



JUNGLE FRIENDS PRIMATE SANCTUARY

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Research Retirement Challenge

Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary — founded by Kari Bagnall in 1996 in Las Vegas, Nevada, and relocated to Gainesville, Florida in 1999 — has grown from one person with a dozen capuchin monkeys to a significant non-profit with more than 200 monkeys, including capuchins, spider monkeys, squirrel monkeys, marmosets and tamarins.

The sanctuary runs entirely on private donations and grants. Our commitment to each monkey is to provide compassionate care for the remainder of his/her life.

During 2014, 42 monkeys were released from research and retired to Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary. These monkeys came from a life in the laboratory where “home” was a steel cage and in many cases contact with others of their species was extremely limited or non-existent.

The release of these monkeys, as well as the interactions we have had with laboratory leaders sends welcome signals of shifting beliefs about the ultimate fate of monkeys used in research. Labs now seem more willing than ever to consider sanctuary care for the animals they retire. Even more exciting are significant changes in the practice of using animals in research. The New England Anti-Vivisection Society (NEAVS) summarizes these positive trends in the following quotation from their website:

“Science—fueled by the work of scientists themselves as well as by public demand for more humane science—is moving toward the day when cruelty-free research and testing will be the status quo. Science can and must protect animals’ lives, the environment, research dollars, and promote better health and well-being for humans. Science, thanks to modern technologies, is finally moving forward to realize the premise that the “best test species for humans are humans”—without harm and with enormous benefit to humans.”

Quotation from NEAVS website—“Alternatives to Animal Testing”

Monkeys on the Way....

Within the next year, Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary is expecting to receive nine capuchin monkeys who have lived their entire lives in a university laboratory as “subjects” in “iron toxicity” research. Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary is the optimal choice to provide a forever home for these monkeys. They will live in spacious naturalistic habitats which encourage grooming, playing, intra-species communication and friendships. This group of nine monkeys will be joining 12 others who previously came from the same study at the same research facility.

Monkeys are very social and it is important for them to have companions to play with and groom. Introducing monkeys who have been species-isolated is a challenge, but one with many rewards when a match is made. Many monkeys who spent their former lives in isolation now have companions who come from different backgrounds, while others have companions from their original retiree group. Some of the successful friendships now being enjoyed by those who have given so much for humankind are described in the following stories.

Meet the Monkeys



Don King (left) and Sloth (right) came to Jungle Friends in 2013.

They had been captured in the wild and sold into research, where they spent nearly two decades in research. Soon after coming to Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary, they became friends and now spend their days playing together, grooming each other, and just enjoying their lives in their stimulating, "living habitat".



KC grooming Bongo.

Bongo also spent almost two decades in the lab. He was in iron toxicity studies after being taken from his family and home in the rainforest. After coming to Jungle Friends, he quickly learned how fun life could be as he climbed the trees, swung from ropes, and foraged for bugs. Then Bongo met KC, the love of his life. KC had lived as a "pet" monkey all alone for nearly 30 years. It is now very obvious neither is lonely as they spend their days chasing and playing—and just being monkeys!



Angel had lived the lone research life for almost 20 years before coming to Jungle Friends where he met Blondie who had come from a bankrupt roadside zoo. Angel is still shy and wary of humans, but is not at all reluctant to romp, play, groom and tease with Blondie!



Floyd endured life in research until being release to Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary several years ago. He soon became friendly with Phoebe who had been kept for breeding before arriving at Jungle Friends. Her infants were stolen from her arms and sold. She and Floyd became a happy couple with Phoebe being a patient teacher, and Floyd a happy "student" of monkey love!

Other monkeys who were released to Jungle Friends from the same iron toxicity studies include capuchins Goober, who now lives with Fiona, Wild Bill, now residing with Pipperoo, Don Knotts, happily paired with Tiki and CB who lives with his companion Wanda. Manson, Ricky and PC are still waiting to find their preferred companion.

Like all monkeys at Jungle Friends, the nine monkeys expected within the year will each have a "living habitat" on natural ground with grass and mulch to encourage foraging. Trees, plants, shrubbery are planted for additional sources of food and enrichment. There are no concrete floors, no tile walls, and the only bars are for climbing.

The habitats are large, providing plenty of room for monkeys living together to have their own personal space when desired. Curved sides on the habitats provide a more natural feel and hiding places.



You can help the monkeys have a caring, compassionate retirement.

We are actively seeking funding to ensure that these deserving capuchin monkeys can be accepted at Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary to live the rest of their lives in the most optimal situation outside in an "Almost Wild" setting. Our initial fundraising goal is as follows:

Habitats x 10*	\$ 70,000
Care for 12 months**	\$ 18,110
Total	\$ 86,299

* \$7,000 per habitat includes all materials, labor, and interior equipment.

** Annual care for one monkey is \$1,811 which includes food, caregiving and veterinary care.

Your donation in any amount will help these monkeys who have given so much of their lives to research, to have their retirement days filled with monkey friendships, unlimited monkey play, and compassionate care.

Thank you!