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See "Odd Species In Pairs"

(Photo of white-faced capuchin Heidi with pet kittens)



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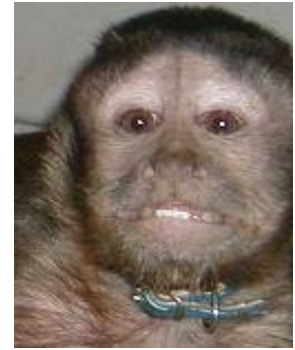
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Monkeys In Pairs

Black-Capped Capuchin Behavior



Trixie is a two year old black capped capuchin (*Cebus apella*), who lives with five year old male black cap called Jack. They share an indoor/outdoor chainlink cage with a view of several other monkeys.

“Half the time, Trixie doesn’t know I’m watching her,” says her monkey mom Gail. I see her through the window playing with her toys.” Gail says that the concrete floor of Trixie’s cage is sloped so that it will drain properly when it’s hosed Trixie uses this to her advantage when she plays with her toddler sized three wheeled motorcycle toy. She pushes the motorcycle to the top of the slope, hops on and rides down to the other side. Then she pushes it back to the top and rides down again.” (There are plenty of two and three year old kids who can’t occupy themselves so well!)

But when the motor cycle flips over, Trixie behaves like a monkey again. She shoves it, picks it up, then shakes it and throws it up against the chainlink cage wall! (How’s that for punishment?!) Gail says that Trixie is not angry when she reprimands her bad motor cycle. Just matter of fact! After the “dressing down” the motor cycle is forgiven. She pushes it up to the top of the slab again for another ride.

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Macaque Monkey Busted.....

A biting monkey is handcuffed at the police station in the Chinese port city of Tianjin, southeast of Beijing, after it bit two people at a market Sunday. Police said they are looking for a suitable new home for the detainee. (See story on Monkey Matters website)



There is no doubt that Trixie appreciates her toys, especially those that can be ridden. Her other favorite toy is the Little Tykes brand red airplane swing. It's a heavy duty swing that can stand up to monkey wear and tear. Trixie will sit and swing and swing in it. Gail looked in to find that Trixie had a passenger. After all the time he's spent on the sidelines, Jack finally decided to climb in. Little Trixie sat in the front (in the driver's seat) and big Jack sat scrunched in behind her (back seat driver). Who says an old dog (monkey) can't learn new tricks?

Jack has his favorite toys also. At the top of his list is a red plastic baseball bat. Not a baseball player,

Jack has other ideas. He was thinking he could pick up the bat and whap Trixie with it. So he did! Ouch! Luckily the bat fit through the chainlink mesh. So Trixie decided to push it outside of the cage in order to curtail Jack's new sport. Jack reached out and got a hold of it. He pulled it right back in and took another swing at Trixie! The bugger! Trixie pushed it right back out of the cage again. So----Jack reached out and got it right back again.....You get the picture. They like each other.....but, hey, no relationship is perfect, right?

When is Jack most jealous of Trixie? When friend's come over to visit. He thinks they should look at him and only him--and not at Trixie. Of course Trixie feels just the opposite---and so it goes. All in all though the pair enjoy each other's company and get along really pretty well.....☐



The Squirrel Monkey Versus The Orangutan



BIG HAIRY APE (JUVENILE ORANGUTAN, ABOUT 35 POUNDS), HANGING BY HER FEET. ORANGUTANS REQUIRE THE HEAVIEST OF ROPES AND MATERIALS FOR THEIR ENCLOSURES. (ORANGUTANS, HOWEVER, ARE ENDANGERED AND CANNOT BE KEPT BY PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS.) LARGE PRIMATES REQUIRE MORE SPACE AND HIGHER COST OF HOUSING THAN MOST PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO OFFER.

LITTLE HAIRY SQUIRREL MONKEY “Abby” (ABOUT ONE POUND) HANGING BY HER FEET. SQUIRREL MONKEYS CAN LITERALLY CLIMB, HANG OR SWING FROM FLOWER VINES. ALTHOUGH THEY STILL DO BEST IN SPACIOUS HOUSING, SQUIRREL MONKEYS ARE MORE MANAGEABLE THAN MOST MEDIUM AND LARGE SIZED MONKEYS. FOR ONE THING, THEY LACK THE STRENGTH TO OPEN DOORS AND DRAWERS.....☐



Useful Products

By Christine

Powdered Electro Mix Versus Pedialyte

▶ Proper electrolyte balance is essential to your monkeys health. Monkeys sometimes become dehydrated when summer heat is excessive. They can also become dehydrated during an illness in which they suffer from vomiting or diarrhea.

▶ A powdered product called “**Electro Mix**” is available from Alcer Corp, Foothill Ranch CA 92610.

▶ **Electro Mix** comes in small packets, is easy to



Monkeys like young **vervet Sammy Sue** need electrolytes if they have had bouts of vomiting or diarrhea. (Photo from Jo Greene)

mix in small batches and additional packets can be easily saved for future use, unlike Pedialyte which expires within a certain time once opened.

▶ The biggest benefit to **Electro Mix** electrolyte replacement powder is that it comes in fruit flavors without the sugar found in Pedialyte....□

V.I.P.s VERY IMPORTANT PRIMATES!



★ The beautiful white-bearded De Brazza's guenon monkey is rare in captivity, however is occasionally sold as a pet. While most guenons are medium sized and slender bodied, the De Brazza's guenon is a taller monkey with a heavier build.

★ Although many guenon species associate with other monkey species in the wild, the De Brazza's does not....□

Page Turners For Kids!

What's the best way to take a bath? (Turn the page.....)



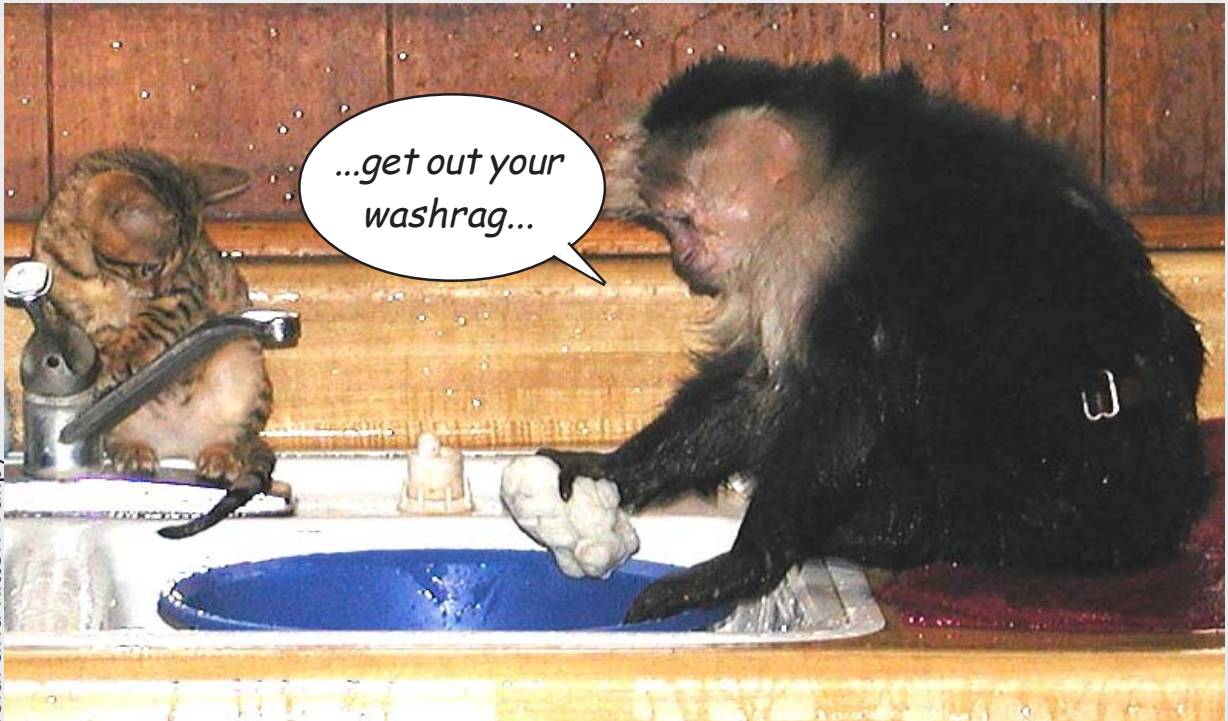
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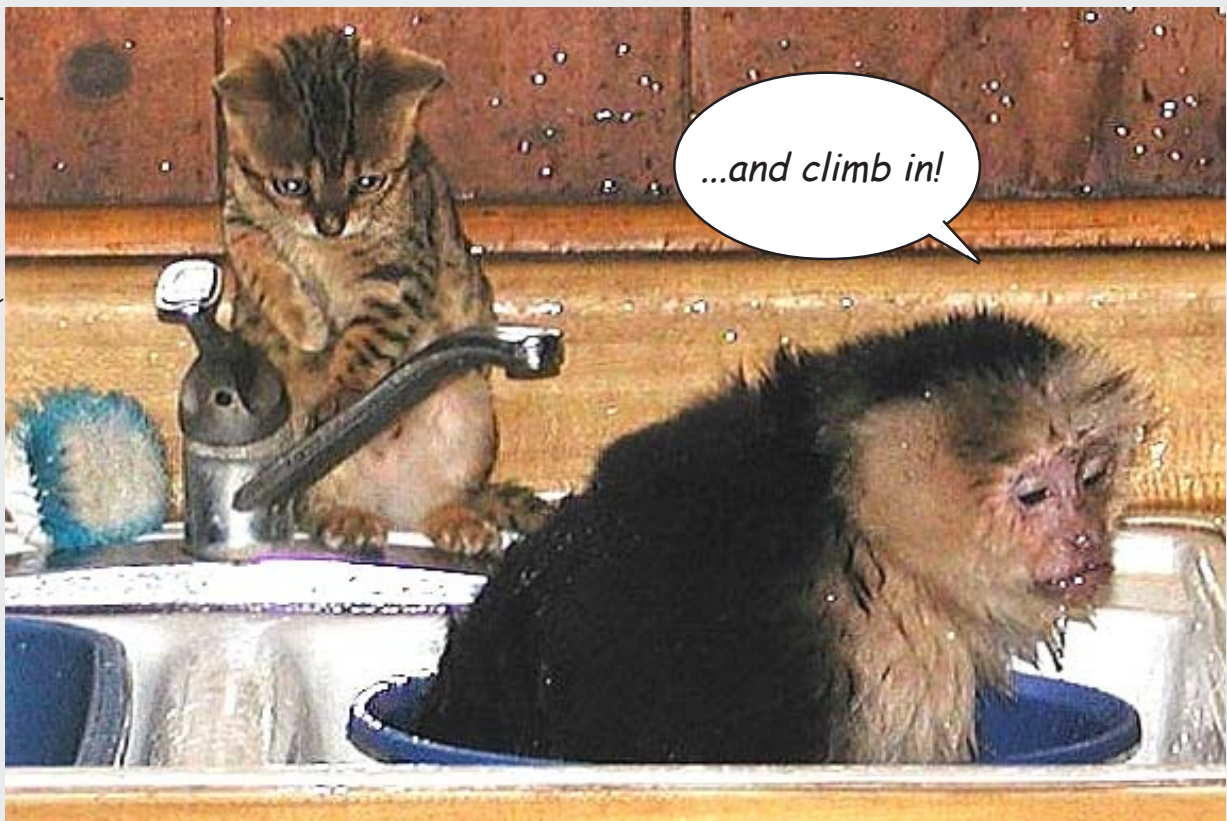


Here's multi-tasking black spider monkey Samantha, who is hanging, sunning and resting (eyes closed) all at the same. Since spider monkeys are one of the fortunate species that have a true prehensile tail, they can use it to help bear the burden of their body weight as they hang. In addition to their "fifth limb", as the prehensile tail is often referred to, most spider monkeys have long, four fingered hands which are good for grasping overhead limbs in climbing and brachiating (hand over hand movements) through the trees. Sam has her fingers hooked onto the overhead supports of her enclosure as she suns..... □

Page Turners For Kids!



(White-faced capuchin Heidi and kitten Tulip)

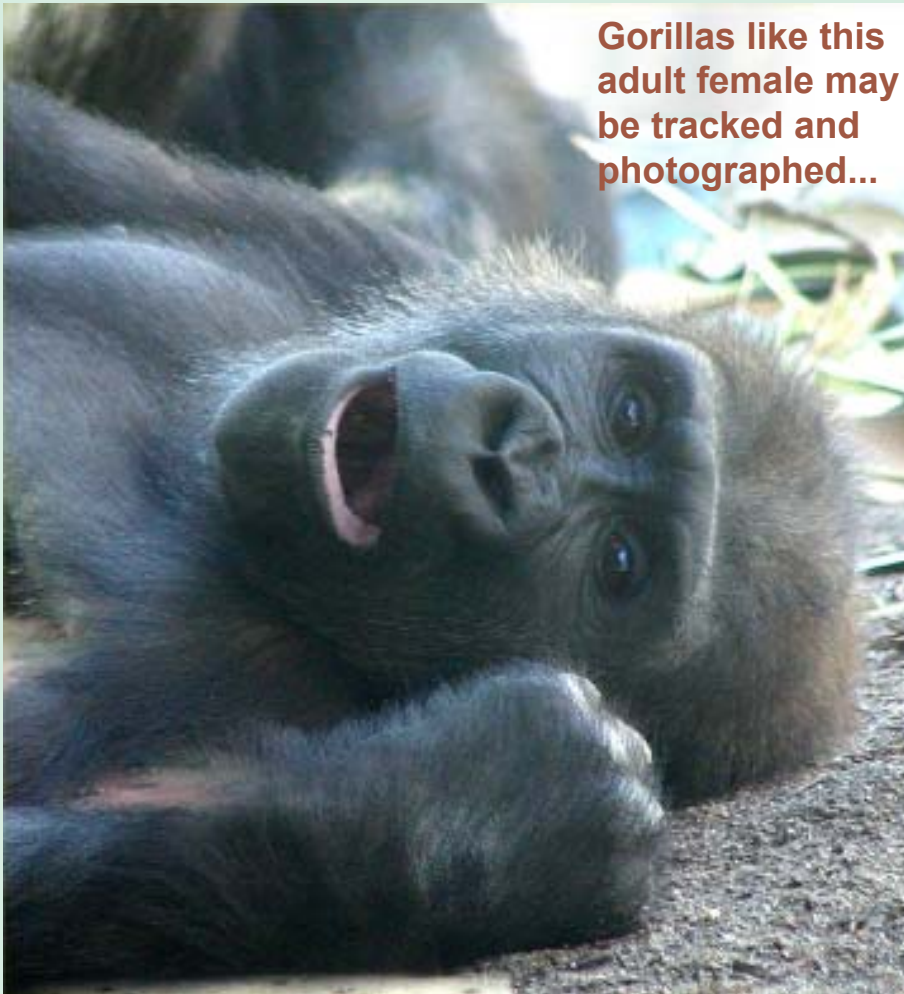


Dec 2001 Travel At Your Own Risk!!

Around Uganda

Southwest of Uganda, on the continent of Africa, you will find Bwindi National Park. Of interest to primate lovers, it's home to about half of the world's known mountain gorillas (about 320). But bring rain gear because it's a genuine rain forest and (not to be confusing with animal metaphors), rains cats and dogs.....frequently!

■ **WARNING** - Although there is now a large Ugandan army presence in Bwindi, the park is quite close to the border of Zaire (Congo) which is in the midst of a terrible civil war. In 1999, 14 tourists were kidnapped



Gorillas like this adult female may be tracked and photographed...

and 8 killed here by Rwandan militia. Before traveling to Bwindi, seek advice from the Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA) offices in Kampala or Kabale.

■ **Gorilla Tracking** - Groups of visitors are limited to six, and there is a high demand for bookings. The good news is.....your chances of

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spotting gorillas is excellent. Advance bookings may need to be made months in advance and should be made through the UWA office in Kampala. If you turn up at the park headquarters in Buhoma with no prearranged reservations, you may be able to tag along with another group if you wait around for a few days, but then again, you may have traveled a long distance for nothing gorilla-wise. Gorilla tracking permits are \$250. US per person with an extra fee for park entry.

■ **Chimp Sighting Forest Walks** - A nature walk around parts of Bwindi forest will yield chimpanzees but not gorillas. These guided walks are considerably cheaper than the gorilla tracking (\$7.50 per person).

■ **Lodgings & Eateries** - If you have to spend the night in Butogota before walking to Buhoma the next day, the **Butogota Travellers Inn** is a

clean and modest place which charges \$3 - \$4.50 a night. In Buhoma the **Buhoma Community Rest Camp**, right by the park headquarters, offers camping for the price of \$2 per person. You can also share a room in a basic hut (AKA, a *banda*) for \$4. The bandas come with sheets, blankets and hot water. The **H & P Canteen**, across from the camp site offers filling meals for \$2 but you need to order the food ahead of time.

■ **Transportation** - For \$10 a bus travels between Kampala and Butogota every day (both ways). Minibus

Chimps may be sighted but very rarely the endangered bonobo shown her with her infant.

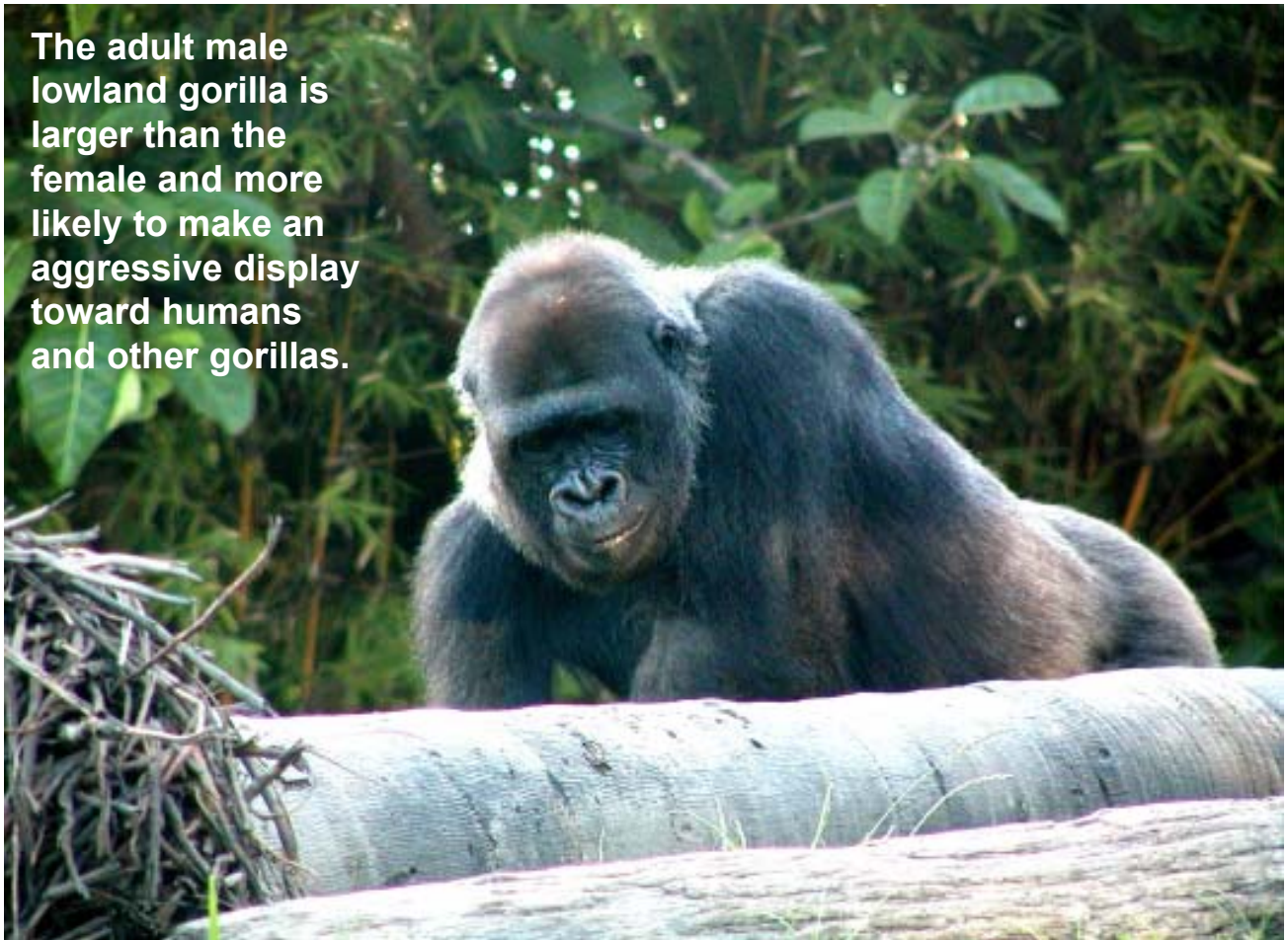


taxis and irregular pickups link Kabale and Kisoro with Butogota \$4. For an extra \$4, you can often talk the driver into going all the way and dropping you off at park headquarters. On Thursdays, (market day) public transport connects from Butogota to the park headquarters at Buhoma.

■ **Gorilla Tracking Rules** - 1. Children must be 15 years or older. 2. Gorillas are extremely susceptible to human diseases. Illness of any sort, even the common cold, will cause you to be scratched from the trip. (You will be given a full refund.) 3. Only six to eight people are allowed to visit one group of gorillas in a day and only for an hours time. 4. No smoking or eating is allowed near gorillas. 5. Flash photography is also forbidden so make sure your camera does not have a built in flash.

■ **Gorilla Tracking Etiquette** - 1. Use a calm, quiet manner and voice. Don't point at the gorillas. 2. Leave nothing in the park. That is, take out everything you bring in. 3. Stay close to your guide and in a tight group. 4. Stay at least 15 feet away from the gorillas. 5. Last but not least, if a gorilla charges you, crouch down slowly and stay still until he stops or loses interest. *Never run away!....*□

The adult male lowland gorilla is larger than the female and more likely to make an aggressive display toward humans and other gorillas.



Enrichment

Monkeys & Play



Give a young monkey a relaxed environment, a wise and patient caretaker to bond with and space to play in! This is one great recipe for initiating play that will lead your monkey to explore store-bought toys as well as make-shift ones. If you think your mon-

key doesn't like toys--keep offering various kinds until you hit a match.

Adult guenon Danny, for example, likes loud squeak toys but not quiet ones (go figure!).

The young black-capped capuchin above ignores his toy box to interact with a strip of fabric that he can rip up a bit. (Go figure!) But such is the often the way of the intelligent and investigative primate!....☐

Our Anthropomorphic Best...

It's a bird; it's a plane...

(Two adult Schmidt's spot-nosed guenons enjoying tree climbing in an outdoor enclosure. Photo from Marcia)



It's a bird...



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Odd Species In Pairs:



Mangabey youngster Jake lolls around with his big dog. At first he seemed timid with the dog, but has now become best buddies. If the dog is amenable and the monkey is introduced to the dog at an age where he is socially flexible, dogs and monkeys can become best buddies!.....☐

Monkeys In Action!!



Wedge-capped capuchin Jonny relaxing in his enclosure (Photo from Joie)

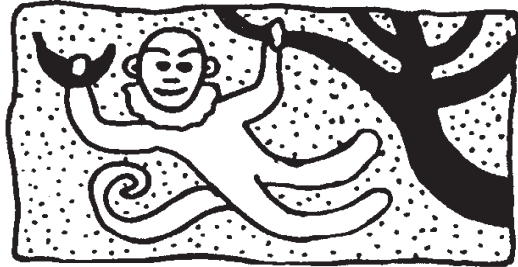
Black-capped capuchin monkey exploring his toy bin. Monkeys who are given toys as they grow up usually learn to make good use of at least some types of toys.



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nutrition

By J Dunn

Are Bananas Good Monkey Food?!



Adult squirrel monkey Abby

Bananas are soft, sweet and generally favored by monkeys. (It is rare that a monkey dislikes bananas although it does happen.) Bananas are full of potassium which is beneficial to a monkey's health, but they are also high in carbohydrates and are rated high on the glycemic index (an index that rates how quickly a food makes your blood sugar levels go up). So bananas eaten on an empty stomach, especially a whole banana, can cause blood sugar swings just as eating sugar can. So yes,

bananas are nutritious (they also contain a small amount of vitamin C and the B vitamin folate, as well as some fiber, magnesium, phosphorus and a trace of selenium and iron).

But medium sized monkeys like capuchins and guenons who have a one or two banana habit a day need to be cut back to more like half a banana (less for smaller primates)

But medium sized monkeys like capuchins and guenons who have a one or two banana habit a day need to be cut back to more like half a banana (less for smaller primates). While bananas are certainly better than empty calorie sugar foods, feeding your monkey foods that are lower on the glycemic index will help prevent blood sugar swings, help prevent weight gain and help prevent hormonal problems that can lead to Type 2 diabetes.

So start adding fruits and vegetables that are lower on the glycemic index. These include strawberries, blueberries, red, yellow and green bell pepper, cucumber, cherry tomatoes, etc. Feed these low carb, nu-



trient dense fruits and veggies first. After your monkey has eaten them, then offer the banana as dessert. Your monkey might be slow to appreciate the change in diet but his health and longevity will benefit in the long run.....□



Parting Shots

Two owl monkeys enjoy peeking out of their night box in the early morning even though they are nocturnal. This pair of owl monkeys loves strawberries and is motivated by a bowl full of the tasty fruits. (Photo from Cindy)

Young female vervet monkey Sammy Sue loves to eat pasta, loves her pacifier, and loves to hang out with her dog pal, as well as her human Mom Jo! (Photo from Jo Green)

See you again
on-line!!!



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.....□



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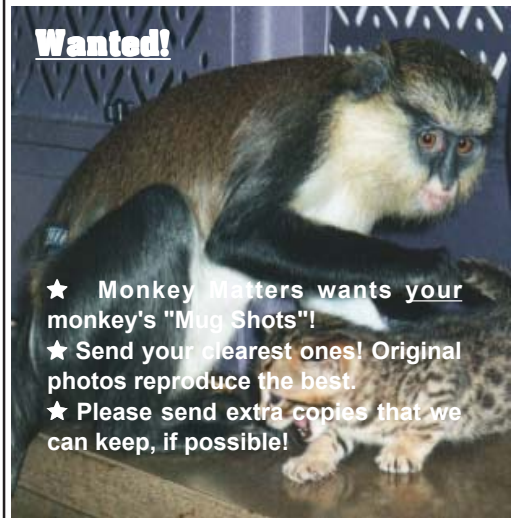
We have the expertise to work with you in finding the best possible new home for your cherished monkey.

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.....☐



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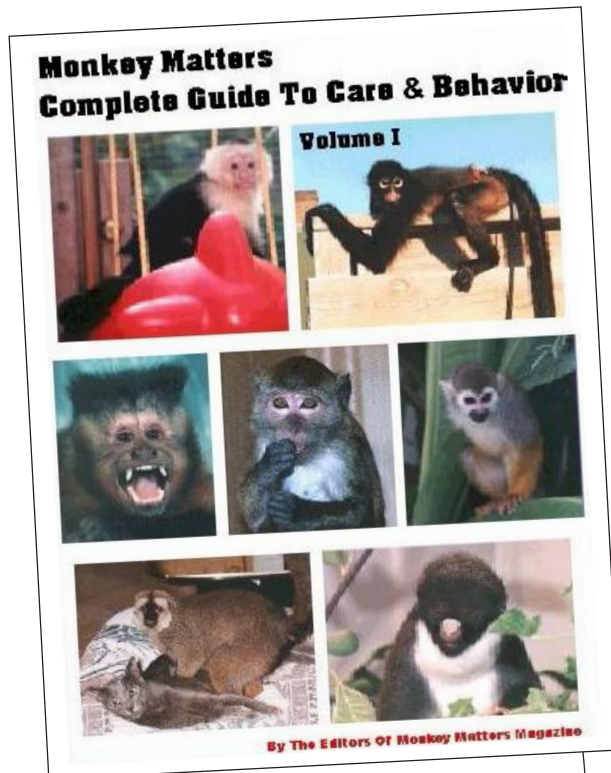
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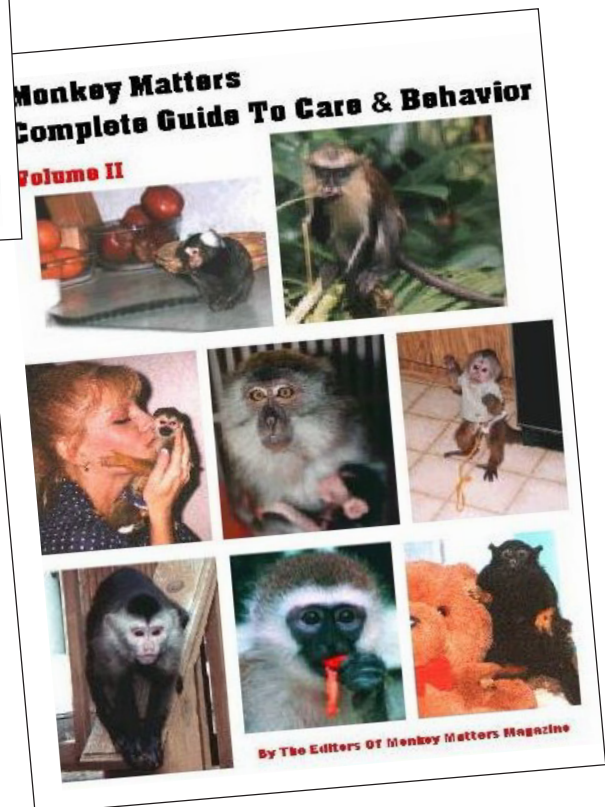
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