Jungle Friends’ New Babies: Jak and Abby

On August 2, 2008, two baby monkeys arrived at Jungle Friends. Jak and Abby had never met before they became roommates at the sanctuary, but they have a lot in common. Both were just over a year old, still on formula, and both had endured a lot of disruption in their short lives as ‘pet’ monkeys. Jungle Friends is the fourth home for each of these babies!

Jak

Jak was taken from his real mother at six weeks of age and sold. When his ‘owner’ died eight months later, he was passed off to a new home. Jak’s new humans believed they were doing ‘right’ by Jak when they agreed to adopt him—until they saw Jungle Friends featured on ABC Primetime. Then they understood that being a ‘pet’ was no life for a monkey. Jak needed to be with other monkeys!

Jak loves playing on the ‘toys’ that hang in his habitat. His favorite activity is to leap from the top of the barrel into the bucket, which he does with the dexterity of an athlete. Jak is a bit timid, especially in contrast to Abby’s wild ways, but he has come into his own and is even chasing Abby around! Jak has finally found a home that will be rewarding and enriching—and he will never be uprooted again.

Abby

Abby’s last ‘owners’ took her in when she was six months old. As time went by, they began to see that having to wear diapers and being left alone while they were at work was not fair to Abby. So, Abby came to Jungle Friends where she could live a monkey’s life with other monkeys. This time, she is home for good.

Abby is full of spunk and has turned out to be quite the little socialite, chattering and lip smacking to the other young monkeys in neighboring habitats. Abby especially enjoys chasing and being chased by Jak, chewing on the plants and leaping from one perch to the next with lightning speed. At the end of the day, she is ready to snuggle up with Jak for a good night’s sleep—recharging for more wild antics.

You can see Abby and Jak in action! Check out our Monkey Movies!

Sponsor-A-Monkey

Our sponsors are the lifeblood of the sanctuary, allowing us to provide a home and care for our monkeys day after day, month after month, year after year.

A Monkey Sponsorship is also a wonderful and unique gift. Sponsors receive a personalized, framed sponsorship certificate, original monkey art and other ‘monkey gifts.’ Sponsorships are available at levels to suit every budget, from $10 to $100 a month.

Please help us reach our goal of FULL SPONSORSHIP—$100 a month—for all the Jungle Friends monkeys. Sponsor a monkey today!

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Our new website icon! Anytime you see this symbol, look for more information on our website, www.JungleFriends.org
Can a human raise a baby monkey just as well as a monkey can? Ask Tessa and BamBam.

This spring, Jungle Friends was scrambling to save the lives of these two young capuchin monkeys. Each faced a different threat, bound with a common thread. Each was purchased and raised as a surrogate child by a human family.

The sale of non-human primates as surrogate children is a booming business, with hundreds of people each year literally buying into the lie. The exotic animal breeder pockets the profit, an infant monkey is torn screaming from her natural mother’s arms, and another human ‘monk mom’ has a cute, hairy baby to bathe and diaper and dress up.

The phenomenon of people ‘adopting’ monkeys is not new, but the current growth of this trend alarms Kari Bagnall, founder and director of Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary. The sanctuary is currently home to over 100 monkeys, and is approaching capacity. Kari knows from long experience that in a few short years many of today’s new ‘monkey parents’ will be begging her or another sanctuary to give their ‘child’ a home.

Let monkeys raise monkeys in the wild freedom that is their birthright.

Now that she’s allowed to live like a monkey at Jungle Friends, BamBam’s sweet disposition has made her a favorite with staff and volunteers.

So it was for the self-styled ‘mom’ of Tessa, a four-year-old diabetic brown capuchin. Type 2 diabetes, caused by a poor diet, stress and inactivity, is common in ‘pet’ monkeys, but Tessa’s diabetes was not diagnosed until she was near death: her blood glucose had rocketed to 1120.

It was a race to get Tessa’s glucose under control in time to save her life. Kari coached Tessa’s ‘owner’ through the intensive process of establishing an insulin regimen and monitoring Tessa’s progress until she was well enough to travel to Jungle Friends.

Unlike some of the other diabetics at Jungle Friends—such as Connie, a capuchin who has received daily insulin injections since 1999—Tessa was young and resilient enough to rebound from the unnatural lifestyle that almost killed her. With a proper diet and plenty of fun and exercise, she was soon weaned off of insulin and is having the time of her life romping and wrestling with other young monkeys at Jungle Friends.

Health problems, such as diabetes and metabolic bone disease, are frequently the cause of a ‘monkey parent’ unloading their primate ‘child’, but still more common is the trouble with BamBam, a weeper capuchin also purchased as a surrogate child. BamBam bites.

Biting and scratching are natural behaviors for a monkey, but are not acceptable in a human family. In 2006, when she was only a year old, BamBam’s biting landed her in a 30-day quarantine. After her release, she was bounced from home to home as a result of the ‘owner’s’ personal problems. She was finally confiscated late in 2007 following another biting incident. BamBam was held at Animal Control in Minnesota for five months, facing death. Fortunately for BamBam, she found a home at Jungle Friends before her time ran out.

Although the stories end happily for Tessa and BamBam, there are many others not so fortunate. Too many times Kari hears of a monkey who was killed due to biting a family member, friend or stranger. Others are bounced from home to home over the course of many years, and still more die of disease and heartbreak.

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From Research to a New Life by Kari Bagnall

Shortly after Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary arrived in Gainesville, I was invited to a laboratory for a tour of its primate facility. I don’t think anything could have prepared me for what I encountered. There I met a number of brown capuchin monkeys who were all alone in their small cages. When I asked the veterinarian if the monkeys could retire at Jungle Friends after their research had ended, I was horrified to learn that the study would end with their death.

About six years later, I was contacted about these same monkeys. The lab had a change in protocol and the monkeys could now be retired to Jungle Friends. We had been given the opportunity to extend our compassion to nine capuchins who were so deserving—I was ecstatic! Then I learned that we had only two months to prepare a home for them or they would be killed. We had to work fast to get them to safety, but we did it!

The same lab has contacted us several times over the years to take in more monkeys; twelve squirrel monkeys and five marmosets, in fact. We were also asked to accept three more marmosets from a different lab and ten cotton-top tamarins from yet another lab. We are thrilled to have been able to provide a safe haven for thirty-nine retired monkeys. However, there are many more monkeys in labs that I have not been able to accept or find sanctuary homes for, and that is heartbreaking.

Please go to ‘Research Retirement Fund’ on our website and make a donation today. Only with your help will we be able to offer permanent homes to other monkeys retiring from research, and continue to care for the retired monkeys who call Jungle Friends home.

Watch the monkeys retired from laboratories play as if making up for lost time! Go to the ‘Research Retirement Fund’ on our website to see Monkey Movies starring our retirees:

Marmoset Village
Tamarin Town: From research to retirement
Bungle in the Jungle

Don Knotts, a capuchin previously used in research, enjoys the Florida sunshine.

Arnold, a marmoset from a lab, digs in the earth in search of worms.

Michael caught a bug! Our retired squirrel monkeys love hunting and foraging.

Xena, a cotton-top tamarin, investigates her new outdoor world. Much better than a lab cage!

Angel, another retiree, lounges in his habitat, draped on a branch in typical capuchin fashion.

Gizmo, Arnold and Ernie enjoy their snacks and their social life at Jungle Friends.

Monkey Movies
Online!

www.JungleFriends.org
School District Brings New Monkey to Jungle Friends

Kids Rally to Raise Funds

Pat, a female spider monkey, arrived at Jungle Friends at the beginning of this year. Pat came to us from the Plano (Texas) Independent School District’s Outdoor Learning Center. Pat had been placed with them by the City of Dallas Animal Services Department after a citizen discovered the spider monkey sitting outdoors on a fence in freezing weather. Pat’s fingers, toes and tail all had severe frostbite. Pat would sit in the corner and bang herself in the head with her back foot.

All but one of the veterinarians who were consulted wanted to euthanize Pat! Fortunately, that one felt that Pat deserved a chance to live and recover. All of her toes, all but one finger on her left hand, and the tip of her tail had to be amputated. Pat adapted very well to her loss. Three days after her surgery she was bouncing around and hanging from her tail. She finally began to eat, and after about a week Pat’s psychological well-being was much improved.

The staff at the Outdoor Learning Center loved Pat, and did their best to give her a pleasant temporary home within their limited space, but they knew Pat needed much more. They wanted Pat to have more room and the companionship of other monkeys. Eventually their inquiries led them to Jungle Friends.

The Outdoor Learning Center’s Tammy Welsh and Jim Dunlap started the plans to finance Pat’s relocation to Jungle Friends, which included travel expenses, habitat funds and ongoing care. The staff went into action and started fundraising. Beverly asked for donations in lieu of flowers in memory of her husband, Kay and Sharron found individual donors, and a request for fundraising was brought up at the principals’ meeting asking the Plano Schools to help with Pat’s relocation. Several schools came on board. The kids of Plano really came through—their fundraising efforts raised $4,000!

Outdoor Learning Center volunteer Kim and her husband Dave not only drove Pat to Jungle Friends but stayed at the sanctuary for a few days to help her adjust to her new home. Ms. Miller’s class at Livsey school in Georgia also sponsored Pat and the kids sent letters to Pat asking all about her new life at Jungle Friends.

Pat settled right in and quickly realized this was the place for her. She was situated near our other seven spider monkeys, who welcomed Pat with their reassuring calls. Pat showed a special interest in Noah and the two are having a great time together climbing trees, eating plants and doing ‘monkey stuff’. Pat wants to thank everyone who made her journey to her forever home at Jungle Friends possible!

Kids For Monkeys

Hey kids! Do you love monkeys? You’re not alone! Visit our website to learn more about kids who have helped Jungle Friends, and have fun with puzzles, videos and lots more to come! You may even see your face up there as a great volunteer and lifelong friend of the monkeys!

All Kenzie Davis wanted for her 10th birthday was to sponsor a monkey. She is now the proud sponsor of Chi Chi, a capuchin monkey formerly in the entertainment industry.

What can YOU do?

- Have a Monkey Party
- Sponsor-A-Monkey
- Tell Your School
- Monkey Toy Drive
- Fundraising Competition
- Tell everyone you know!

Visit Kids For Monkeys on our website!
Our Special Kids from the Make-A-Wish Foundation

Jungle Friends had the pleasure of hosting two children from the Make-A-Wish Foundation, James, 15, and Wesley, 13. They both are plagued with a rare disease called pulmonary fibrosis. The boys’ wish was to come to Jungle Friends to work with the monkeys. They spent three days doing everything from preparing and feeding the monkeys’ breakfast, to building habitats and helping our veterinarian! They even sponsored two monkeys with their own money.

A New Direction in Monkey Health Care

Many of the Jungle Friends monkeys have health issues. We are known for providing homes for special needs monkeys—we have twelve diabetic monkeys, many geriatric monkeys, and several with auto-immune disorders, as well as cancer, metabolic bone disease, and dental problems.

Fortunately, our veterinarian, Dr. Terry Heaton-Jones, has been volunteering weekly to help us test our diabetic monkeys. He also helps with TB tests, vaccinations, microchips and physical exams, not to mention stitching them up when they don’t see eye-to-eye. With Dr. Heaton-Jones’ help, we are expanding our ability to provide medical care for our monkeys right here at the sanctuary. Caring for them onsite greatly decreases the stress for the monkeys and also reduces our expenses. Dr. Heaton-Jones is teaching our staff how to administer drugs, draw blood, suture, and do general examinations.

Dr. Shaun Abolverdi, Kari’s dentist, has also offered his time to work on the monkeys’ teeth and will donate the instruments. Unfortunately, we do not have the anesthesia machine needed to do dentals, as well as other more complicated procedures.

We are working toward building our new and improved clinic—that’s where you come in! A building has been donated; however, we need electrical, plumbing, walls and flooring to finish the building. We also need medical supplies and equipment. We need your help in finding people willing to donate the equipment or the funds to purchase the equipment.

Please go to the ‘Gizmo Memorial Medical Fund’ on our website to see the wish list and how to donate. The monkeys will really appreciate your support and compassion.

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Monkey Art Exhibit in Havana, Florida

Donna Hansell, one of our creative volunteers, decided to put the monkeys’ paintings on display at an art exhibit. Not only was it a fun way to meet others interested in monkeys, but it is a great idea for raising money for the sanctuary. We are happy to update you that our monkeys and their art have drawn quite a crowd during the first weeks of their exhibit. Opening night kicked off on October 11th with a reception at Light-N-Up Art Co-op and Studios in Havana, Florida. The first night raised $1500 with over 200 people in attendance! The exhibit will run through the holidays. These paintings make great gifts! A big thank you goes out to Donna, our amazing volunteer and supporter, for making this event happen!

You can do this too! Just give us a call or email us. We will provide the monkey art, a presentation and help you with displays. You provide the location and the time. Try it out!

Monkeys in the Media

Jungle Friends has been very lucky this year to host some major national news and television shows. We would like to thank the crews for showing an interest in what we do, as well as all of our donors, sponsors, volunteers and everyone else who took time out of their schedules to watch! If you missed the shows, you can watch them on the Jungle Friends website at ‘Monkeys in the Media.’ We have been featured on:

~ Inside Edition
~ ABC Primetime
~ National Geographic
~ Dateline NBC


Dharma dances with joy in her new habitat.

Darwin enjoys his new home at Jungle Friends.

ABC’s David Muir reports for Primetime at Jungle Friends.

Andy was featured in the Primetime episode.

National Geographic filming for Wild Chronicles featuring Tessa, a monkey’s struggle with diabetes.

Tessa meets Mario, her very first monkey friend.
Volunteers and Interns always needed!

Our volunteers and interns are very special people! They help with everything from preparing the monkeys’ food to building habitats. Our intern program requires a commitment to live and work onsite for at least three months up to a year. For volunteers, we only require a four-hour commitment and a good attitude! Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. Join us on any Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to help with the day’s projects and chores. You can find more information and applications under ‘Opportunities’ on our website.

Being a non-profit sanctuary, Jungle Friends relies solely on kind-hearted individuals for support. Our ability to provide a safe haven is made possible by the generous donations of good and compassionate people like you.

You Can Help!

Please support Jungle Friends in its efforts to rescue and care for unwanted primates. There are many ways you can make a difference...

- **Join our Sponsor-A-Monkey Program** and make a monthly contribution to care for one of our monkeys.
- **Make a donation**... and ask your employer if they make matching gifts. Many corporations will match gifts that employees give to charity. Your employer may match every dollar you give. Ask your company today and double your donations!
- **Shopping online? Register with iGive or GoodShop** and support Jungle Friends with every purchase from hundreds of major online stores—at no extra cost!
- **Good Search lets you earn money** for Jungle Friends with every internet search. Go to GoodSearch.com, choose Jungle Friends as your charity and start surfing today!
- **Planned Giving**. Leave behind a great legacy by putting Jungle Friends in your will. It’s a wonderful way to be remembered!
- **Be our friend!** Check out our MySpace and Facebook pages! Add us as a friend and let your other friends know that you support the Jungle Friends monkeys!

Visit our Jungle Store online!

**Monkey Logo Merchandise**
- T-shirts ~ Tank Tops ~ Hoodies ~ Totes

**Monkey Photo Gifts**
- Monkey Calendar ~ Note Cards ~ Holiday Cards
- Adoption Packets ~ Magnets

Wish List

Your donation of tools and supplies helps us stretch our operating budget! Thank you!

- Nuts in the shell
- Golf cart batteries
- First aid kits
- Rope (3/4” and 5/8”)
- Plastic muck buckets
- Bug light bulbs
- Flood light bulbs (amber and green)
- Flashlights/batteries
- Shovels/pitchforks
- Ladder (10’ or larger)
- Wheelbarrows, garden carts
- Laser printer
- Notebook computer
- Copy paper
- Sharpie markers
- Postage stamps
- AA/AAA batteries
- Laundry detergent, bleach, dish soap
- Paper towels

See our online wish list for more gift ideas.

Monkey Art

Choose a print from an array of colorful artworks finger-painted by our monkeys, or have a one-of-a-kind painting created for you. Visit our website to view the large selection of paintings.

**PHOTO ART** combines a smaller print and photo of the monkey artist in the same frame.

‘Holiday Highs’ by Samantha

‘Sweet Dreams’ by Hayley

‘Holiday Highs’ by Samantha

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