


Story Book Farm

PRIMATE SANCTUARY



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Story Book: A New Chapter

Yoshi Lexi Julien Amigo Sanchez Mickey Rosie Komoto Cheeko Pockets
Chimo Remi Buddy Razzle Kye Smokey Bandit Keanu Marwood Bob Colette
Kismet Nan Chelsea Pierre Bruno Judy Johnny Suzy George Mr. Jenkins
Boo Gerdie Cedric Pugsley Cody Max Darwin Bella Mishaa Chiquita
Samson Rudy Stevie Ricky Nora Mojo Njeri Myste

49 monkeys and lemurs have called Story Book home. 49 monkeys and lemurs who did not choose to live in captivity. Some are among the very few who were allowed to retire from a lab, like our older ladies **Boo** and **Gerdie**, or were saved from abhorrent living conditions at unregulated roadside zoos such as **Julien** and **Lexy**. Some had no one else to look after them at birth such as **Stevie** or were part of the exotic animal trade and saved from certain death such as **Rudy**. Some were kept as pets, such as **Pockets** and **Max**. We welcomed them all.

Until now.

We have never had to turn away a monkey or lemur. We have taken them all without question, without hesitation, providing them with the specialised care each individual requires: some arrived with illnesses such as **Samson**, who is given pain medication and joint supplements for his severe arthritis. Some are showing signs of aging such as **Jenkins** whose mobility is compromised. We accepted **Myste**, who had never seen a veterinarian during her 17 years as a pet. Now that she has been given a thorough health check, we know she has some health issues which we are now treating.

Many of them came without names – we respect them and honour them by giving them names such as **Bella** and **Samson**, **Judy** and **Johnny**.

They each have their own story but there is only one ending – living out the rest of their days in sanctuary at Story Book. We supply whatever is necessary for their well-being – whether it is a CT scan for **Pierre** because of dietary problems or researching treatments for **Remi** when he was diagnosed with cancer.

We currently are home to 24 monkeys and lemurs, but we have no space to take in more. We know there are many out there – sadly we just had to turn two monkeys away.

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Recently the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention in the U.S. (CDC) announced they will be phasing out research using monkeys. The fate of these monkeys is unclear as there aren't enough sanctuaries in the U.S. to house them all. However, apart from the retirement of chimpanzees in research 10 years ago, such a major change in policy is unprecedented. We hope that similar policy change under the auspices of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency will follow. We couldn't house the thousands of monkeys who are in research in Canada, but we could save a few as we did **Cody, Pugsley and Cedric** – if we had the space.

We could provide another monkey the space to run as we did for **Njeri**.
We could design and feed a healthy diet to a malnourished lemur as we did for **Ricky**.
We could provide a family for a monkey when they have no one as we did for **Mishaa**.

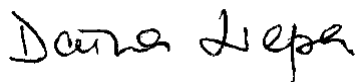
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We are currently at capacity. There is no more room. We have lots of land to build on. We just need the money to do it. We have set a goal of \$1 million based on the last expansion. *George's Haven* cost \$500,000 six years ago. That allowed us to house 9 monkeys and lemurs who were rescued from a roadside zoo in Quebec. Depending on how much money we raise, a new building could potentially save 10-15 additional monkeys and lemurs, giving them the opportunity **Bruno** had to sit in the sun and walk on grass for the first time, or make choices for themselves as **Darwin** now can.

Your gift is more than a donation—it is a promise of a better life: a new chapter filled with respect and compassion. Together, we can open our doors to those still waiting and transform their futures into ones of hope. Please help us build the space they need and continue this legacy of sanctuary. The indomitable Dr. Jane Goodall said: *“Only if we understand, can we care. Only if we care, we will help. Only if we help, we shall be saved.”* I would like to paraphrase her wise words to say: Only if we understand, can we care. Only if we care, we will help. Only if we help, shall the monkeys (and lemurs) be saved.

I hope you will consider a donation to help us offer more monkeys and lemurs freedom from fear and the opportunity to make choices. So far, we have raised over \$100,000 towards the new building. Please help us give more monkeys and lemurs a new chapter in their lives: a new life that is enriched, a new life where they are treated with respect.

From the Board, staff, volunteers and myself, we thank you for your ongoing support and wish you good health and happiness during this holiday season.



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In remembrance of monkeys past



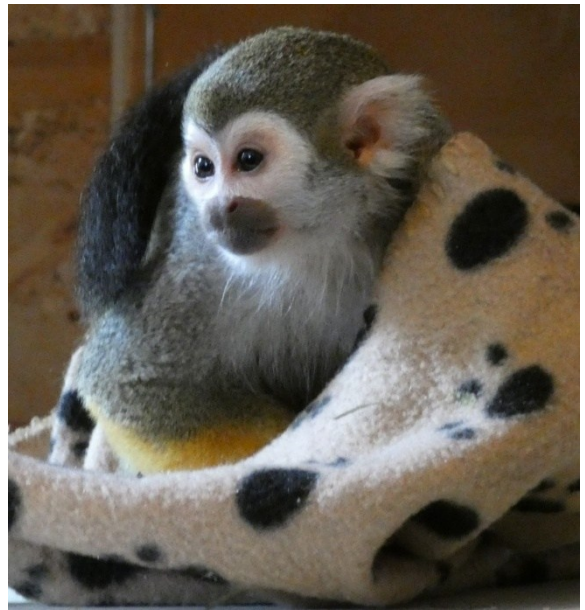
Cheeko had been kept in a bird cage

George loved to sleep in the sun



Julien & Lexy came from a roadside zoo where they were kept outdoors year round

Rudy arrived with liver failure and a denuded tail



Sweet Pea loved to sleep on giant stuffies

When the lab cares enough about their monkeys to allow them to retire.

