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Annual Report 2016



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Dear Friends,

We have so much to share with you in this annual report and so much to look forward to in the years ahead. We take this time to update you on the past year and to share some of the vision, dreams and goals for the year and years ahead.

Looking back at 2016 we have so much to be grateful for, special new friendships with Dolly and Blackie, and welcoming new supporters, volunteers, interns and friends into our lives. We are blessed to have an amazing team of caregiving staff as well as office, grounds and maintenance staff who take care of all aspects of Fauna. Most of all we are so grateful and blessed each day to have the continued support of our amazingly loving and supportive long time friends of Fauna, you!!!! For without you we would not be able to provide the lifestyle we do for our residents and for that we are deeply grateful.

We are blessed to be celebrating 20 years of caring for our remarkable residents. To have Sue Ellen here with us as she celebrates her 50th birthday is something special indeed. Sue Ellen has outlived the group she came to Fauna with back in 1997—that amazing group of chimpanzees who started it all for us. Up until a few weeks ago Sue Ellen was our eldest resident ever. Now the circle of elders has grown with Dolly and Blackie moving to Fauna and the celebration of Dolly's 50th Birthday. That day there were lots of homemade muffins in the chimp house, a favorite of Dolly and Blackie we have discovered! It is a joy to see our elders enjoy the lifestyle Fauna offers them.

A highlight this past year and deeply moving day for me was to have the people I feel are responsible for the life path I am on visit Fauna. We were blessed to have a very special visit this year from Roger and



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Sue Ellen

Deborah Fouts. They came to visit with Tatu and Loulis and of course I know their visit would not have been complete without spending time with Mary Lee and her youngest daughter Addy. It was a very special visit for me, I must say, for without this wonderful group of people my destiny would have been very different.

As many of you know, I first was inspired while meeting Roger, Debbi, and Mary Lee on an Earthwatch expedition to their sanctuary, the Chimpanzee & Human Communication Institute (CHCI) in Ellensburg, Washington. It was my time at CHCI that set my path and my fate. I feel as though Roger, Debbi and Mary Lee were my mentors, although we did not spend much time together, their influence and support gave me the courage to begin a sanctuary.

It was 20 years ago in January 1997 when Richard and I made a trip to Ellensburg to discuss the details of starting a sanctuary. It was that January when Roger gave us the name of a contact in a laboratory with chimpanzees who would need

a place to live. That name was Dr. James Mahoney and in February of 1997 we made the journey to New York State to meet him. It was on that day 20 years ago we met Sue Ellen, Billy Jo, Donna Rae, Yoko, Jeannie, Melalot, Petra, Chance, Rachel, Jethro, Regis, Binky and Annie. We had not yet met Pablo, Pepper, or Tommy.

To come full circle and to have two of the first five chimpanzees I had met in my life, Tatu and Loulis, here with us now is such a blessing and a miracle. Now I have the opportunity to learn all that I missed learning before from Roger, Debbie and Mary Lee. This is more than I can ever have dreamed of happening. It was as though the stars were aligned and our paths were meant to cross once again.

Friends of Washoe and Mary Lee are fully immersed in our daily lives now. They have always been the ones who planted the seed in my heart and soul. They have watered and fed that seed over the years in so many ways and are without a doubt part of the root system of Fauna.

Dr. Mary Lee Jensvold as you may know is on Fauna's Board, is Fauna's Associate Director, and our successor. Working with Mary Lee every day has been such an incredible experience. It is never too late to learn new things and our partnership has set Fauna on a new path towards the future with a focus on how to care for chimpanzees in captivity by understanding their behaviors, showing deep respect for their preferences and boundaries, and, of course most of all, their communication.

Twenty years later that seed has turned into a very big tree with many branches and much strength. As we grow toward the future we are moving in new direction. Our sanctuary is full of chimpanzees and full of possibilities to help make a brighter future for other chimpanzees who hopefully will make it to sanctuary.

When we first began our sanctuary 20 years ago there were less than 10 chimpanzees from research in sanctuaries in the US or Canada at that time. Today there are more than 500 chimpanzees in sanctuaries and hundreds of chimpanzees still waiting for their chance. Some may never get that chance if we don't work hard to make it happen and create places for them to live.

With this demand for new sanctuaries, there is a great need for qualified people to care for the chimpanzees in them. Some lab researchers have an idea of retiring the chimps at the facilities where they currently live—in the labs! This plan from our perspective would not really be the best for the chimps if the same people with the same attitudes and ways of doing things continue to care for the chimps. So there is and will continue to be a need for newly trained caregivers.

Our vision and focus for the years ahead will be on sharing all we have learned about caring for

our residents combined with the great knowledge that comes from CHCI. We feel there is nothing more important than providing the best possible care and caregivers. Caregivers who understand the needs of captive chimpanzees and who communicate with appropriate chimpanzee behaviors provide the best care possible. It is so much more than just handing out blankets and giving food!!!! It is complex, complicated, requires intuition, compassion, empathy, concern, intelligence, speed, attention to detail, and so much more.

Our dream is to share our knowledge and skills with others and help those who look forward to a specialized career in caring for chimpanzees in a sanctuary environment. There are so many things we do at Fauna that are unique and important for the well being of chimpanzees in captivity. We are hoping to share our culture with others and help make a brighter future for more chimpanzees.

We are blessed to have had the opportunity to build a home and offer a new life for the first and only chimpanzees to live in a Canadian sanctuary. Our first 15 residents were very special, 8 of the first 15 made history as the first HIV+ chimpanzees to ever retire to a sanctuary. They set the course for so many others after them.

While our story started with 15 chimpanzees, we have experienced 8 losses, we welcomed other chimpanzees in need of a home and today we have 14 residents. In 2013 two special chimpanzees Tatu and Loulis came back into my life. In 2002 we welcomed our first chimpanzee from a zoo in Northern Quebec, Toby. In 2007 we welcomed three more chimpanzees, Spock, Maya and Sophie, from a zoo in Quebec City. This left only one more zoo in Canada to have chimpanzees, Parc Safari. There in 2016 two of the

remaining four passed away leaving just Dolly and Blackie who have now joined our family. In all Fauna has been home to 23 chimpanzees and 7 monkeys. Our numbers are small compared to some of the bigger sanctuaries but perfect as a place to train and teach caregiving skills.

This year we lost a very dear friend and Board Member. A remarkable man Norman "Taylor" Walsh came into our lives many years ago with his heart of gold and personality unmatched by anyone else. Taylor lit up our lives in a way that is hard to describe and the lessons he taught us about "doing the right thing" were invaluable. We will continue to advocate on behalf of all chimpanzees from all places, laboratories, private ownership, entertainment and those losing homes in their land of origin. We will speak out for our monkey friends and work hard to see some of the same changes made for them that we saw for chimpanzees. We will always do our best to make a difference in the lives of those in need and we will do it in honor of Taylor and other special friends we have lost this year who believed in our work and our vision.

I pray you will support this vision and realize just how important it is. Remembering always that you have had an important role in all we have done. Your commitment and friendship has been an inspiration and a blessing. All you have done and continue to do for us has made dreams come true and most importantly has made a difference in the lives of others.

God bless you and thank you for without your help none of this could have been possible.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gloria".



Norman Walsh Taylor, Fauna Board Member

August 11, 1930 – August 7, 2016

Fauna lost a long time dear friend, Taylor. He served on the board of directors and brought compassion and kindness to Fauna. We celebrated his life in October, spreading his ashes with ashes of some other gentle souls of Fauna, Pepper, Jeannie, and Billy Jo, ... His enthusiasm, wisdom and integrity will be missed.

We share several of the memories and tributes to him.

By Dear Friend, Bonnie Burstow

It is with more sadness than I know how to express that once again, I am saying a few words about a friend that has just passed—in this case Norman Taylor. Taylor was one of my very closest friends; and there was a long period that went on for over a decade when we breakfasted together every single morning.

Taylor was also one of the old Toronto anarchists. Also a prison abolitionist. Also a Quaker, which he remained unto his death.

Taylor died late yesterday evening. He was a friend to many. He was the beloved husband of Leo, having found someone to make a life with toward the last years of his life.

He was an active member in Movement for a New Society. Additionally, he was a pillar in the gay community. Though the single issue for which I think those who knew him well most associate with him are animal's rights and indeed, there was a relationship between Taylor and non-human animals that was truly touching. I will never forget this special relationship which he had with a mouse that had turned up in his kitchen in his apartment at Clinton and Bloor that he ended up personally feeding on a daily basis.

He came to Toronto many many decades ago because his active involvement in the civil rights

movement, which included in a Quaker sort of way, facing Klan members made it safer for him to leave the States.

He was originally from England, where he and his family were followers of Gandhi. He was an avid believer in nonviolent resistance as well as someone who for decades provided training in this area.

I first met him in the early 80s when I sought him out to give 4 of us training in nonviolent direct action, for we were planning a sit-in in the Minister of Health's office to protest ECT. He did indeed provide the training over several days, and this was the first such sit-in ever in Ontario--and yes, we garnered a huge lot of positive press.

Taylor and I became friends that week—a friendship that became closer and closer over the decades. Whether it be breakfasting together, sitting on clearness committees together, or taking care of Taylor when he had triple bypass

I am profoundly sad today for this is a loss that runs deep. My heart goes out to everyone else for whom this is so. To Leo especially. And I am so happy that you found one another.

That said, I don't believe in an afterlife or indeed or anything after life. Nonetheless, I have an image that is doing me some good, and I thought I would share it. I once asked Taylor what he thought of the idea of reincarnation. He said that he would hate to have to come back again. "One by one, I've learned everything that I am supposed to learn in life," he stated. "While I am glad it happened, who would want to go through all that again?" then a quizzical look came over his face. "Well, he added, unless I got to come back as a huge and solitary boulder in the middle of the Arctic, overlooking the waves coming in. It feels good to think of Taylor this way.

*Dear friend, may your memory
be as a blessing.*

By Maggie Smith

All our lives have been littered with loss from small to big to monumental.: car keys left on kitchen counters, the loss of a feeling you can't quite get back, or the loss of someone who helped pave the path you now walk on. Today we mourn the loss of a man who went

by the name Taylor, a man whose sweet tooth was never matched in life and most likely never will be in death. A man whose kindness and unwavering hope has spread itself across his life and those that ever had the privilege to have met him.



Taylor and Maggie

Thinking back and thinking of Taylor, I think of ten minute naps that breathed life back into someone better than coffee, I think of big warm sweaters with a menagerie of furry friends printed on them, I think of the sweet smell of apple crumble fresh out of the oven with vanilla ice cream drizzled over it, and most of all I think of what an inspiring man he was. The minute you met Taylor he made you feel special with a welcoming smile and the crinkle of his brow -immediately accepted. The minute you became Taylor's friend you were instantly family as well. He was the type of person who always had time to listen to your concerns and have an extravagant story to distract you with. What a wonderful man, never settling for anything less than what he believed in.

Taylor helped shape the lives of everyone he met and the world itself prospered because of him. So, it goes to show that his passing is one that cannot be described in words, nor its loss understood by any who never met him. But Taylor's life, on the other hand, was built in the millions of memories he created in the hearts of his loved ones and these memories will never die. The sheer amount of accomplishments he achieved, though never bragged about, are numerous achieved with his

undeniably big heart that believed forever in a better world. Taylor was a hobbit of a man, ready for adventure, always snacking, and ready for some good old fashion mischief. I know that I and many others will always remember and cherish the time we had with him -that marvel of a man.

Other memories

"Taylor was a genuine free spirit, bon vivant with a heart aching for the whole hurting world, courageous activist, determined to do whatever he could to make a difference on our fragile planet."

"In my mind's eye, I can see Taylor. He's giving me the royal wave, like the queen would do, straight-faced, but with a sparkle in his eye. How blessed I've been by his example and his friendship and all that laughter and all those tears."



Taylor and Llama "Laura"

"Taylor was magical, remarkable, quirky, campy, kind. He was scholar prince, holy fool, and fairy godmother, crusader, confidante, Quaker, author of travel books, Broadway show tune belter-outer."

"Taylor was a valued friend and a quiet hero who flew under the radar screen. He leaves a legacy rich in friends, kind words and love for all."

"A very special person—kind—on the right side of everything."

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Taylor and a beloved friend

Getting to Know Dolly and Blackie

These first days and weeks with Dolly and Blackie have been very special. I wanted to get some news to you as soon as possible as I am sure you are all anxious to hear how our new residents are doing.

It is always scary and can be dangerous for chimpanzees to leave the surroundings they have known for so many years to go to a new place. The move can be stressful and there is no guarantee

especially with individuals who cannot tell us how they feel all the time. Our animal caregivers are very alert and notice all sorts of behavior changes and small details that can help greatly in managing the disease, but we are always aware of the fact that things can change at any moment. I am thrilled to report that welcoming Dolly and Blackie to Fauna has been a very positive experience for almost everyone, most certainly for Dolly and Blackie.



Blackie

they will be happy in their new home. We have experienced all scenarios here at Fauna and have witnessed great joy upon arrival and at times seen deep sadness. We are very aware of the dangers in relocating chimpanzees, especially the increased risks when moving elders.

The Parc Safari Chimpanzee Family

When we first got the call from Parc Safari giving us the sad news of Daisy's passing from diabetes, we were shocked. We had known of Daisy's condition for some time and we were deeply dismayed by her death at such a young age. We know all too well that diabetes is a serious health condition as we live this every day with our Regis, who, at 28, is the same age Daisy was. It is a difficult disease to manage,



Dolly

For the past 10 years or so, Dolly and Blackie were part of a family group of four. (There were others in their family who had passed away earlier.) Dolly, Blackie, Renee, and Daisy lived together at the zoo. Renee was Daisy's mom and they both passed away this year. Renee died last winter and Daisy just 3 months ago, leaving behind Dolly and Blackie. These two have lived together, had children, lost children, made and lost friends, and shared many experiences together in the 43 years they were at the zoo. They could likely have known each other before that as they both came from Dallas, Texas in 1973 when Dolly was 6 and Blackie was 4 years old.

We met Dolly, Blackie, Renee and Daisy more than 12 years ago when we had a call from the previous Zoo manager who wanted to lease our male chimpanzees

to father children to the Parc Safari four. This was not something we would ever consider. It was a rather strange experience but it gave us insight into the way some people care for animals in zoos. At that time, Parc Safari had sub-standard indoor housing for the chimpanzees during the winter months and the summer exhibit was not much better. They had a small green space with a small ditch



Blackie

around it. They had one climbing structure and a big rock to sit on; not the most comfortable or natural for chimpanzees, especially older ones. At the time we invited the management and staff to come and visit Fauna. During their visit, they were introduced to some ideas for a new indoor building and learned from our chimphouse what works and would be better for their chimpanzees. Eventually, they did build a night house for the chimps and it became their winter quarters as well. However, something the chimps never got was indoor/outdoor access all year long.

We offered assistance in many areas over the years. Sometimes we were welcomed to go and do enrichment and other times it was not a possibility. About two years ago we were called once again, this time to ask for help with Daisy and concerns about her diabetes. The zoo knew of our chimpanzees and their health issues so it was normal to reach out to others who had experienced the same problems. We did all we could to help by sharing as much information as possible about our experiences as well as offering our resources. We had kept in contact with the chimps as much as they would permit and were there for them every time they called for help. Dr. Allan helped, Trina, our vet tech helped, as did Dr. Bezner in Florida. Our staff volunteered their time and went to enrich and visit. It was very important to us to help these chimps.

Moving Day for Dolly and Blackie

When the truck drove up to Fauna on November 28, the humans at Fauna were ready, and although I had told our chimps about the new residents, I'm not too sure it all sunk in—the chimps of Fauna were quite surprised! The first screams of surprise came from Tatu who was the first one to see the new residents. Loulis, Spock, Sue Ellen and Binky also got a look as they were in locations where they could see the truck and the folks inside as it arrived.

While Tatu was shocked to see there were chimpanzees inside the cage in the truck and although she was curious, there were other emotions going on as well. Like us, there may be excitement in meeting new friends but there are also other feelings. Of course, as those vocalizations came out of Tatu, Spock, and Sue Ellen, all the other chimps inside the building knew there were new friends arriving. Binky was running up and down the skywalks trying to see what was going on and waiting patiently inside as the cage was rolled into the building.

Dolly and Blackie were wonderful on the trip. Thankfully the zoo is only 45 minutes away from Fauna so the journey was a short one. They were curious and excited when they saw their new home and once the door to the truck was open, they greeted the four chimpanzees that were in the skywalk overhead. As



Dolly

they waited for their zoo team of 6 people to take the cage off the truck they grew more and more impatient—it was clear they were ready to get out!

Once we started moving their cage into the building the Fauna folks looked on in silence. Our welder, Daniel Martin, was there to assist in the move and make sure their transfer cage was securely attached to the rooms they would first enter. Daniel has been here for every arrival since 1997! He is as much a part of the family as anyone here. Thank you Daniel, for another safe arrival.

Jeannie's Room

We chose a section in the building called Jeannie's area for Dolly and Blackie to live in for the first weeks. This is a section near the clinic and the kitchen and would offer a little more privacy for those first weeks. Jeannie used to live in this area and after renovations years ago, this space was given an upstairs area with windows, heated floor, many resting benches and more privacy—something Jeannie valued and needed in her life. It is extremely different from the living spaces Dolly and Blackie were coming from.

Once the transfer cage was securely attached to the door of the receiving room and the locks were removed to let Dolly and Blackie into their new home, there was a little malfunction with the door. A simple adjustment needed to make as a handle was in the way of the transfer cage door opening smoothly. However, this was not acceptable to Dolly! She was ready and she was not in the mood for any more delays! So, like many of the great female chimpanzees I have met, Dolly started to assist with the opening of the door into her new home. In that moment she reminded me of Annie and her arrival at Fauna and how ready she was for a new life. It also reminded me of Dana, the matriarch of Save the Chimps back in the beginning with Dr. Carole Noon. To be in the presence of such amazingly strong chimpanzee ladies is something special indeed. God Bless them and their courage, tenacity, and strength.

Once Dolly started to help the guys open the door, Blackie realized this was what she needed to do too! With two chimpanzees assisting the three men who were struggling, the door was finally opened. They were so excited and they wanted to get out of the cage and into their new home.

This was a special moment indeed. As they entered the rooms in Jeannie's area and began to pant hoot to the others, everyone was very aware of the situation and very anxious to say hello to these new friends. The building was alive and everyone was excited!

Apples were baking in the oven, the staff buzzed around caring for all, the rooms were enriched with welcome home banners, cozy warm blankets, and straw, the fireplace was roaring and it was like Christmas morning for everyone in the chimphouse.

Jeannie's space has been absolutely perfect for Dolly and Blackie as they can have their much-needed privacy or can observe and see what's happening in the building—but disappear when they feel the need. If they so choose, they can come downstairs to interact with the humans or for meals, or stay upstairs tucked peacefully in the private spaces and be served their snacks and meals.

Dolly and Blackie Make Themselves at Home

Two of their favorite spots so far are in a corner where there are windows all around, or in the window



Dolly

overlooking the rest of the building. The windows to the outdoors are a perfect place to watch the staff that drive around the building and observe all the outdoor activities. The windows are also perfect for lying in the sun. These windows with their view of the action on Fauna's roads were also a favorite place of Lou when he first moved in.

We were lucky to have NJ Wight, our very own chimpanzee photographer, come over a few times to visit and get some lovely photos of our new friends during their first weeks. The other day Nancie joking

said, "I think I have a photo of Dolly eating every vegetable imaginable!" Blackie, on the other hand, has definitely been the photography challenge! Chimpanzee photography is most challenging, especially through bars. However, Nancie managed to get, as she says, "a few good ones" for the calendar and for you. (I think they are all wonderful.)

Dolly and Blackie continue to make a huge nest in the window area where they lay and groom each other or share a snack, a popular pastime. Dolly will try ALL the new foods we offer her, but Blackie does not. She

observes Dolly while she eats and explores new foods, but she is hesitant to try anything until Dolly does first. It's quite something to observe, and of course, Dolly is thrilled to get twice as much. Blackie seems to derive great pleasure from just watching Dolly eat anything.

The Lookout

The second favorite spot is the window that overlooks the rest of the chimphouse where all the other folks live—this space offers something different. The nest is made close to the window but not in front of it and this way they can lay and look out without being seen. They can quickly pop up to look out when they hear the others, and they can interact with their new friends from a safe location and not be bothered by the more rambunctious neighbors. It is a more interactive spot and when they are feeling up to visiting and observing they choose this location but for resting and tranquility they choose the other.

Great Big Night Nests

We were told Dolly and Blackie love using straw for nest making, so we provided that along with lots of blankets. We weren't sure they would use the blankets because at the zoo they really didn't offer them regularly. We saw immediately that they loved making huge nests with not just straw but with lots and lots of cozy blankets. (They also include used brown paper bags from their snacks, wrapping paper from their gifts, scarves and empty boxes from their enrichment!) The nests are awesome, not quite as elaborate as Yoko's used to be, but not far from it. As Mary Lee said,

"the nest was big enough for a t-rex to lay a clutch of eggs." Free-living chimpanzees build nests each night to sleep in and day nests for daytime naps. It is lovely, healthy to see these natural behaviors.

Watching Dolly and Blackie make nests reminded me of those first

trust and the way they are always there for each other, holding hands, hugging, and following each other, has reminded me of the lovely times with our friends who have passed. Annie, Donna Rae, Pepper and Sue Ellen were the four at Fauna who lived this way sharing strong bonds and



Dolly

days at Fauna 19 years ago when Annie, Donna Rae and Pepper were here. Those days were some of the most moving for me; to see how important nest making was to chimpanzees that had previously been deprived of making such elaborate nests for themselves. It broke my heart.

I have to say, for me personally, I have had some very special flashbacks and reminders of those sweet and special early days with some of my dear friends. The love Dolly and Blackie have for one another and the special bonds they share, their friendship and

alliances and strength in their loyalty to one another. This is what Dolly and Blackie share too, more certainly because they have been together for 43 years. What a beautiful relationship to see.

Their nest sharing is also very sweet and not often seen here. I used to love to see how folks would lay in Annie's nest when she would be off doing something else. It was like getting into a super comfy bed and enjoying it for a few moments or for a short nap until Annie would return and recover her elegant nest. Pepper, Donna Rae and even Rachel and Chance

would rest in her nests and it always a sight to see. These days at Fauna we get to see Loulis doing similar things. He loves to lie in Sue Ellen's nests when she leaves them, and now we can see Blackie using Dolly's nests too, or sharing them.

Meeting New Friends

It is also really wonderful to see how interested Dolly and Blackie are in the other residents of Fauna. They have met everyone now through the caging. Of course, not everyone is as welcoming and that is normal, but it is easy to see there are already some relationships developing. We are just giving it a little bit of time to see how everyone does and then we hope to introduce some folks to one another.

Our caregivers have begun to develop relationships with Dolly and Blackie and are working hard to find favorite foods, working on routines and schedules to help make the transition less stressful. We realize a new life and new adventures can be exhausting and I would assume that any day now they will start to wonder what the heck happened. It is normal for this to happen and like us, we grow used to things and old ways and it is important for us to find similarities in routines to help us adapt more quickly.

Thankfully some of our staff had been going to the zoo to help with enrichment and getting to know the chimps. Kaeley, Mary Lee and I had all met Dolly and Blackie before. We knew Renee and Daisy too and saw how the days were structured at the zoo so it was easier for us to respect some of their traditions and schedules. We will soon see old habits replaced



Blackie

with new ones and the one we've noticed so far is the tradition of eating chow which has been very quickly replaced with eating fresh produce, cooked food and super healthy muffins.

All chimpanzees in captivity are given chow to eat every day and it is the principal food served. At Fauna this is not the case. We serve leafy greens most of the day, root vegetables, fruits, grains, legumes and nuts. We also include a long list of spices and many other foods for their nutritional value and support as well as some chow.

The First Night at Fauna

The first days are always an experience so I thought I would share what happened on their very first night. After the hectic day Dolly and Blackie had with the move and all the changes, we tried to keep things peaceful and make

sure everyone went to bed at the usual time. Naturally, everyone was exhausted that day and the humans were greatly relieved the move went well.

As you may know, we do sometimes go back into the chimphouse at night to see how everyone is doing and we have cameras that Mary Lee and I can watch from home or on our phones. On their first night, I did go back. I entered the chimphouse at about 9:00 pm and everyone seemed to be sleeping. I could hear snoring from many locations and then another noise, which sounded like snapping. As it turned out, it was some very loud crunching on vegetables coming from Jeannie's upstairs area. I went up to look and there were Dolly and Blackie sitting up eating raw turnip and carrots. I was relieved they were fine and it was a great sound to hear they were eating and seemed quite comfortable.

Tea Time

With a few lights on and activity in the chimphouse, some of the others began to come down into the rooms in front of the kitchen to see what was going on. I went back downstairs and turned on the kettle. I decided to prepare and serve some warm ginger water and some oranges. With cold season upon us, we try to make sure the chimps receive lots of warm drinks and plenty of vitamin C. From the kitchen I could see the two little heads hanging upside down watching what was going on. Dolly was there at the top of the staircase curious and excited about the oranges but wasn't going to take the trip down the stairs in the dark. Being the first night in their new home with unfamiliar surroundings, it was normal she wouldn't venture downstairs. So I went upstairs to serve Dolly and Blackie along with their new neighbor, Tatu, who was up and no doubt wondering why I was there.

They both happily came over to take the oranges but when I put the hot tea on the trolley only Dolly took it. It was a new experience for Dolly having a hot tea served on a trolley! It takes coordination and caution when moving it off the cart and in through the little hole, then safely onto the floor or into your hand so you don't spill the hot drink. Dolly did it with ease and confidence, lowering the drink onto the floor, bending over to smell what was in it then picking it up carefully to take it to her night nest.

When we had left the building at 5:00 that day, Dolly had made her first nest near the window overlooking the inside of the chimphouse. The nest had now

been relocated to the more private corner space and had turned into "a nest for two" where she and Blackie were sleeping together that first night. Dolly took her cup of tea to the new nest location. She put it down then lay over it to sip it carefully. Blackie was there observing very closely but not drinking. After Dolly drank most of her tea they both came over to take the oranges and sat happily food grunting along with all the others who were awake and eating.

The first day and first night were over! I have found the transition has gone quite well and it is as though they have been here a long time. The ease with which they settled in and embraced our traditions and routines was remarkable. There had been no doubt in my mind, just like there was no doubt in my mind when I first met Jeannie and her family, that they would be better off once they got out of where they were living—and they certainly are!

In and Out

On day three we opened the door to outdoors, not the Islands yet, but to the wonderful skywalks the chimps of Fauna love so much. Dolly and Blackie went out immediately and explored the space opened to them and then when Dolly wanted to go back in, Blackie was right behind her. Dolly realized that she could go in if she chose and then she could go back out again—this was a new experience for them. At the zoo, when you go out you are locked out all day until you come back in at the end of the day when the zoo visits are over. Or, as it was at Parc Safari, once the season ends at the zoo you go inside and don't get let out again until 6 months later when the zoo reopens up for visits!

The experience of going in and out was a first for them and one that they truly seemed to enjoy and embrace. They kept checking behind the flaps to see if the door was really still open. Then



Blackie



Dolly

they would go out one more time, then back in, then back out and in and out...what a joyous surprise it was for them. We all can't wait for those lovely winter days when the doors are open and the sun is shining brightly and the skywalks are warm and cozy so our new friends can experience the fresh air every day, all year long. Fingers crossed for better weather as lately there has not been much outdoor activity.

Each day has been a new experience for everyone here and it seems the most curious to meet the new friends are Binky, Jethro, Tatu, Loulis, Toby, and Petra. Chance is still really unsure and seems a little insecure right now, and I think perhaps Maya is not that thrilled at the moment. It's a strange thing isn't it, meeting new friends? There are so

many emotions involved and not always positive; fear, jealousy, and insecurity are part of it for sure, as it can take years to develop close bonds with someone.

We look forward to the day when some folks get to experience new friendships. We have seen it before and will see it again but there is no rush. For now, we are delighted just to see how Dolly and Blackie react to the little things, like Christmas stockings, hot meals, blankets, brushes, mirrors, favorite foods, hot beverages, smoothies, muffins and simply adapting to their new home.

Canada's Only Chimpanzees

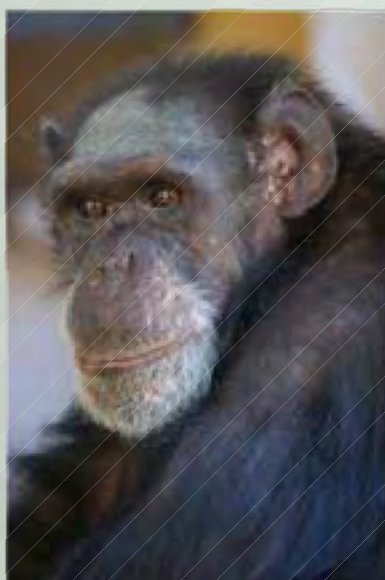
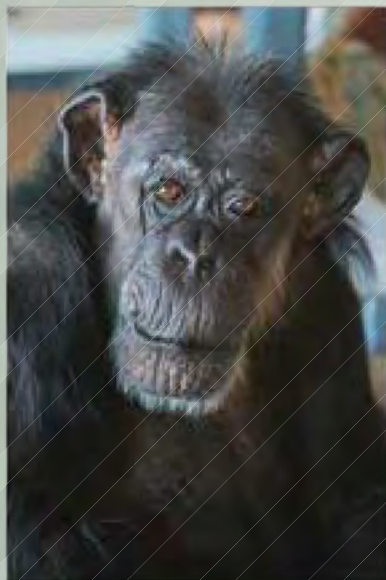
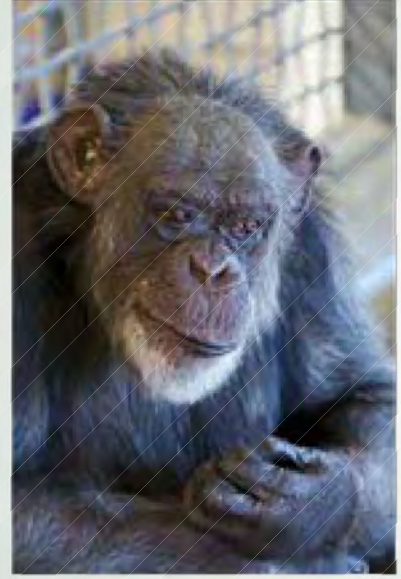
This is a joyous time for all of us at Fauna. I can only say how grateful I feel and how blessed

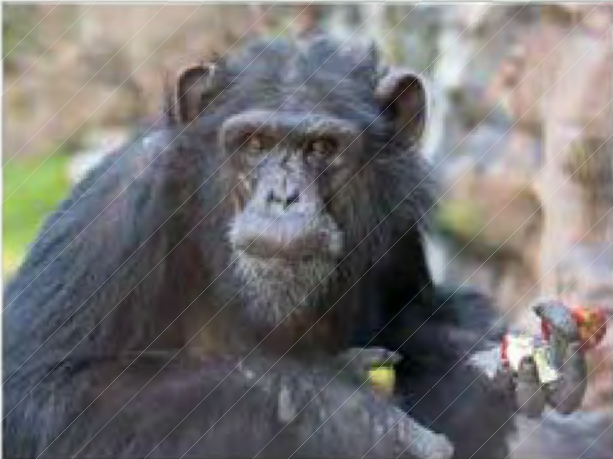
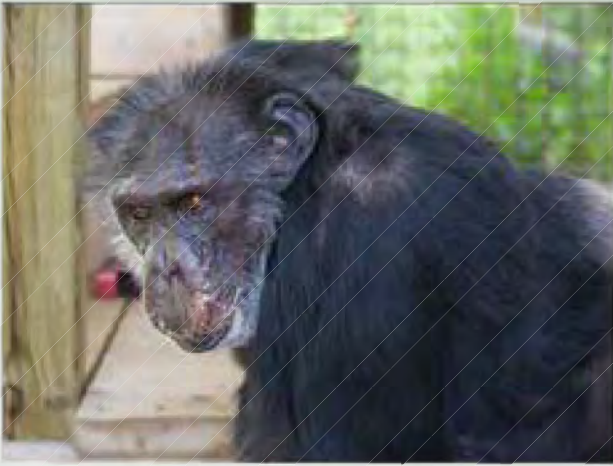
to have such dear and special souls in our lives. I can't talk about gratitude without talking about you and how grateful I am for you in our lives. For your kindness, your compassion, respect, and commitment to the Chimps of Fauna. Your support and faith in us gives us the confidence to accept these new residents and know we can do something wonderful for them; to give them a happier and more fulfilling life. You have helped make Fauna a very special place—and a place where all the chimpanzees in Canada now currently reside.

Thank you for all the love and support you have shown us, we couldn't have done it without you.



Rachel:34
Chance:33
Petra:28
Sue Ellen:49
Dolly:50
Blackie:48
Tatu:41
Maya:39





Loulis:38 Jethro:27 Regis:28 Binky:27
Spock:40 Toby:39





Eugene



Theo

Monkeys



Newton



Darla



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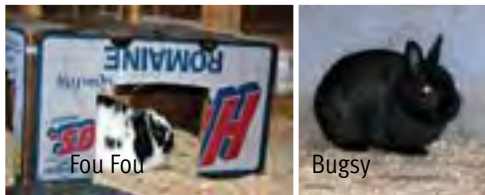


Geese

Farm Animals



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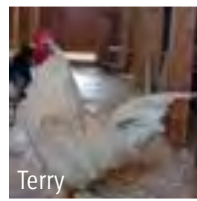
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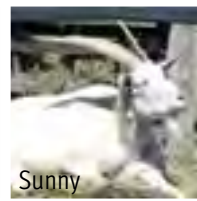
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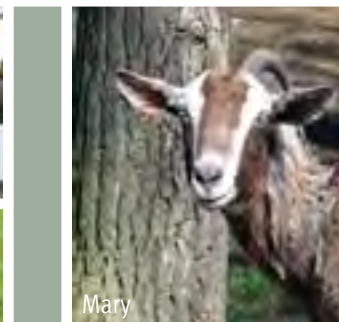
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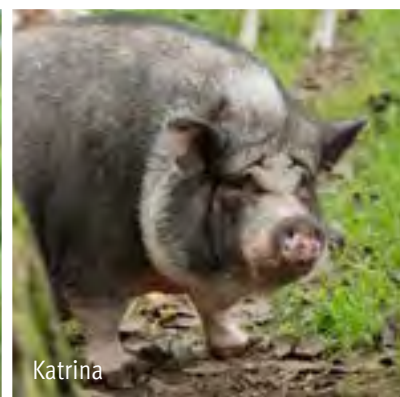
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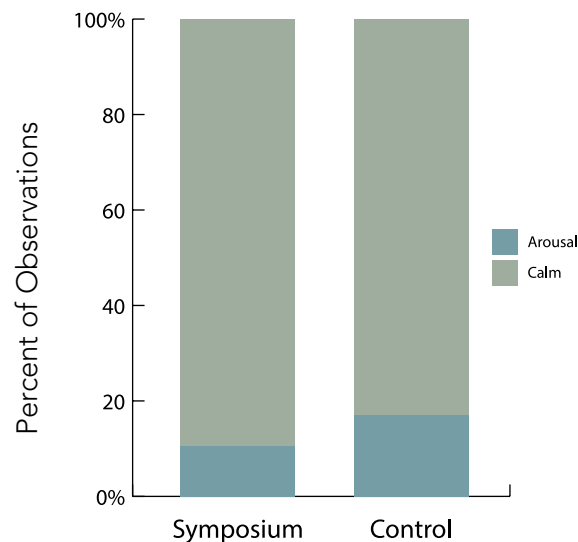
Space Use Study

During the summers of 2015 and 2016 visiting interns recorded the location of the chimpanzees'. This is a preliminary map of the data plots. Each dot shows each observation of each chimpanzee's location. The outside tunnels are quite popular as are most of the inside areas. We will further analyze the data for individual patterns and a deeper analysis of use patterns.



Symposium Study

We compared the chimpanzees' arousal level during Sanctuary Symposiums versus other weekend days. Observers recorded the occurrence of pant hoots, screams, and displays during the period of time when visitors were walking near the chimp house. On control days they recorded the same behaviors at the same time of day as the sanctuary symposium. A 2x2 Chi Square showed there was no difference in the chimpanzees' behavior ($p = 0.4328$) between the two conditions. Chimpanzee behaviors were the same during Symposiums versus other weekends.



Monkey Caregiver Interactions

This study is in progress and will provide information about the nature of interactions between the monkeys of Fauna and their caregivers. Stay tuned for the results.

Daily Record of Sign Logs

Four caregivers at Fauna use American Sign Language (ASL) with Tatu and Loulis. These caregivers are trained in ASL and make systematic daily records of signs. They record the signs and any interesting interactions they observe. We are in progress analyzing this data. One of these caregivers is partially supported with a grant from the David Bohnett Foundation through Friends of Washoe.

Dissemination

Jensvold, M. L. (2016, April 3). Signs of Art and Pretend Play in Chimpanzees. Workshop on the Origins of Awe and Wonder. University of Indiana, Bloomington.

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Mary Lee and interns collecting data on space use.

Most Popular Facebook Posts

Dolly & Blackie

The arrival of Dolly and Blackie was BIG news and Facebook welcomed them with open arms! These photos were posted December 12.



Sue Ellen



Loulis Celebrates A Birthday!



Media

- *Petite Seduction* is a Quebec television series that features cities and towns in Quebec. Carignan was featured in an episode and Fauna is a part of our local community so we were featured as well. The episode aired on May 11, 2016.
- Documentary *Unlocking the Cage* features Tatu and Loulis of Fauna Foundation. It has appeared at many film festivals such as Sundance, Toronto International Film Festival, and has won several awards such as the Traverse City Film Festival's Best US Documentary 2016 Award..
- Chirp Magazine, consultant services, September 2016
- Radio program. CBC Émission radio- Pas banale la vie avec Isabel Craig
- Ellensburg Daily Record December: http://www.dailyrecordnews.com/news/former-ellensburg-chimps-meeting-new-friends-in-canada/article_090c568d-f173-5cc6-96d7-898605a711b1.html
- Journal de Chambly December

Social Media

Our social media family continues to grow with over 8,200 friends on Facebook and a growing audience on Instagram . Our followers have been very responsive to important news events this year and have helped spread the word about important stories, including the plight of the Liberia chimps and the Yerkes Eight. There has also been very high engagement with animal welfare stories, especially the killing of Harambe, as well as the ongoing issues at Sea World, and zoos and circuses around the world.

There has also been tremendous response from our supporters on Facebook for ongoing appeals for supplies and enrichment items as well as requests for donations for our *Green\$ for Greens*, *Great Apes Giving Day* and *Wet Paint* campaigns. We rely greatly on this growing audience to help Fauna expand its reach. To help celebrate our 20th anniversary this year, we are hoping to reach 10,000 Facebook followers.

Timeline Favourites

Video clips continue to be the most popular type of content on Facebook and our post on July 27th which featured Rachel washing the windows was by far this years biggest hit reaching over 32,000 people.

Website

We continue to develop new features for our website and improve the overall user experience. This year we added automated forms for our volunteer applications, intern applications, and chimpanzee adoptions. We also expanded the Fauna Shop, which includes new art cards, post cards, notebooks, tote bags and tee's. Our blog continues to educate and generate lots of traffic on the site and this year we launched the very popular *Caregiver Chronicles* series! Our inaugural post, *Kiss the Girl* by animal caregiver Kelsey Breen, was published on March 30th.

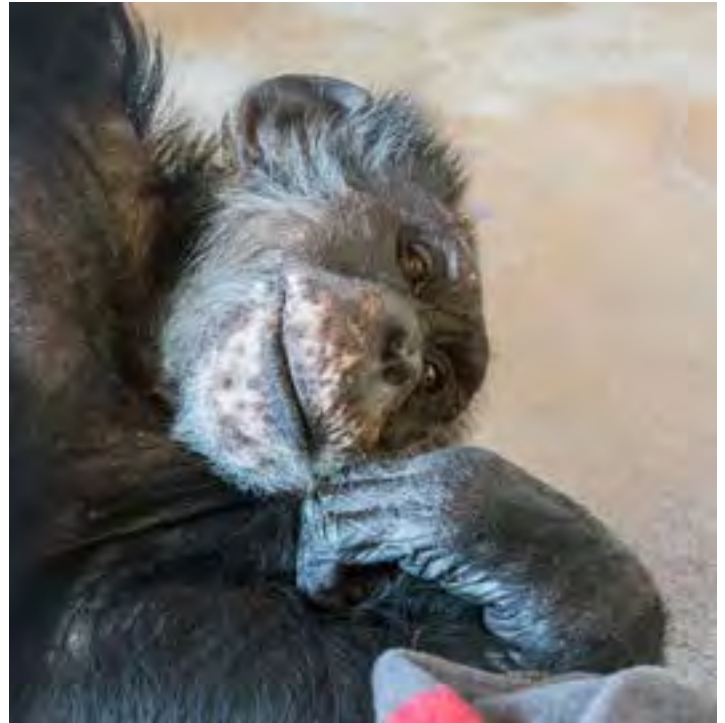
From Our Caregiver Blog

by Dr. Mary Lee Jensvold

Sanctuary life is an institutional life, no matter how you slice it. Residents are robbed of an independent self-reliant life; instead, they depend upon their caregivers to provide for their needs. The Fauna residents have all suffered some type of exploitation in the past. They wouldn't be here if they had lived ideal lives. For the chimpanzees and monkeys, that ideal life would be in the jungle or savannahs of Africa or Asia.



Tatu



Loulis

As caregivers, staff, or volunteers at Fauna, we are part of their life experience. We choose our reaction to the Fauna residents and the attitude we carry in our activities at Fauna. We can pity them, feel sorry for them, and bring our sadness into their days. Or we can isolate ourselves emotionally so we think only about getting through our job. Or we can be positive and uplifting. From the perspective of the residents, let's think about what each of those brings to their day.

Imagine you are in an institutional setting such as a hospital, instead of a sanctuary. A hospital visit is usually based on unpleasant circumstances. You are trapped and completely reliant on three nurses for all your needs. Nurse Pricilla feels very sad and sorry that your circumstances have brought you to the hospital. Each day she greets you with sympathy, reminding you of your miserable situation. With Pricilla there is no way to move past your own misery. Nurse Sherry is emotionally detached and hates her job and communicates this in her nonverbal behavior, and attitude. She goes hurriedly through her tasks without smiling, while slamming things. Nurse Sherry can't wait until her shift ends. You can't wait either. In contrast Nurse Barry loves his job. He discusses the day with you as he greets you at the beginning of his shift. He smiles, he's cheerful and he really cares about his patients. The experience with Barry is so pleasant, it's almost worth it to be in the hospital to have experienced his care. Barry doesn't feel sorry for you, he helps you through the day making every moment as good as it can be.

We ask all our staff, volunteers, and interns, to "be a Barry" and carry a positive cheerful spirit for the Fauna residents.

Programs

Symposiums

This year we offered 7 Sanctuary Symposiums to 147 visitors. This program generated \$8,190 in donations and visitors made purchases in the amount of \$3,421.

Things guests to this program had to say:

Thank you for this wonderful experience. The presentation was extremely interesting and you are all extremely devoted to your work. You make us want to learn more.

Thank you for this wonderful experience and opening your doors and educating us on primates and your mission. All your team is passionate and devoted, congratulations!

Educational, humbling, much praise to founders, staff, students, volunteers.

Visiting interns

There were 5 interns this summer generating \$10,000.



Interns

McGill interns

There were 6 university interns this year including one from University of Montreal.

We thank Dr. Colin Chapman for his ongoing support of this collaboration.

CWU students & thesis

Fauna hosted one student from Central Washington University, Lily Stolar. She collected her thesis data on interactions between the monkeys and caregivers.

NAPSA

In September 2016 NAPSA had its largest workshop in Tacoma, WA. 2017 will feature a virtual workshop.

The 2018 workshop will be in Gainesville, Florida.

Grants/Corporate Donations/Campaigns

Service Canada—Service Canada provides grants to not-for-profit to subsidize summer student employees. This grant provided two employees for work on the nature reserve and one outreach assistant. \$8,346

Nature Action—A collaborative project that provides habitat restoration at Fauna Foundation. Activities to occur in the upcoming year include seeding and birdhouses to attract native prairie bird species.

Friends of Washoe provided several grants:

- Summer intern housing and social \$3,150
- Immigration matching \$1,100

Google—has an employee matching program. For each Google employee who donates to Fauna, Google matches the amount. This year Google's portion totaled \$3,700

Amazon Wish List—Fauna lists items on our website that we request for enrichment and other activities. This year purchases totaled \$8,700

Matt N Nat Hope Bag—This highly successful program features a charity bag and purchasers can choose which charity will receive the proceeds from the purchase. \$10,500.



Enrichment

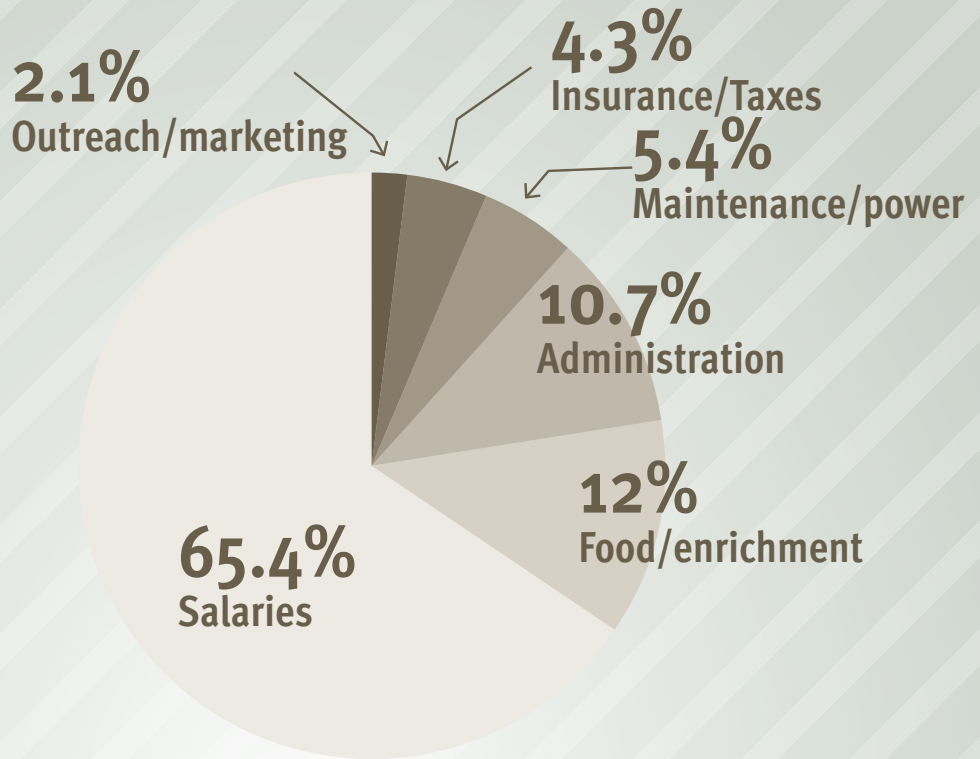
Maison Bourdon Sunglasses—This is a new line of sunglasses and for each pair sold, Fauna receives \$10. This year we received \$80

Genuine Health—donates critical supplements for the chimpanzees' diet including Omega Joy and protein powder. This year they donated \$6,618 worth of products.

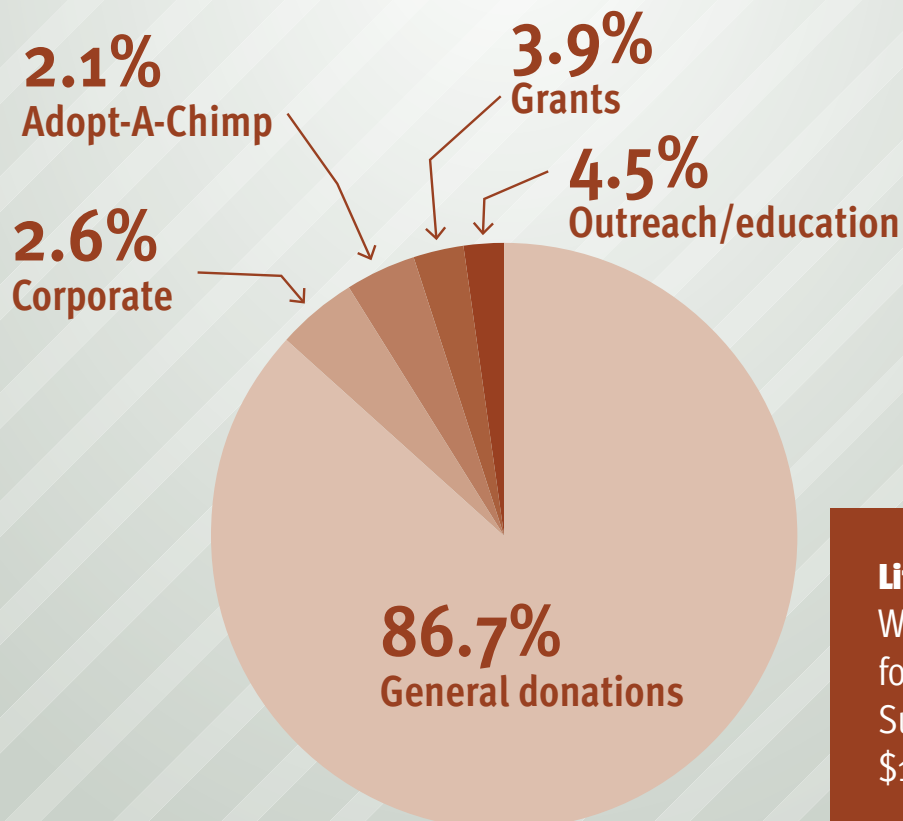
Expense Concepts

- The produce for the year was \$69,000
- The grocery bill excluding produce was \$8,923
- The costs of nuts and seeds was \$3078
- The pharmacy bill was \$1,900
- The cost for animal care staff for one year was \$387,120

Expenses



Distribution of Funding Sources



Lifetime Care Amount:

We are so grateful for our Lifetime Care Supporters. We raised \$11,350 this year.

Great Ape Giving Day

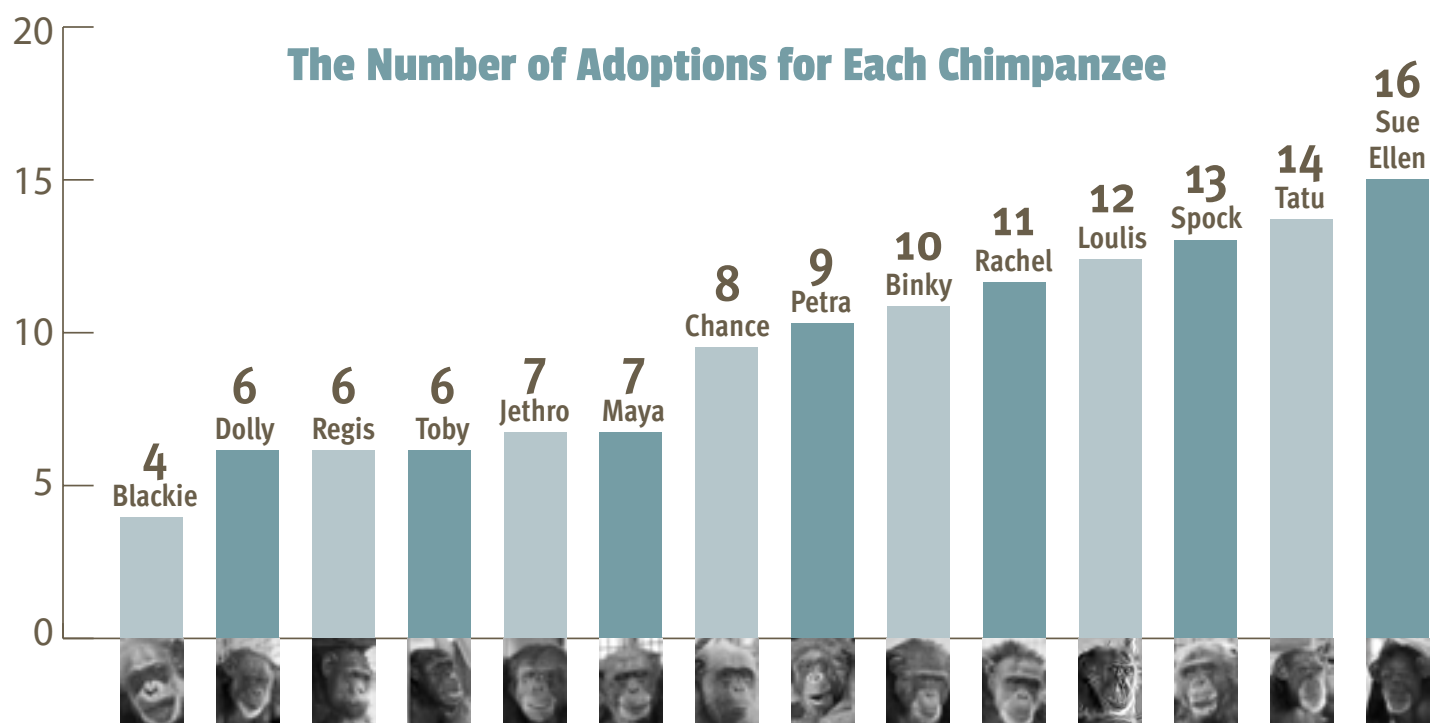
Organized by Arcus Foundation, this online giving day focuses on nonhuman primate sanctuaries across the globe. There were 34 participating sanctuaries this year. Fauna received \$3,878.

Wet Paint

This ongoing campaign is to raise funds to paint the large interior rooms of the chimp house. So far we have raised \$4,400 and the painting is 75% complete.

Adopt-A-Chimp

In this campaign, supporters can adopt a chimpanzee. The graph shows the number of adoptions for each chimpanzee. The campaign raised \$6,726 this year. Supporters can choose a chimpanzee at Fauna to fund monthly or annually.



Rock the Socks contest

This was an online contest for holiday stocking for the chimpanzees. We received many beautiful stockings to decorate the chimphouse and monkey house.

Green for Greens

Produce costs are incredibly high, particularly in the winter when much produce is imported to Quebec. This campaign raised awareness for these costs last winter and asked for funds to support this cost.



Outreach Presentations

- Girls Guide presentations Spring, Fall 2016
- McGill Biological Anthropology class Fall 2016
- William Latter Elementary—2nd grade class Spring 2016
- Toronto Zoo, Keeper Talk, October 19, 2016
- Jensvold, M.L. (2016, October 18). Conversations with Chimpanzees. Bornean Orangutan Society Canada. Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Advocacy

This year Yerkes Regional Primate Center sent seven chimpanzees to Wingham Wildlife Park in England. Fauna participated in a coalition spearheaded by New England Antivivisection Society (NEAVS) to oppose this move and took Yerkes to court. This export would require a permit from US Fish and Wildlife Services (USFW), which was granted. The coalition filed a suit against USFW.

We Quote From the NEAVS Fall Update:

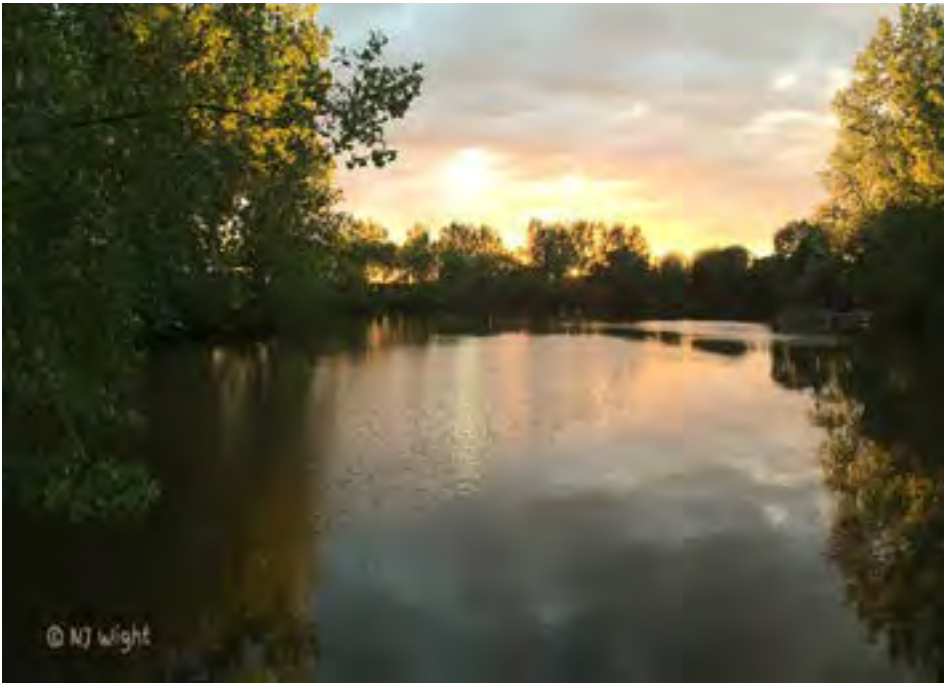
When NEAVS took up the mantle opposing Emory's Yerkes National Research Center's (Yerkes) donation of 8 chimpanzees to the U.K., we focused not only on the impact to these individuals—but also on seeing the larger adverse implications of the export. NEAVS and its coalition knew the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) granting an export permit to a U.S. lab to ship its chimpanzees overseas set a dangerous precedent—one that reinforces the continued practice of granting permits for the otherwise illegal use of endangered species based on a 'pay-to-play' arrangement—that had an impact on not only these chimpanzees, but, all animals protected under the U.S. Endangered Species Act (ESA).

On September 14th, a U.S. district court judge ruled NEAVS and its coalition lacked standing to stop the export permit granted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) allowing Emory's Yerkes National Primate Research Center to export 7 endangered chimpanzees to an unaccredited zoo in the U.K. They may have prevailed on a technicality, but the judge agreed with the merits of our complaint. Her language was crystal clear: selling permits was never the intent of Congress, nor does FWS have permission to "broker deals." She issued a resounding bell that FWS DID NOT have the "green light" to interpret federal law in a manner that is an "interpretation that appears to thwart the dynamic of environmental protection that Congress plainly intended when it mandated that no export of endangered species be allowed...."

Our relationship with nature is more than one of being than having. We are nature; we do not have nature.

Reserve

Prairie habitat restoration is underway this spring in a collaborative project with Nature Action (see Grants)



We have relocated a historic barn to our property across street from the sanctuary buildings. This year the barn was placed and the surrounding property was planted with trees. This barn is located by the turtle reserve and prairie restoration areas. This summer Sanctuary Symposium visitors will have an option to use this area for picnics.

Report From Ken McAuslan on the Tree Project

A very busy year at Fauna with 3 major projects underway:

1. A tree identification program began with the creation of a list of all tree species, both native and exotic, that currently grow on Fauna and Reserve property. To date our list comprises over 100 species and it continues

to grow. We will gradually tag as many trees as possible that are in conspicuous locations with colourful and informative markers. This is an ongoing project.

2. The major effort for the year was the establishment of a small controlled hardwood forest to the north of the Chimp House where we planted 780 Black Walnuts (*Juglans nigra*) and 100 Chinkapin Oaks (*Quercus muehlenbergii*) in a field of approximately 1 and ½ acres (75 feet wide by 950 feet long. I am including the specs on the field layout below). The walnut

seeds came from 3 different local sources in order to ensure a healthy provenance mix. I personally provided 600 (300 from Mercier Quebec and a further 300 from Abbotsford Quebec). Another 200 came from Bernard Contret of Pepiniere Lafeuille in St. Charles Borommee, Quebec. He also provided the 100 Chinkapin Oaks. We were able to buy all of his germinating seeds at 20 cents apiece for a total outlay of \$60.

Neither of these tree species are native to Quebec but both grow in Southern Ontario and will grow well in the Montreal area once established but therein lies the rub. These are first year seedlings with rudimentary root systems so we are very dependent on weather. We will lose a considerable percentage over the winter months so I currently have some 500 cleaned walnut seeds stratified in our fridges in order to replace our losses in the spring. This is a very labour intensive project in its initial stages, at least until the trees become established, so it will continue to consume a great deal of my time as well as volunteer time. This past summer volunteers were critical in the planting, weeding and watering of these seedlings. Kudos to them for their efforts and to Natalie Noureldin for their organization.

3. The fall of 2016 saw the beginnings of our projected

arboretum. Our ultimate goal is to have over 200 trees planted in fields to the north, south and west of the existing walnut field, a total of 3 acres. These will be specimen trees, practically all of which are exotics, with the large majority being of North American origin. Unlike the Walnuts, these trees will be open -grown to better display their natural beauty. During the past fall we have planted some 80 of these with the remainder wintering in one of our barns; they will be planted out in the spring. The specimen trees come from 5 separate sources: first myself, then Bernard Contret of Pepiniere Lafeuillee in St.Charles Borommee, Quebec, Frederic Gladu at Arboquebecium in Ste. Catherine de Hatley, Quebec, Marc -Olivier Harvey at Pepiniere Casse-Noisette in Maskinonge, Quebec and of course Joe Sciazzi at Centre du Jardin Brossard. Over the past three years since the inception of our tree program we have spent roughly \$1500 on specimen trees and germinating seed from suppliers.

A sidelight of the tree program was a decision by Richard to try to protect some of the more desirable red and white Ash trees that are in immediate proximity to our central Fauna operations areas. This has been an expensive undertaking relative to our other tree endeavours having cost us some \$3500 to date. However this was a 2015

outlay for equipment and medication which I chose not to repeat this year past as it is such an invasive procedure. I will however resume the treatments in June of this year (2017) or we will lose some beautiful trees to the Emerald Ash Borer.

I continually collect seeds in the fall (it's a habit I can't seem to break) from which I grow young trees in pots. Many of these come from the Mon-treal area and many more from Toron-to (species are found in the central Toronto core that grow nowhere else in Eastern Can-ada). I currently have some 250 pots wintering in the barn together with our remaining specimen trees and these will be repotted in the spring. In addition I have seeds of a number of other unusual trees which are now in stratification in our fridges at the farm to be potted out in the spring once they begin to germinate. The object of all this (hopefully) is to provide young trees for sale, particularly when the barn/bou-tique becomes a reality on the south side of Bellerive.

Last spring we received 210 large potted trees from Centre du Jardin Brossard and we dealt with them as follows. (I always inventory these

deliveries to compare with the shipping slips and to better know what we have). Initially I destroyed 30 Cherry trees that were infected with the "Black Knot" fungus (*Dibotryon morbosum*) that should have never been sent in the first place. Most of what we receive



125-year-old barn, pre-restoration

from Centre du Jardin Brossard arrives on life support (which of course is why they cost us very little) and we try to resurrect them. A further 20 were basically DOA and we also sold about a dozen. The roughly 150 remaining we planted around our property.

In the fall we received a further 27 "very large" potted trees again from Centre du Jardin Brossard and these were planted (with two exceptions) on the south side of Bellerive adjacent to our newest barn which we hope to renovate. When they arrived I again inventoried them and discovered an error. They sent us a lovely Japanese White Pine, mistakenly grouped with native Eastern White Pines and this we planted in our new arboretum as a specimen tree. Sometimes you get lucky! In addition they sent one ornamental spruce which I rejected as scrap.

The frog does not drink up the pond in which her lives.

—Sioux Indian Proverb

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The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers.

—Everett Mamor

Volunteer Events

- Lasagna lunch: August 21, 2016.
- Unlocking The Cage benefit screenings:
 - Kingston, Ontario sponsored and organized by Janet Burgess. October 22, 2016
 - Montreal, Quebec sponsored by Films We Like October 17, 2016. Chris Hegedus joined Gloria and Mary Lee for a Q&A after the screening.
- Montreal Vegan Festival November 5 – 6, 2016
- Lisa Drew has organized, staffed, and created the table for three VegFests. Los Angeles May 1; Long Beach VegFest June 4; and Southern California VegFest, Oct 29.
- Arbonne to Fauna Foundation Jacinthe Daprato \$150 (December 17th- December 31st 2016)
- Fauna volunteers tabled at the Concordia Volunteer Fair (October 6th 2016)



Volunteer Training and Continuing Education

At Fauna we feel volunteers do their best when they have opportunity to learn. New volunteers attend a 3 hour orientation. We offer other workshops for volunteers covering topics such as learning chimpanzee behaviors, identifying the chimpanzees, safety, and outreach. These are well received

and are well attended. Fauna hosted a volunteer appreciation event on October 17 following the Montreal screening of *Unlocking the Cage*. Austin Leeds presented to Fauna staff, interns, and volunteers about conservation of Gorillas in Rwanda.

Volunteer Orientations and Topics 2016	Attendees
May 28: Orientation	9
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Rachel

Longtime Volunteers' Reflections

By Derek Donelle

It all started in the summer of 2005. I found out about Fauna via their website and was quite interested in the mission and what Gloria had done to provide the chimps with sanctuary. I booked a tour and was lucky to have Gloria take my family around the property. She mesmerized me with the stories of the chimps and I knew I had to be a part of it. From that day on I started volunteering on the farm to help build the islands for the chimps, planted trees all over the property with Dr. Allan, raked leaves in the pastures, painted barns, and anything they needed done. Today I am honored to be part of the primate enrichment team. 2017 will be 12 years since I first stepped on the grounds and met Gloria. I have made lifelong relationships with staff, volunteers, and the residents of Fauna and each time when I drive down the road on my volunteer day a smile comes across my face knowing I am part of what Fauna is and lucky to help provide some happiness to the primates.



Regis



Toby



Spock

By Sandi Young

I started there after an impromptu visit with one of the Grow family members. And I met Tom. The others were noisy (understandable considering I was a stranger) but not Tom he just stared calmly at me with his distinguished look.

When I went back home all I could think of was 'what an extraordinary experience'! Then I asked if I could volunteer. I started right away having already worked with Dr. Allan part time for 10 years in the past they knew how much I loved animals.

I have been there almost every Sunday for over 7.5 years now and I never tire of it. I love to be with the chimps, and interact with them. I have even picked up a bit of sign language! The noise they make now when I come in has a completely different tone, it's one of a comfortable happiness to see me. The feeling I get at that very moment reminds me of why I am there. I'm there to make their retirement years as happy and comfortable as possible.

I consider it a privilege to be a part of their life. Spock and I have a special bond, he knows he has me wrapped around his little finger!

But I love all of their personalities and quirks and know how lucky I am to be able to be a part of such a unique experience and will continue to be a part of the Fauna family for as long as possible!

By Sophie Vadnais

...I am all the more convinced that they have no place in captivity. Positive above all, I hope with all my heart to see them in my lifetime excluded from captivity. Until then, I have the chance to contribute to the mission of the Fauna Foundation. It is an honor for me to have been accepted by all (employees and chimp residents) and whenever a chimpanzee does me the honor to want to interact with me, I am moved to the very bottom of my heart. After all the things humans have done to them, they still have enough love to give me their trust ... I hope to have the chance to be part of their lives for a very long time.



Petra always wears of lanyard with keys.

About the Cover Photo

Binky and the Mirror

NJ Wight, volunteer photographer

I get to experience many wonderful moments photographing the chimpanzees but this summer I had a particularly special encounter with Binky. I was outside on the patio when I saw Binky walking overhead in the skywalk moving towards the back island with something bright blue in his hands. I waited a couple of minutes and then walked around back to see if he was visible to photograph. When I found him he was sitting all by himself up on a platform and looking into a small mirror. I didn't want to startle him so I started humming quietly while I slowly moved towards the opposite side of the enclosure. He looked up and saw me and watched me for a few seconds and then returned to his mirror.

I have seen the chimpanzees grooming themselves and each other many times, but this was a first for me—Binky was holding the mirror in one hand while he groomed his face and then his teeth. He did not take his eye off his reflection and his face was very thoughtful and focused. I started to click away as he continued to groom, trying to find small openings between the caging and surrounding gardens.

I wanted to position myself in such a way that I might get lucky and capture his face with the light reflecting back from the mirror. Sadly, the chimps rarely follow my art direction so I rely mostly on stamina and luck! After several minutes with my arms extended and my shoulders starting to ache a little, Binky moved the mirror to just the right spot and a bounce of sunlight lit up his very handsome face.

After almost five years of photographing the chimpanzees, this is certainly one of my very favourite photos!

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Construction and Maintenance

The monkeys saw lots of changes this year. Theo has a new outdoor tree house and tunnel from his area of the monkey house to the new house. He has views of goats, the pond with its many birds, and the driveway. The interior of the monkey house is nearly complete and includes renovation of Darla and Newton's enclosures and new windows in many enclosures. The exterior walls also were redone with new insulation and siding.



Monkeyhouse

The chimpanzee's also have new areas. There are two new skywalks. One is a bypass for a busy intersection which allows more options in configuration and avoids dead ends. Another extends the skywalk closer to the pond. Ultimately it will meet the roundhouse that is next to the pond. We also added several new doors which allow more flexibility in grouping the chimpanzees and allow more skywalk access to more chimpanzees.

Between Back 2 and Island 3 we added an outdoor enclosure. This creates outdoor access for Back 2 during the winter when the Island is closed. Finally the painting of the large inside rooms is about 75% complete. This is part of the Wet Paint Campaign.

We replaced the boards in the boardwalk in the spring. This is where groups pass by the Chimpouse and is under the Skywalks. This gives the chimpanzees an opportunity to come and visit the visitors if they chose.



Theo

The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.

—Oscar Wilde

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*We lost dear long time supporters John Edward Birnbaum and Lillian Sibley.
We lost dear friends of the project Brent Campbell and Eileen Henshaw.*

Please consider Fauna in your estate planning.

Specific Bequest: I give, devise and bequeath \$_____ (insert dollar amount or item of property to be donated) to the Fauna Foundation Quebec, a non-profit charity (886077239 RR 0001) located at 3802 ch Bellerive, Carignan, QC J3L 3P9.

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Come to Fauna This Year!

2017 Sanctuary Symposiums

Sanctuary Symposiums are a 2-hour education program that includes an informational session about Fauna Foundation, our residents and our activities and a tour of the property.

Dates

- April 23
- May 28
- June 11
- July 9
- August 6—*en français*
- September 10
- October 1





Our Place in Nature: Chimpanzees, Art, and Tree Songs

- July 23, 2017 10:00 – 3:30

Fauna Foundation is offering an in-depth workshop on our sanctuary and the chimpanzees and other beings who live here. The day-long event will include the morning activities that are offered in a regular Sanctuary Symposium which is an informational session about Fauna Foundation, our residents and activities, and a tour of the property with Fauna's Communication and Behavioral Scientist, Dr. Mary Lee Jensvold. This is followed by a picnic lunch on the sanctuary property. Afterwards we will have a forest walk on the Ruisseau-Robert Natural Reserve with Fauna's arborist, Ken McAuslan. He will identify native species and describe the activities in our reforestation project. Finally, over tea we will learn about chimpanzee sign language and artwork. Presentations will be delivered in English.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 450-658-1844.

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