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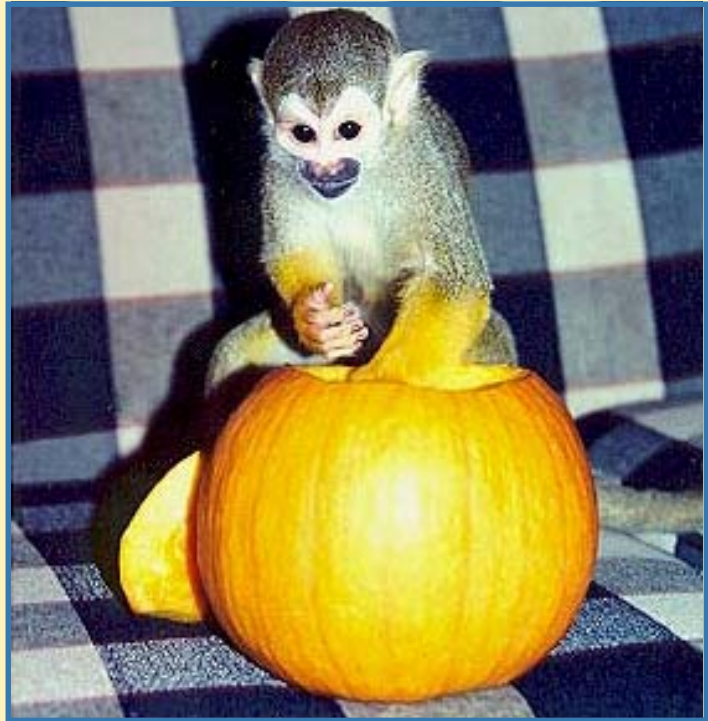
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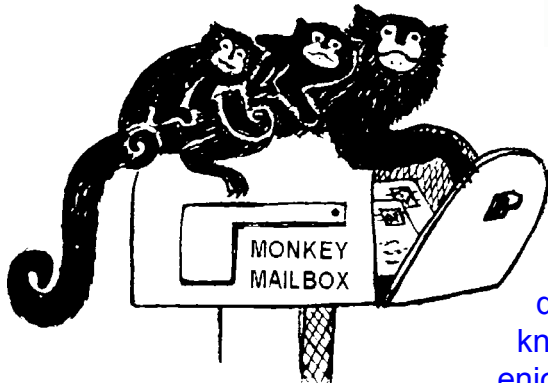
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MAILBOX

Dear Monkey Matters,

First of all I wanted to say THANKS FOR BEING THERE! Your site is a great source of inspiration and information. I have just gotten the two volume set and wanted to let you know how much I am really enjoying it, and I was wondering two things: 1) Is there an update in the works, if so when and how much? 2) Do you know when the online magazine will be updated, I really enjoy it also. Thanks again for all you do. Kevin

Editor's note: Thanks for your interest. A new magazine comes out roughly every two months.

Dear Monkey Matters,

Please can you help me? I live in France. I have a little squirrel monkey since 2 years, it's a female. She lives in the house with us. Since 2 weeks we have made a big cage outdoors to put Pepita when sun is here. But last week, she don't go into the cage but in the trees out of my house. During 3 days, I called her and she answered. She was in the tree at 300 meters of the house. I go to see her; she come on my hand but I can't catch her. Since then, I don't see her, when I call, I have no answer. It's difficult to see her because we live in a little village near the forest. If you have solutions, I await them. What can I do? Do you think she can return at home??? I'm sorry for my English and thank you.

Josiane

(Editor's note: Hi Josiane, Here are some things you can try:

- 1) Make a tape recording of your voice calling her. You can get a tape called "an endless loop". Leave that playing so she can hear your voice at any time even if she is in the dense vegetation.
- 2) Can you leave a door way or window open back into your house? If so, leave a trail of brightly colored food that she likes—slices of orange or banana or melon, etc., even candy. Although candy is not recommended for a part of a monkey's regular diet, it sometimes works to lure them back.
- 3) If she is really up high, put bright colored food out on the rooftop. If you can at least lure her back, then you have a chance to net her or catch her.
- 4) Try putting up notices and ads. It's worth doing. Someone else could find her.

We truly hope you find her. Please let us know if you do.)

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On The Cover

Here's the Kesterson's Java "Sam". Java macaques are known for their soulful eyes, long tails and light blue skin under their light colored fur. Wild living Javas, (AKA crab eating macaques), compete for their food with several species, including gibbons, leaf-monkeys, tree squirrels and other macaques. Macaques in the wild can often eat near one another in the same food source with little antagonism. This appears to be due in part to being out in the wide open spaces. In captivity macaques usually do not share eating areas well, with the dominant macaque chasing and threatening lesser macaques.....☐

Hanging Out!!



Jacob, king of the gumball machine....This young male white-faced capuchin is making a somewhat defensive face, which could lead to the open-mouthed threat face! He's probably protecting his gumball source!

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Hi Monkey Matters,

This message to say very very good news. We have find Pepita and she is at home now. We have find her after an ad in a shop. She was near a house, in a garden of a house closed for the holidays, When people come in the garden, they see her and call fireman, who call us. When we arrive, Pepita call to me. I have put some milk and banana and when she come on me after few minutes, my husband take her and put in his box. We hare very very happy and will be more careful for next time; we will try to put her in a little harness.

Thanks again for your help.
Josiane

(Editor's note: Dear Josianne, That is wonderful news! And how wonderful that you have an outdoor sunning cage for her.

If the harness doesn't work, consider using a waist belt for Pepita. Also consider constructing a simple wire tunnel from a window of your house to her outdoor cage so that she can move freely back and forth without risk of escape.)

Dear Monkey Matters,

Hello. My name is Natalie and I am interested in adopting a monkey. I currently have no other monkey species, but do have a variety of other exotic animals that were all taken in as rescues.

My vet specializes in all sorts of exotics, and works with primates at Utah's zoo. If there is any other information I can give you, please let me know.

Thanks, Natalie

Brats Of The Month Sheena & Jony!

By Mailie N.



Cinnamon capuchin Jony, left, and Java macaque Java, right, are playful companions.

Mom and I have been trying to decide, who is the biggest brat in our family? It is between Sassy Sheena (three quarters Java macaque, one quarter Rhesus) and Baby Jony (Cinnamon capuchin). Sheena is almost 4 years old and she likes to play, “Big Boss!” Sometimes she is very sneaky and quick to steal lots of things she should not! She stole my Mom’s new expensive prescription eye glasses, right off her face, and turned them into a pretzel! Her tiny little hands are too quick! My girl friend cried when Sheeny stole her gold chain and heart necklace and chewed it into a beautiful new design! She knows she is naughty, cause the minute she gets something, she runs around screaming and hiding! She likes to steal her older sisters food and acts like she should get everything! She won’t even let little Java sit on my moms shoulders! She is a very sassy talker and likes to scream, run, bang and scare everyone!

Jony is the youngest of our 4 monkeys! Mom brought him home when he weighed a tiny 7 ounces! Most of the weight was head and ears! Now he is 2 years old and he weighs 5 pounds! He is very fast and he is a number one escape artist! He loves to get out of his play area and trash our house! His favorite game is, “Push and Crash!” He runs upstairs and pushes all the appliances off the counter and onto the floor! He breaks much more things then Sheena! I love to chase Jony and catch him for Mom! He is a great jumper and has tricked me many times! Jony is a cute little crazy brat! Mom says she can’t decide who gets the “Brat Award” in our house! I say Jony wins cause I am the one who has to catch him and clean up the mess!.....□



Housing - Cage Fun!



Jony enjoys the perfect outdoor habitat. Believe it or not, monkeys are effected by and appreciate beautiful surroundings outside of their enclosures as well as in. (Photo of cinnamon capuchin Jony and his enclosure from monkey mom Joie).



GUEEDY

When I first got Guedo, (male spotted-nosed guenon), we lived at another house which had mature Mulberry trees all over the backyard. He loved to climb them and pick his own fruit and leaves. He made almost as big a mess with them as did the birds, but he loved doing it and the birds did too, so I just moved my patio furniture out of their

way and let them. Guedo would share the tree with the birds then, but later here at this house he chased them and would steal their eggs if he found a nest in his big tree.

We didn't have any fruit trees at this house until I planted the new orchard. It is just now bearing fruit so he never got to pick those for himself. The trees were too small to support his weight yet anyway. I would get apples, pears, raspberries, and



strawberries from Terri's (my daughter's house) and bring them home to him. Sometimes I would bring him flowers too, but I really didn't know which ones he liked. He would smell them all, but only eat some of them. Some must have been nasty because he would knock them out of my hand and let me know that I had offered him something not good.

He can get possessive about just anything. Sometimes he would decide

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that the couch he was sitting on was not for the cats to get on and would chase them off.

The funniest thing was, he had a bird cage which was on rollers which I put him in if I was trying to do something and couldn't watch him, but he could watch me that way and I could talk to him while I worked. He would shake it and make it roll from spot to spot and room to room, following me or going to see out a window, etc. He thought it was a great game.

He had started not liking to be out in the open yard outside. I thought he was afraid of the planes that flew over. Anyway he wanted back in the house and would run for the house and hang on the door knob trying to turn it to get back inside. Sometimes he would stay outside for a while if I would sit out there under his tree with him, but only for a few hours. Gueedy is my love, Jean.....☐

Is Someone Really Writing About.....

A Gross Subject Like "Monkey Stools" ??

◆ This is a comparison study between two adult white-faced capuchins eating the same diet for three days. The male has no teeth and the female has a full set of teeth.

◆ This article examines whether having no teeth can effect a monkey's digestion and health. How does a male monkey who eats with no teeth compare to a same-sized, same species female capuchin with a full set of teeth?

Both capuchins were fed the same daily diet of soft food:

- protein source: scrambled or hard boiled egg
- grain source: monkey chow soaked in 50% water and 50% juice
- fruit: soft fruit such as kiwi and red banana
- vegetables like soft cooked zucchini squash, butternut squash, corn, bell pepper, eggplant.

Remember the old saying: "Chew your food well. Your stomach doesn't have teeth!"

◆ The female capuchin tends to chew an equivalent bite of food several seconds longer than the male with no teeth. Chewing is important when digesting carbohydrate foods. Special enzymes found in the saliva mix with the starchy food and help the digestive process begin. Monkeys who gulp starchy food will not break it down or use it as well in the body. Remember the old saying: "Chew your food well. Your stomach doesn't have teeth!" In this comparison, it didn't take a laboratory analysis to see the difference.

◆ The most obvious difference between the two monkeys showed up in the stool. The female got a thumbs up for a well-formed stool of uniform texture and color. With the exception of corn skins, all foods appeared to have been pulverized by the teeth.

◆ The male got a thumbs down on stool texture as well as color. Laboratory testing

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of the male's diet, appeared whole in the stool.

◆ What are the implications of undigested food in a monkey's stool? Among other problems, incomplete digestion can cause deficiencies. Although monkeys missing teeth may be aided by supplements and digestive enzymes, at a minimum, a monkey needs his back teeth left intact for food chewing. Without them his digestion and health will be compromised.....□

.....
FIND THE MONKEY I had commented before on how I like to look at things and figure them out. One of my self-questions, had been "How come the squirrel monkey is colored that brownish-orangy-gray with the blatant orange hands and feet?" I had answered my own question in a previous article for Monkey Matters, commenting that when my adult common squirrel monkey Amber was high up in a tree, she was so well hidden because of her coloring and even the orange, mimicked bits of sunshine filtering down through the tree tops. Her long tail with the black tip and brown-gray flecks disguises as a tree branch. I took a more recent picture and when reviewing it, I thought, "Why did I take this bleak picture of our apple tree in winter?". Then I looked closely and saw that Amber was in the tree. She was so well camouflaged I didn't even notice her at first. (Although at the time I took the picture, I was taking it of her, not the tree). So much for my memory! (Dani M.).....□



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.



Bushbaby longevity.....

Q

Dear Monkey Helpline,

I hope I'm doing everything right. Duke says bushbabies live 18 years, but mine seem to go to about 12, so something's lacking there. Any suggestions?

A

An examination of the diet is the best place to start where longevity is concerned. Make sure your bushbabies are getting quality protein from cooked poultry or eggs and a complete source of all vitamins and minerals. Monkey chow is helpful but doesn't contain "extras" like photo nutrients found in produce like broccoli, yams, carrots, tomato, etc.

Are your bushbabies getting gums (a special fiber they consume in the wild) and essential fatty acids in their diet? Carob contains gum and the powder can be used in water to soak dry chow (see Nutrition, this issue). It is good tasting. Guar gum is another easy-to-find gum that is neutral tasting, beneficial and comes in powder or capsules at a health food store. Flax seed oil and borage oil can also be added for essential fatty acids. Flax seed meal, ground, can also be sprinkled on soaked chow for fiber and fatty acids. Taste all oils and flax seed meal yourself before using. They should be refrigerated and are sometimes old already rancid. Flax oil in particular is good tasting if fresh

Q

Dear Monkey Helpline,
I'm interested in buying a

macaque but I want one that stays in clothes. Which type of macaque could you recommend? Thanks, Cindy

A

Dear Cindy,

Most macaques you see in clothes are infants or youngsters. If dressing is made the number one issue with monkeys, often more vital issues, such as bonding, trust and dominance earned through kind firmness, fall by the way side. The issues with most macaques (as with other species) remains, whether they will be handleable at all in maturity.

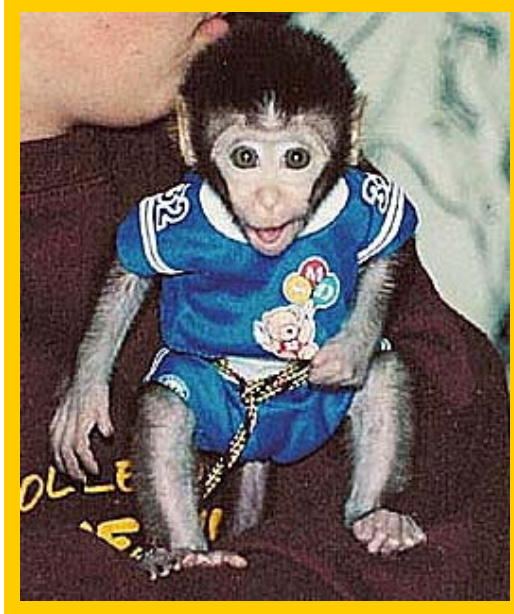


(Photo of infant macaque in a vest from Sharon)

Trick-or treat.....

(All dressed up with someplace to go?)

(Photos from Sharon)



Tricks are definitely better than treats for monkeys, especially infants like this Java macaque, left.

Even if you don't understand why, please believe that sugary sweets will undermine your monkey's health in the long run!



If you really want to celebrate the spirit of the season, and get traditional, remember that wild-living monkeys thrive on "treats" spiders, crickets and meal worms!



A monkey's best treats in civilization? Stick with seeds, nuts and some fresh fruit wedges. And don't forget to order a fresh batch of meal worms every now and then! (middle photo of adult black-capped capuchin, lower left photo of a young black cap.).....□

Protein Balanced Pumpkin Zucchini Bread For Monkeys.....& You!

Ingredients

1 cup unsweetened apple sauce
 3/4 cup pumpkin
 3/4 cup shredded peeled zucchini
 3/4 cup orange juice concentrate
 1/4 C fructose (optional)
 1/2 cup eggs
 1 1/2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
 1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
 1 1/2 C soy flour
 1 1/2 C oat bran
 1/2 C oats
 1 Tbls. baking powder
 1/2 tsp. baking soda
 1/2 tsp. salt (optional)

Directions

In a bowl combine the first 8 ingredients. Combine flour, oat bran, oats, optional fructose, baking powder, baking soda and salt; and add to wet mixture. Pour into two greased and floured 8x4x2 inch loaf pans. Bake at 350* for 45 minutes or until bread tests done. Cool for 10 minutes; remove from pans to a wire rack to cool completely. Yield 2 loaves. (16 slices each) Nutritional

Preparation Time? 15 minutes



Monkeys see, monkey threw

In late September, three monkeys in Virginia hurled bananas and crab apples at cars on Interstate 95, then fled into the woods, police said.

Police believe the monkeys escaped while being taken to the state fair in Richmond or a circus in North Carolina.

State Trooper Mike Scott was flagged down Sunday by a driver who had pulled over near Jarratt. "When I walked up to the car, it looked like a banana had been smeared on the side," Scott said.

The woman told him a monkey had thrown the fruit about a mile back. "I started laughing," Scott said. But he drove to the scene of the attack and found a van and a station wagon on the side of the highway.

"A man said, 'I know this sounds crazy, but a monkey threw an apple at our car,'" Scott said.

Just then, something hit the van.

"Lo and behold there were three brown monkeys in an oak tree throwing crab apples," Scott said.

The primates jumped down, ran across the highway and escaped into more trees.....□

*It's true.....A few of our close cousins,
the gorillas.....*



who live in the Washington Zoo, always celebrate the season with fresh pumpkins. One greedy male puts a pumpkin under each arm, one in his mouth, one between his legs and one in each hand. Ah, if only apes had prehensile tails. This greedy guy could get a least one more.....☐

Getting Smart About Antibiotics

THE BUGS ARE BEATING THE DRUGS



■ The problem is antibiotic resistance.....and it can affect your monkey! Some kinds of bacteria and germs that can make people sick are becoming resistant to antibiotics designed to kill or slow them down. This means that the bugs are winning the war against drugs! When an antibiotic cannot kill the bacteria causing the infection, the bacteria multiply causing even more serious disease.

ANTIBIOTICS ARE OVER-USED IN VETERINARY MEDICINE TOO

■ Whether in monkeys or in humans, antibiotic resistance is considered among the world's most pressing public health problems.

■ Antibiotic resistance is a complex, long term problem: Too many antibiotics are prescribed and given to patients who don't really need them.

■ Often a veterinarian with good intentions will give antibiotics to a monkey, especially infants like the baby white-faced capuchin above, when the cause of the problem is not clear. That is, the monkey has symptoms, the owner is worried and antibiotics won't hurt the monkey in the short run.

■ In human medicine 40% of the antibiotics prescribed are unnecessary--wasted on trying to treat viral illness. Antibiotics do not work against viruses.

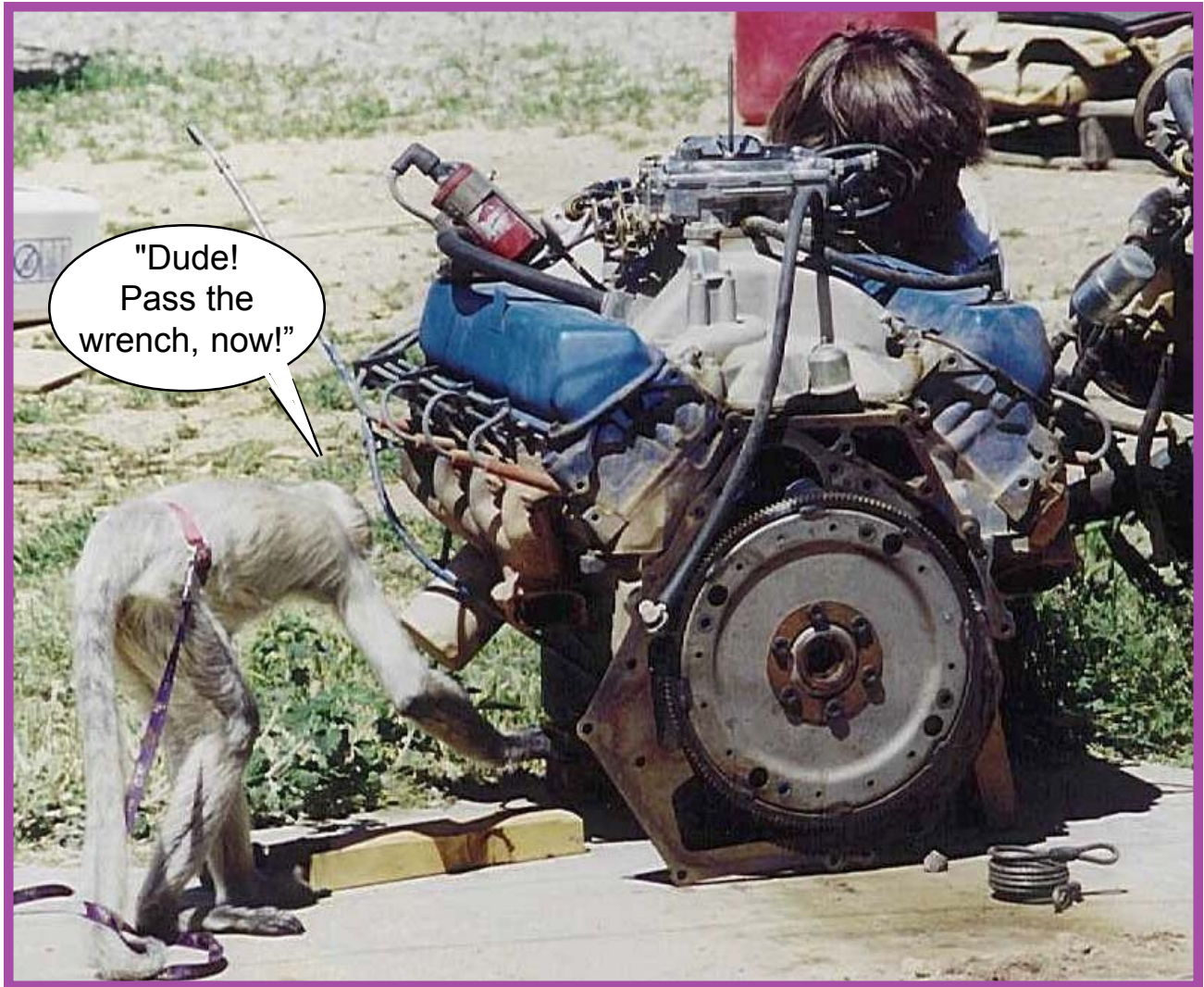
USE ANTIBIOTICS CORRECTLY

■ When you use antibiotics for your monkey, use them correctly.

■ Antibiotics are for bacterial infections only. Do not pressure your doctor to prescribe antibiotics for your monkey if the monkey has a cold, cough or flu. Ask about other ways to relieve your monkey's symptoms.

■ Give your monkey the prescribed antibiotic at the prescribed dose until it is gone. Don't use it just till the monkey's symptoms are gone. Don't try to save some for next time. Photo of baby white-faced capuchin from Sharon).....□

Our Anthropomorphic Best...



Spider monkey/motor cycle mechanic "Zak" with his human dad !! (Photo from the Kestersons.)

Q of The Month!

How many fingers does the spider monkey have?

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



ARTIST'S

CORNER

This painting of a white-faced capuchin (*Cebus capucinus*) by a naturalist depicts a capuchin that is thinner in size than most captive living whitefaces. The capuchin monkey has a “semi-prehensile tail”, which it uses to curl around branches or cage bars mainly for anchoring.....☐

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

(Question Of The Month, continued)

Answer!



The spider has four fingers. Rarely, some have a trace of a thumb present. The fingers are long so that they easily hook on branches for brachiating.



White-faced capuchin 'Heidi' socializes with her human dad. Heidi loves men of all ages

Java macaque "Sofie" smooches with dog friend (Photo from Jo Greene).....□

Socializing....



Enrichment

Edible Fun For Monkeys: Carob Pods & Powder

The Carob Tree

The Carob tree, *Ceratonia siliqua*, produces an edible bean pod that a lot of monkeys like. The seeds in the pod are edible too.

Also known as "the Egyptian fig", the pods were eaten in 4 BC Greece. Carob pods can be eaten when green and fresh for their natural sweetness or, for monkeys with tough teeth, when dried and dark brown.

The carob tree is a member of the legume (pea) family and it grows in temperate areas like California and Florida. It is a large tree and grows slowly to about 45 feet high. It produces no fruit for the first 15 years of its life, but will fruit well into its old age. A large tree can produce one ton of beans in a harvest.

The carob tree flowers in September and October. The flowers on female carob trees must be pollinated by pollen from the male trees. Developing carob pods have the appearance of green broad beans but they turn a dark glossy brown with maturity. They are between 4" and 10" long and weigh 0.75 to 1.5 oz.. The pods contain four series of oval holes, each bearing a seed like a watermelon seed.

The seeds are then processed to produce locust bean gum (ceratonia or carob bean gum). This is a natural product used as a gelling agent. Many primate species (guenons, marmosets, tamarins, pottos, etc.) eat natural gums in the wild so carob is an excellent addition to their captive diet.

An oil called algaroba is extracted from the carob seeds to be used for medicinal purposes.

The carob tree still produces crops in times of drought and famine, so is an excellent tree for naturalized monkey colonies.

How to feed monkeys carob:

Carob powder, as a gum, helps regulate the digestive system and helps curb common diarrhea. Carob powder is mixed with mashed bananas or apple sauce as a remedy for diarrhea. The powder can also be mixed with sweet potatoes. Whole carob pods should be taken with plenty of water.

Nutritional Information Whole carob pods are 80% protein and contains vitamins A, B, B2, B3 and D. It is also high in calcium, phosphorus, potassium and magnesium and contains iron, manganese, barium, copper and

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nickel. However, it should of course only be eaten in moderation alongside a balanced diet. It has no oxalic acid which prevents the body using calcium and zinc.

Active constituents: The main constituents of carob are large carbohydrates (sugars) and tannins. The sugars make carob gummy and able to act as a thickener to absorb water and help bind together watery stools. Tannins from carob, being water insoluble, do not bind proteins as some tannins do. Carob tannins do bind to (and thereby inactivate) toxins and inhibit growth of bacteria, both of which are beneficial when it comes to treating diarrhea. Dietary fiber and sugars may make food more viscous in the stomach.

In Conclusion: Try adding a small amount of powdered carob to your primate's diet or for hands on enrichment, try to obtain the pod....



Adult white-faced capuchin "Heidi" with marbled Bengal kitten.

World Of Primates:

Crop raiding vervets!.....By MI



Monkeys like these African vervets are known for raiding crops like corn, citrus, potatoes and anything they find good to eat.....

Brat Of The Year Contest!!



Enter and your monkey will win fame (notoriety?) !

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 a spot-nosed guenon. Send all entries to this website or: Monkey Matters, PO Box 80697 MB 181, San Diego CA 92138-0697.....☐



Mo' Monkeys!

Trick-or-treat is serious business when you're about to have a treat! Lucy the squirrel monkey, left, is about to open her Halloween pumpkin and dig for seeds. (Photo from monkey dad Rob)

It's October 31! The suspense is building.....The spooks are out.....So..... be on the lookout for masked monkeys like juvenile mona guenon "Sasha"! (Photo of mona guenon from Cee Cee)

See you again online!!!

<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.



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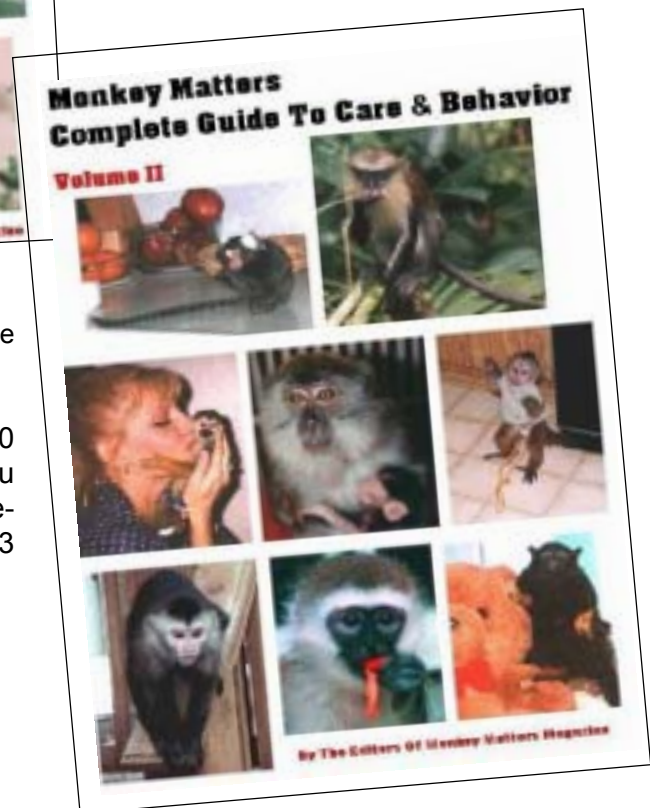
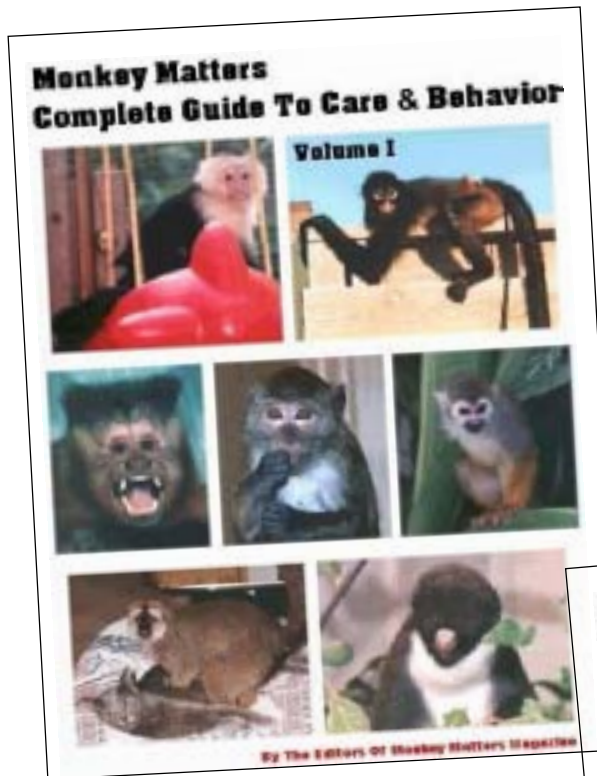
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