Jungle Friends Wins Chase Community Giving Contest!

Thanks to all of our friends and supporters who voted for us, Jungle Friends was in the top 200 charities on July 13, winning $20,000 for the Expansion Project!

Sign up on our website for the Jungle News email newsletter to get details about the next online grant award contest from the Pepsi Refresh Project!

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This newsletter is available online. Be sure to forward it to everyone you know!

Jungle Friends Expansion 2010

As Jungle Friends’ national recognition has grown, the demand to provide housing for unwanted monkeys has also grown. We are at capacity, but the calls continue.

• One recent call was about a ‘pet’ monkey named Yadah. The ‘owner’ was beside himself — Yadah had bitten his son.

• Then we were asked how many of 30 squirrel monkeys can we take if they are freed from research? Without funding for expansion, the sad answer is: none.

Thanks to the generous donations of caring individuals and grant foundations, Jungle Friends provides a permanent home for monkeys in need, whether they are from the exotic pet trade, laboratory research, or the entertainment industry.

• The next call: Momo and Giz, two marmosets confiscated in Kentucky, are heading to Jungle Friends. No time to prepare; the marmosets are at the door.

Today, it’s not just money that challenges us, but space. Jungle Friends is out of room. If we are to help the monkeys still waiting for a sanctuary home, we must secure the resources to grow.

We Need Room to Grow

We found the ideal expansion opportunity right next door. A bargain buy at $200,000, the property would provide both room for habitat expansion and facilities to expand our outreach program.

Nestled on 5 acres, there is a barn, a 2000 SF cinder block house, and plenty of space for monkey habitats.

The challenge of raising these funds is large, but the opportunity is here now, and we cannot let it slip away. If you are able, please consider a substantial donation to our Expansion Project.

Be a part of the Jungle Friends Expansion. Please donate today!

Jungle Friends is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and your donations are tax deductible. Donations can be made on your credit card from the website www.junglefriends.org, by phone at (386) 462-7779, or can be mailed to: Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary 13915 N. State Road 121 Gainesville, FL 32653
It’s hard to convince a monkey to keep still and allow an injury to heal. That was one big worry in deciding what to do for Ebi, a weeper capuchin, when he dislocated his hip on March 29.

Initial efforts to put the leg back in place were not successful. The scar tissue that had quickly formed in the joint prevented the leg bone from being seated properly. It would not stay in place.

After considering more drastic options – surgery or amputation – we decided to first try the least invasive approach.

Our vet, Dr. Schirmer of West End Animal hospital in Newberry, worked and worked at getting Ebi’s leg back into the hip socket. He had to break up the scar tissue – literally crushing it – to allow the ball of the femur to be replaced securely in the hip socket.

At last the leg stayed in place!
Now the challenge was to immobilize the leg for a week, to allow the tissue to grow back sufficiently to keep the hip in the joint permanently.

Back in his squeeze cage, Ebi enjoyed a few grapes and waited to see what would happen next: that was another car trip back to the Jungle Friends onsite clinic, which would be his home for the next week.

All in all, Ebi did quite well during his “hospital stay.” Our compassionate care staff were anxious to cater to his every need. Ebi was served all of his favorite foods and provided with videos to watch.

Caregivers checked on him frequently and offered special treats throughout the day. Before the week ended, Ebi’s natural exuberance was returning. We had to increase his medication to curb his enthusiasm and allow a few more days of quiet time for healing.

Ebi seemed to enjoy all of the attention he received during his confinement, but in the end, he just wanted to be back with his monkey friend Mickey!

That day came at last. Ebi was so excited to be out of the little cage and back in his spacious outdoor habitat. He raced around happily, and although he jumped more than we would have liked, it appeared that no harm was done.

Ebi and Mickey were so happy to be back together! They had a grooming session and then laid down side-by-side for a nice mid-day nap.

The boys are really making up for lost playtime!

Watch Ebi and Mickey’s reunion video at www.junglefriends.org/ebi_cause.shtml.

Ebi and Mickey are so happy to be back together again!

Lee Ward, Jungle Friends’ caregiver supervisor, holds Ebi close to keep the leg in place as he wakes from the anesthesia.

Jungle Friends Director Kari Bagnall assists as Dr. Schirmer rotates Ebi’s leg to crush the scar tissue that had formed in the hip socket. Eventually the leg stayed in place, and Ebi was on the road to recovery.

X-rays confirmed that the leg was back in the socket. It worked!

Your donations to the Jungle Friends Memorial Medical Fund will help other monkeys with medical needs like Ebi.
Ozzie, the three-legged dog

Ozzie, Jungle Friends’ famous three-legged dog, experienced abuse early in life — his x-rays revealed a smashed femur, which is the reason his leg had to be amputated, and further he had so many pellets and buckshot in him we stopped counting! Evidently he was used for target practice.

For several years, the loss of his leg barely slowed Ozzie down. Visitors seeing him galloping beside the golf cart would do a double take when they realized that energy was powered by a single rear leg.

But life as a three-legged dog took its toll. The extra back strain eventually left Ozzie moaning at the end of a long day. Joint degeneration and hip dysplasia increased his pain and decreased his mobility. Something had to be done!

Thanks to the many Ozzie fans who rallied with donations and assistance, Ozzie now receives a variety of treatments, including hydrotherapy, acupuncture, chiropractic adjustments, massage therapy, and daily medications and herbs.

Donations for Ozzie’s ongoing medical bills are gratefully welcomed!

Ozzie’s fans really came through for him!

Ozzie, the best dog in the world.

Monkeys in the Media

National Geographic Channel filmed at Jungle Friends last June. We were featured in a program called, “My Child is a Monkey.” The program aired in the UK last year and is scheduled to air in the US on August 6th on The National Geographic Channel. If you miss it, no worries; we will have it on our website, on the ‘Monkeys in the Media’ page.

Filmmaker plans Jungle Friends documentary

We are very excited to announce that Shannon Keith, who produced ‘Behind the Mask’ and ‘Skin Trade’, is filming a documentary about Jungle Friends this September!

Uncaged Films was formed in 2004 by Shannon Keith in order to get the message of animal exploitation out to mainstream media.
Volunteers to Vegans: Action for Compassion

Jungle Friends’ “Volunteers to Vegans” initiative combines our primary mission to help primates with our passion to promote a vegan lifestyle.

When volunteer groups come to the sanctuary, we reward their hard work with a scrumptious vegan meal. A Well-Fed World has awarded Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary a Food For Thought grant, which enables us to offer appetizing, healthy vegan meals to our guests after our Special Volunteer Days. This is the perfect opportunity to introduce non-vegetarians to the delicious world of vegan food and provides a great forum to discuss the many aspects of veganism and to promote a more compassionate lifestyle.

Sponsor-A-Monkey (S-A-M) Program

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!

Upcoming Events

For event details, visit www.junglefriends.org/eventcalendar.shtml

July 15-19, 2010
Animal Rights 2010 Conference
Washington, DC
Jungle Friends Exhibit & Presentation

October 2, 2010
Tampa Bay VegFest
Tampa, FL
Jungle Friends Exhibit & Presentation

October 4, 2010
World Animal Day
at Jungle Friends—Gainesville, FL
VIP Tour, Dinner and Presentation

October 9, 2010
2nd Annual Monkey Biz
Las Vegas, NV
Monkey Art Exhibit

November 1, 2010
World Vegan Day
at Jungle Friends—Gainesville, FL
VIP Tour, Dinner and Film

November 6, 2010
Northeast Florida VegFest
Jacksonville, FL
Jungle Friends Exhibit & Presentation

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   PayPal donations can be made at: www.junglefriends.org/donations.shtml
   or emailed to info@junglefriends.org

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☐ Please use my donation for the Memorial Medical Fund

☐ Please use my donation for sanctuary operations

I want to sponsor a monkey!

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