

Samantha

Samantha's Legacy

Jungle Friend Forever—Planned Giving

Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary



Our Mission



The mission of Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary is to provide permanent, high-quality sanctuary care for monkeys who have been abused, confiscated by authorities, used in research, kept as “pets” or who are simply no longer wanted. Our priority is to provide care to address the individual medical, psychological and behavioral needs of these captive primates. We are committed to protecting and providing them a safe, healthy and stimulating environment.



We embody the philosophy of ‘Sanctuary’ that is defined as a place where animals can come to live and be protected for the rest of their lives. It’s a safe haven, where they receive the very best care possible. Animals are not bought, sold, bred, traded, used for commercial purposes, or mistreated in any way. They are given every opportunity to behave naturally in a wonderfully loving environment.



Our Vision

At Jungle Friends we see ourselves as pivotal in the movement to end the abuse and mistreatment of primates everywhere. While it was never our goal to be the largest New World primate sanctuary in the country, the increasing need has required us to fill that role. We know that even at maximum capacity we cannot take in every monkey who needs a home. In order to address the growing need, we will build on our reputation for quality and compassion by serving as an educational model for other sanctuaries, organizations and individuals.

Jungle Friends History

1993

In Las Vegas , Kari Bagnall’s friend left her with a baby monkey capuchin named Samantha. Kari learns early on that monkeys are not “pets”. Humans are poor playmates for monkeys - monkeys need the friendship of other monkeys. Kari purchases Samantha’s sister Charlotte as her companion.



Kari and Samantha

1994

Kari’s next visit to the breeder ends in tears when she witnessed the breeder pry a tiny baby away from his mother. This event changes Kari’s life forever.

1995

Kari leaves her career as an interior designer, sells everything and starts Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary with Samantha, Charlotte and other exotic animals. Kari also rescues Cuddly, their mother, their sister and brother, as well as other monkeys from the breeder.



Mother and Baby

1999

Kari flies 13 monkeys, two parrots, one cat and a dog on a private plane to Gainesville, Florida to establish the sanctuary in a climate more suitable for monkeys.

2019

20 years later Jungle Friends is the largest sanctuary for New World primates in North America, with a long waiting list. The sanctuary is 52 acres, and is the forever home to monkeys who were former research monkeys, ex-pet monkeys, monkeys used in entertainment, and monkeys



Ready for monkey habitats!

2039

Charlotte, Samantha’s sister and Jungle Friends Co Founder, will be in her mid forties.

Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary will still be here...with your help!

Samantha, the inspiration for Jungle Friends, sadly lost her battle with breast cancer in 2017.



Samantha and Charlotte,
Jungle Friends Co-Founders

The Tragedy of Captive Monkeys

"Ms. Bagnall and her staff provide an important service to the scientific and conservation community by providing an alternative to massive euthanasia of nonhuman primates as researchers retire or no longer have funding...Jungle Friends is perhaps the best sanctuary I have ever visited"

*Charles T. Snowden,
Hilldale Professor of
Psychology Emeritus*

It's not hard to understand why monkeys are so appealing as "pets," given their playful nature and ability to form strong bonds with humans. But many people who believe that monkeys would make a good pet soon realize they have made a terrible mistake, natural primate behavior can become destructive or aggressive. Jungle Friends works with guardians to relocate their monkeys to a sanctuary home.

Most captive monkeys are kept isolated from others of their own species. They become lonely, depressed, and even aggressive. Captive monkeys develop a number of concerning behaviors as a result of their psychological pain – repetitive rocking, compulsively hair pulling, digit sucking, self grasping and self attacking.

These self-inflicted wounds may lead to infection and in serious cases require amputation. These issues are by no means rare. A direct-observation study in 2011 of 40 primates in varying conditions of captivity found abnormal, harmful behavior in every single monkey under observation.

Many people are unaware of the extent to which scientific research is conducted on primates. As you are reading this, more than 112,000 monkeys are living in laboratories in the U.S. However, many universities are getting out of the monkey business and closing their primate research programs. Two such examples are Wooster College and the University of Georgia, who in 2013 recognized that their primates deserved to retire with dignity — Jungle Friends was contacted for help.

Jungle Friends works with major universities and laboratories to offer homes to monkeys they are retiring. In 2014 we provided permanent homes to 42 monkeys retired from research. Many of the monkeys at Jungle Friends were used in research for decades. Now they get to enjoy the company of other monkeys and a more natural environment.



These critically endangered cotton-top tamarins are the first of a large group retiring from an Ivy League university closing its primate research center.



Zeke was released from research from Wooster College along with his brother several years ago. Zeke was reunited with his father, aunt, and family friend at Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary



Chris recently arrived from the University of Georgia along with six other males. These seven are now living outside after more than 20 years indoors.

Monkey Miracle!

“Jungle Friends provides appropriate housing, husbandry and nutritional care for all their animals at a level above most primate facilities. The animals are housed in large outdoor cages with connecting walkways and are exposed to natural sunlight and warm weather”.

Dr. Darryl J. Heard, Associate Professor and Service Chief Zoological Medicine at the College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Florida

In 2014 we provided permanent homes to seven brown capuchin monkeys from the University of George and three from Wooster College who joined two others already living at Jungle Friends. These are just two of many universities who have contacted us in search of sanctuary care for their research primates. Recently an Ivy League university agreed to retire 144 cotton-top tamarins, all of whom will be making Jungle Friends their permanent home.

How Miracles Happen

We’ve seen it all at Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary. Some monkeys arrive with serious disabilities, such as diabetes, amputated or paralyzed limbs, blindness, auto-immune disorders, metabolic bone disease, cancer, heart disease and many psychological disorders. For many of these monkeys, it is their first time seeing sunshine and climbing trees, and it is their first encounter with other monkeys. Monkeys are highly social animals, and a lifetime with only humans for company leaves them feeling anxious and depressed.

At Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary, everything changes for these monkeys. For the first time in their lives, monkeys live in spacious, natural habitats with swinging ropes, ladders, buckets and barrels. They can climb on trees, feel the grass under their feet and the wind on their faces. The monkeys have companions of their same or like species for cuddling, playing, and grooming. Each day, our care staff evaluate their dietary, therapeutic and social needs. Specially trained caregivers are on call 24/7 to comfort and care for them. Soon these once-frightened monkeys are relaxing and playing! The wounded heal and the sick become well.



Dylan (white-faced capuchin) came to Jungle Friends very shortly after a breeder tore him from his mother’s arms. As is typical of infants taken from their mothers, the baby monkey was traumatized.

Monkers (brown capuchin) took on the role of mother and welcomed him to his new family at Jungle Friends.

Monkey Miracle!

What Makes Jungle Friends Unique

Jungle Friends is one of the only sanctuaries in the United States with the training and expertise to care for special-needs monkeys. Whether the monkeys suffer from diabetes, paraplegia or are blind, it doesn't matter – we take them all and offer individualized care! Often times we take in monkeys that other organizations are unable or unwilling to help. Our habitats enable us to make changes where appropriate to accommodate disabilities. We invest time and money in “lost causes,” and time and time again watch those who are deemed hopeless transform into vibrant, healthy, happy monkeys.

“As a journalist, I try to maintain a modicum of neutrality. But I had a visceral response to Jungle Friends. It's a unique place—the monkeys are actually happy! Survival is not enough for these creative, bright creatures. They deserve more—and they get it at Jungle Friends. Here's the point. If I had the unfortunate luck to be born a monkey in captivity—this is where I would want to end up.”

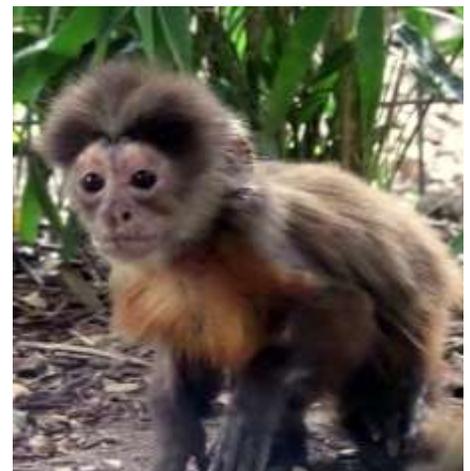
Elizabeth Hess,
Author, *Nim Chimpski,*
The Chimp Who Would
Be Human



Jersey (above) is a former “pet” monkey whose self-mutilation due to loneliness and stress resulted in the amputation of his right leg and most of his left foot. With months of round-the-clock care, Jersey achieved a miraculous recovery at Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary. Jersey now walks and climbs using his tail in the place of his right leg. It is hard to tell Jersey is missing a leg!

Monkey Miracle!

Joni is an adult monkey who looks like a baby due to a form of dwarfism that also affected her legs, forcing her to walk on her hands.

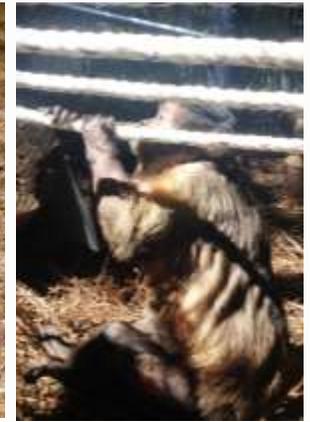


“Diets are carefully planned. Structures are properly constructed and tastefully designed with unusually effective innovations. Special care for sick, injured, diabetic and elderly primates is the rule...Kari is a master in managing the volunteers and workers at her facility. Her ability to produce a budget, manage funds and make the hard financial decisions has been amazing to me. She has ‘kept the course’ through some fairly adverse times. Kari has a vision and structures her life, her volunteer’s hours and her funds to accomplish short and long term goals very effectively”.

*Skip Trubey,
Florida Fish and
Wildlife Commission*

“I have watched others who assist in the ongoing work at Jungle Friends grow personally as human beings. Not only have they acquired new work and performance skills, but they have also learned a sense of empowerment that comes from learning and applying one’s self in new ways while helping others.”

Claude Leasure, Volunteer



When a ruptured disc left Bongo suddenly paralyzed from the waist down, vets suggested that he would never recover and should be euthanized. We gave him a chance, and after a few months working with care staff in a specially designed rehabitat – and being cared for by his companion, KC -- Bongo is not only walking, he is running and climbing!



Puchi was found wandering along the Eisenhower Expressway in Chicago. It is believed that he had been in a fire, which could explain his significant hair loss. The lens in Puchi’s right eye was detached and his eye had to be removed. He is almost blind in the other eye, due to cataracts.



Udi was found in a basement without food or water. He suffered from severe metabolic bone disease — he could not stand or walk. Udi's bone disease was caused by a poor diet and lack of sunlight. Udi is now thriving at Jungle Friends and lives with three other spider monkeys.

Monkey Miracle!

Planned Giving

Most of the monkeys at Jungle Friends have sacrificed enormously... they have given a large part of their lives serving as subjects in research for the benefit of humans. Giving some of their life back to them is Jungle Friends' primary mission -- we intend to be here to provide homes to monkeys in need, for as long as necessary.



One of the most profound ways you can help is by arranging a bequest to the sanctuary in your estate planning.

Many people, even if they do not consider themselves wealthy or able to give, often have the resources to make a charitable bequest. If every adult in America made a will and included a bequest of just \$100.00, billions of dollars would flow to charitable causes every year.

Many of the monkeys cared for by Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary have a potential lifespan of 50 years. Careful planning and thoughtful giving goes a long way to secure their future. There are several ways those who wish to contribute can support the sanctuary and at the same time receive substantial deductions for income and estate tax purposes. Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary is an IRS designated 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Donations of Appreciated Stock



A donation of highly appreciated stock, rather than cash, benefits both the donor and Jungle Friends. Normally, at the time of sale of such stock, a capital gains tax would be paid on the sale. However, by making a contribution of appreciated stock, the donor receives a charitable deduction on the transfer. Since the sanctuary is a public charity, it would not recognize tax on the sale of the stock, and the full value of the stock can be used to support the sanctuary's activities.

Donations Under a Will or a Trust

Some donors have told us that they'd like to provide a substantial donation to the sanctuary but need to maintain control of their assets during their lifetimes. In these cases, they can provide for the care of the sanctuary's primates in their wills or in trusts. It's never too early or too late to plan an estate. When you do, we hope you will remember the monkeys. Jungle Friends can only receive a donation from an estate if it is specifically named in the estate planning documents.



Charitable Trusts and Private Foundations

Another method of benefiting the sanctuary is through the establishment of a charitable trust or a private foundation. Charitable Lead Trusts and Charitable Remainder Trusts are advanced forms of estate planning, which can provide substantial benefits to both the donor and the sanctuary.

Life-Insurance Policies

If you no longer need life insurance, consider donating the policy to the Jungle Friends. This will give you a charitable tax deduction for the approximate cash surrender value of the policy and help you to further our mission. You can also use a life insurance policy to create a legacy for Jungle Friends as beneficiary or

Real Estate Gifts

Real estate that you own may have appreciated so significantly in value that its sale would create a substantial tax burden. By making a gift of real estate to Jungle Friends, you may be able to avoid capital gains taxes and receive a charitable tax deduction for the full market value of the property. It is also possible to make a gift of property while retaining a life estate so that you can continue using it for the rest of your life while obtaining tax and estate planning benefits. Please note that the Jungle Friends reserves the right to evaluate each real estate gift before acceptance.

Endowment Fund

A special fund has been set up for the specific purpose of building an endowment for the future care of the monkeys at the sanctuary who might live another 50 years or more. Any donations of money or stock can be specifically directed by the donor to be held in the sanctuary's endowment fund. These monies will not be touched for operations, but will grow in the endowment account and provide interest funds for future care of our monkeys.

Contact Us

We are happy to answer your questions about Planned Giving at Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary, as well as work with your legal and financial professionals to make your planned gift a reality. Please feel free to contact Kari Bagnall, Executive Director at: karibagnall@junglefriends.org or info@junglefriends.org or 362-462-7779.



Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary would be grateful to receive a copy of the relevant portions of legal documents relating to your intended gift or a letter from your legal or financial advisor that describes the nature and purpose of the gift.

Please return the completed form to:

Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary
13915 N State Rd 121
Gainesville, FL 32653

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A Jungle Friend Forever

Samantha was a beautiful white-faced capuchin who was born into the exotic pet trade. She was the "co-founder" of Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary, as her shenanigans helped make Founder Kari Bagnall realize that monkey should not be taken from the wild, for any reason. Sadly, Samantha passed away at 25 years old in 2017 from breast cancer. As Co-Founder, Samantha's legacy will be part of Jungle Friends forever. Your legacy can continue to give monkeys a positive future with a planned gift. Thank you for joining this very special group.

Contact Information

I am/we are pleased to accept membership in the Jungle Friend Forever Circle of the Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary. I/we understand that membership is based on information provided about my/our future gift to Jungle Friends.

Name (s): _____ Birthdate: _____

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Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Country: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please check the box that applies:

Jungle Friends has been included in my/our will

Jungle Friends has been named a beneficiary of my/our:

Retirement Plan

Life Insurance Policy

Other: _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____



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