herself, brushes my hair, puts clippies and bobbypins on the hair on her own wrist to show me how smart she is; she writes for me and then turns the pencil over and erases what she wrote, and brushes her pretty teeth. Puddin' has surely been a special angel in my home and I wish that everyone could have as much love in their lives as I been blessed with.

I think that your magazine is absolutely beautiful and hope that you will allow us to be a part of it. Thank you so much for all the hard work that I know you must put into something so wonderful and allowing all of us to be a part of it; I really look forward to all of the wonderful stories of other babies and their homes.....☐ (Connie & Puddin')

### Warning: Nature Walking Monkeys.....

Spot poison ivy and poison oak when out on a walk or tree climbing expedition with your monkey. Some monkeys are NOT allergic to it, but you don't want to take a chance. If it's green and it has five leaves, even if it's Virginia Creeper, play it safe and keep your monkey out of it.....☐

# Cinnamon, Diabetes & Your Monkey!

**C**innamon (*Cinnamomum zeylanicumom*) is the bark of tropical evergreen trees of the laurel family. True cinnamon, also called Ceylon cinnamon, is native to Sri Lanka, an island off the southern coast of India.

Both cinnamon and cassia, a coarser bark from the *Cinnamomun cassia* plant, grow in warm rainy parts of the world, Sri Lanka, southern India (macaques), Brazil (many New World monkeys) and Indonesia (macaques), all areas where monkeys are native. Cassia is found in Indonesia (macaques), China, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam (where macaques and Douc langurs live). Cassia has a strong sweet-spicy flavor. True cinnamon is sweet and woody tasting, less robust and more delicate than cassia.

In the US cassia and cinnamon have been lumped together as flavorings and

in research. Cinnamon is an important source of oleoresins. Medicines and antibacterial products contain cinnamon bark.

Recent data shows the benefits of cinnamon in helping to keep blood sugar levels even. Cinnamon is now considered an aid to helping prevent Type II diabetes. This is important news for diabetes prevention monkeys, many of whom are prone to becoming Type II diabetic.

Try adding sprinkles of cinnamon to your monkey's food.....to monkey chow (dry or

soaked), to oatmeal or oatbran cereal, to peanut butter, apple slices, to cooked vegetables like squash and to yogurt and even to cooked ground meats like dark meat turkey.

Also, cinnamon sticks can make good monkey carry-around items and for monkeys who like to use their mouths, they double as chew sticks.....☐



**Along with correct diet and weight management, cinnamon is now considered an aid to helping prevent Type II diabetes. Just a sprinkle a day is a healthful addition to your monkey's diet.**

.....  
*(Monkey Factoids Continued)*

on the ground and refused to move. Capuchins often scream to show temper but this behavior continues into adulthood.

**3.** A chimpanzee who has been attacked by a higher ranking individual or that has been unable to obtain food due to the presence of a social superior, may react by chasing after, threatening or actually attacking an individual subordinate to himself. This behavior is found in macaques, guenons, capuchins and other species. Such monkeys often “pick on” dogs, cats, as well as children and other humans he considers his social inferiors.....☐



## Do Monkeys Like Fireworks??

**C**olorful and exciting, surprising and explosive, the Fourth of July goes off in a series of pops and bangs. And pity the average monkey, who finds this experience unnerving rather than stimulating. And it doesn't help that most fireworks go off after dark, a spooky time anyway.

If fireworks are set off anywhere in your neighborhood, even if you and your monkey are ensconced safely inside a brightly lit house, soothing words are in order. Include your monkey's name in each reassuring phrase, "It's okay Chippy. It's okay." After while you might sound like a broken record, but that's what it takes for some-time two hours or more of the loud intermittent bangs.....☐

### *Java Faces.....*



The pensive face.....of Jo's Java macaque "Sofie", left and the relaxed Java macaque "Java", right, (Joie's Java macaque) show how similar and how different Java faces can be.

## Our Anthropomorphic Best...



"Please don't take me to the fire works Gramma!!"

Above, looks like Curious-George-look-alike "Sparky" has managed to talk Mom into letting him drive the new car!! (Photo from monkey mom Tammy)

## Q of The Month!

*How large do the average male guenon's canine teeth get when he is an adult age?*

*(Photo of 8 year old L'hoest's guenon by Marcia)*



**(Flip to the next page for the Question Of The Month answer!)**

# ARTIST'S

# CORNER



This drawing of a white-faced capuchin is entitled "Cassy The Monkey" (See Brat Of The Month, this issue).

The artist is Nicole Feith who is in the 8th grade! Thank you Nicole!.....☐

Artist's Corner: Submit your own drawing of a monkey--drawn in any style--or submit your monkey photos to be drawn by one of our artists--along with a few sentences of information to: Artist's Corner ♦ PO Box 80697 - MB181 ♦ San Diego CA 92138-0697 or to [ceecee@monkeymatters.com](mailto:ceecee@monkeymatters.com)

*(Question Of The Month, continued)*

## Answer!

*Male guenon's canine teeth are not only long but they are razor sharp on the back side, making them lethal weapons for adversaries and, if they are not reduced by a competent vet, for unsuspecting handlers! (Photo by Marcia)*





**A** pair of female macaques stick together with their youngsters. The young are cuddled, held and groomed. Mothers lip-smack when grooming. One infant plays with his mother's arm. (Photo from Cheng Wai Yin of Hong Kong)

## Socializing...

**G**olden fur shining in the sunlight, an urban dwelling macaque accepts a handout from a human friend in the streets of China. (Photo from Cheng Wai Yin).....□




---

### *Cool Rules For Monkeys Who Swim In Pools!*

■ Monkeys are subject to accidental drowning, even adult macaques who are good swimmers. So swimming monkeys should always be supervised. ■ Keep bit pool toys out of the pool, They might block the view of your monkey. ■ Keep pool chemicals locked away (this means with a padlock, which macaques can't open.). ■ Never allow your monkey to swim when there is thunder or lightening.. ■ Just in case, at least one adult family member should know CPR!.....□

# Enrichment

## Paper Sorting Anyone?!

"First dibs on the morning paper!"

Whether it's paper sorting or envelope opening, capuchins, macaques, guenons and other medium sized and large monkeys seem to love going through magazines, newspapers and junk mail.

First make sure that junk mail does not contain product samples! Then just make sure your monkey is not chewing on printed matter. Although monkeys can do this with no immediately apparent health consequences, inks are not meant for consumption and are not good for your monkey. (Photo of black-capped capuchin (*Cebus apella*) by Elaine.....□



## Monkey Around With A Summer Smoothie!

It's cold, monkeys love it and it's protein balanced to keep your monkey's blood sugar levels even!

- 1 ripe peach pitted and sliced
  - 1 cup berries
  - 1 T almonds
  - 2 t wheat germ
  - 1 scoop of sugar-free vanilla protein powder (like Jay Robb brand)
  - 4 ice cubes
- Blend till smooth. Find a monkey friend who's thirsty and enjoy!.....□

## World Of Primates:

Adult Baboons In Pairs!.....By ML



Funny in a cartoon but not so funny in real life.....Adult monkeys of all species (even hand-raised ones), tend to “gang up” to strategically attack third parties if the opportunity arises.....



## Brat Of The Year Contest!!

Enter and your monkey will win fame!  
Our "Brat Of The Year" contest was so popular, that we have decided to continue it! Winners are ongoing and every entry is a winner! Former "Brats" can enter and win again! Just write a one page story and include at least one clear photo! (Photo is of youngster "Jony", cinnamon capuchin with his human sister Mailie. Photo from Joie.) See Brat Jony in the next issue. Send all entries to:

Monkey Matters, PO Box 80697 MB 181,  
San Diego CA 92138-0697.....☐



## Mo' Monkeys!

A serious-faced cinnamon capuchin "Jony" plays Mr. Mom and gives his stuffed baby a dunk in the pool. (Photo by Joie)

Here's a self-dressing monkey who's got that show-off look on her face!! (Photo of juvenile mona guenon "Sasha" from Cee Cee)



See you again

on-line!!!

<http://www.monkeymatters.com>

An Open Letter To New Readers:

### **Mandatory Information!!**

■ Monkeys are social/emotional creatures with complex social/emotional needs. They are animals that require serious, well-educated caretakers. ■ Monkey care can be a rewarding and positive experience. Yet with improper understanding and precaution, some mature monkeys can be difficult or even dangerous to humans. ■ A fulfilling and enriched captive life-style can be offered to all primates. Yet receiving improper human care and precaution can be detrimental and/or life threatening to monkeys. ■ To an individual extent, monkeys change in their needs and behaviors at different life stages. They are subject to their own inherent traits, the effects of the environment(s) they have been raised in and whether or not they have a quality/bonded relationship with a human caretaker and/or other social animal. ■ Keeping captive monkeys in pairs or groups as adults requires knowledgeable and vigilant caretakers. Two or more monkeys in a social relationship can result in social benefits and stimulation or in social challenges, tension and aggression, which can be life threatening. ■ For pertinent information in addition to Monkey Matters, the Monkey Helpline is available. For personal experience plus referencing from dozens of primate books, write or call anytime (number inside) with your questions on behavior or care.....□



Monkey Matters'

### Primate Placement Service

For people who want help in placing (not selling) a cherished primate into a desirable, new home call: (800) 796-7363 (ext. 1100146) 24 hours a day.

Let us know the best time to call you back COLLECT.

Monkey Matters staff members have successfully placed a number of primates prior to officially starting our Primate Placement Service. We will continue to work with anyone who wants to place a primate up for adoption in deciding what type of home would best suit his or her individual primate's needs. **No money changes hands in a placement.** Where appropriate, we can recommend proper sanctuaries.

To adopt a primate, please contact us **by mail only** with your name, address, phone number, your years of experience with primates. List ages and types of primates, your vet's name (or name of one you plan to use), address and phone number.



- ◆ Your application will be kept on file.
- ◆ Due to volume of correspondence, no replies will be made to applications until a primate is available.....☐

#### Wanted!



- ★ Monkey Matters wants your monkey's "Mug Shots"!
- ★ Send your clearest ones! Original photos reproduce the best.
- ★ Please send extra copies that we can keep, if possible!

**Monkey Helpline Service:** If behavior is the problem, and you would still like to keep your monkey, please call our Helpline for possible solutions and problem solving skills.



Tel: (800) 796-7363, ext. 1100146



E-mail: [helpline@monkeymatters.com](mailto:helpline@monkeymatters.com)

Due to a change in editorial policy, we are currently not accepting ads.

Petition For Responsible Monkey Ownership

To Whom It May Concern, We, the undersigned, are directly concerned with ▲ the well-being of primates ▲ the education of private owners ▲ the rights of owners in each state to keep primates responsibly ▲ the rights of owners to be fairly regulated. Please keep our petition in favor of the fair private ownership of monkeys in your file. We support the right of citizens in every state to responsibly keep primates (as pet monkeys, as aviary monkeys, exhibitor monkeys, breeder monkeys and rescue monkeys) and our right to be fairly regulated. Where citizens have already lost their right to own monkeys, we support restoration of such rights.

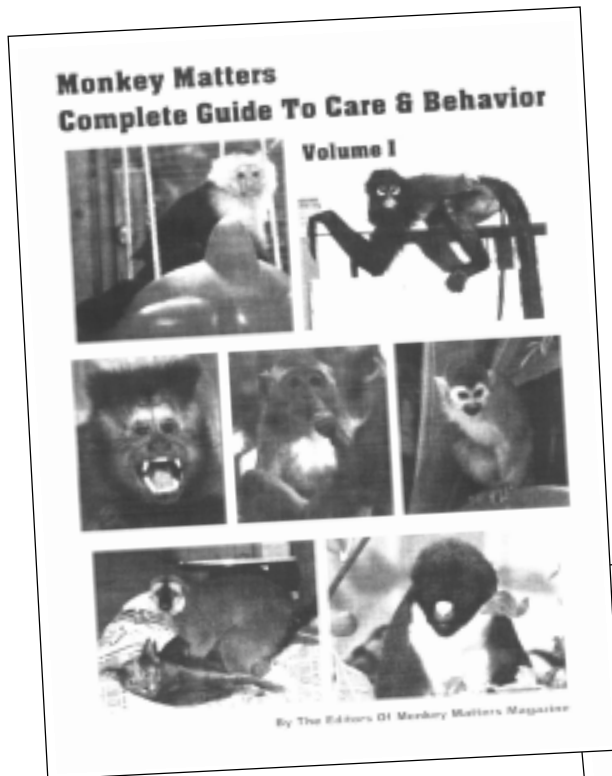
Name Printed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## Monkey Matters Complete Guide

### To Care & Behavior (Volumes 1 & 2) \$95.00

To have Monkey Matters Complete Guide sent as a gift, just add a note asking for a gift card and your order will be rushed!

- ▲ 900 pages with a color photo cover on each volume!
- ▲ Over 2000 illustrations & photographs!



- ▲ Includes the Monkey Matters caretaker evaluation chart (rate yourself as a monkey caretaker!)
- ▲ Has detailed chapter contents and an index for easy referencing!
- ▲ Includes chapters on understanding behaviors and on problem behaviors.
- ▲ Thoroughly researched descriptions of species behaviors, including helpful illustrations.
- ▲ A thorough guide to primate enrichment.
- ▲ A complete chapter on social enrichment.
- ▲ Unique and inspirational housing designs!

▲ To order the Monkey Matters Complete Guide To Care & Behavior:

The cost for both volumes is: \$85.00 + \$10.00 shipping & handling (insured UPS) or if you have a PO box address, (UPS does not deliver to PO boxes) the cost is \$12 for insured 3 day mail.

Send a check or money order to -  
 Monkey Matters (Book)  
 PO Box 80697 - MB 181  
 San Diego CA 92138-0697  
 (Please allow 6-12 weeks for delivery)

