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Our Oldest Friend, Sue Ellen

My goodness time flies by around here—it has been 19 years with the chimps! I can still hardly believe that we will be celebrating our 20th Anniversary next fall. Equally exciting and wonderful, in March we will celebrate our dear Sue Ellen's 50th birthday!

It is because of this very special birthday that I am compelled to talk about Sue Ellen with you now. I would like to share with you some of the goings on in her daily life and give you more news on this darling chimpanzee who has been one of the great blessing in our lives these past 20 years.

As you may remember, I met the chimps at the Laboratory for Experimental Medicine and Surgery in Primates (LEMSIP) in February of 1997 when Dr. Richard Allan, Pat Ring and myself visited for the first time. It would be the first of many visits with her, and others, before she moved to Canada. When I met Sue Ellen she was incredibly inquisitive and anxious for attention and conversation. Not from me but from Richard and Pat. Her obvious preference

for men was okay with me. When we met her in the lab she instantly won our hearts, and broke them at the same time. Sue Ellen was a beautiful, sweet and gentle little soul who desperately needed to get out of that place—and out of that cold and barren 5x5x7' cage.

October 21st, 1997 was the beginning of a better life for Sue Ellen and her friends. Sue immediately loved her new life at Fauna and instantly embraced her new surroundings, the enrichment that was offered. She loved the space, the windows and fresh air, the variety of foods, but most of all, the blankets! She also enjoyed spending every moment with her beloved girlfriends Donna Rae and Pepper.

As we approach Sue Ellen's 50th birthday, it is easy to see she is getting tired. She sleeps more and prefers "special service" from her loving caregivers. I want to take this moment to tell you that Fauna's caregiving team is the finest ever. We have experienced many losses and illnesses; it is part of life. Our caring staff have accepted that and completely understand the quality of care is of the greatest



LEMSIP 5x5x7' cage



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importance, which means special care, attention to the little details, and going above and beyond for all our residents.

Our care team realizes that the final years of one's life require different care. These years the needs are greater, the demands higher and the time it takes to serve, distribute and tend to the basic needs like blankets, enrichment, meals, and medications and supplements is more intense and laborious.

Our building has many seniors and the attention is different for each individual. It takes quite a team of people to provide the best care possible and we have that team. When you, our supporters, give us donations towards caregiver salaries, this is what you make possible—the best possible care for our residents, your friends here at Fauna. For this support from you I cannot even begin to thank you enough. God Bless you.

Sue Ellen, like all the chimps, loves the summer sun and warm weather. She can spend hours and hours laying in the skywalks under her blankets, or laying on her back with feet propped up just relaxing and waiting for her snacks to be served. She will sometimes take time to groom with Tatu, Lou or Spock when one of them visits.

This past summer Sue was offered the opportunity to visit with Regis and Jethro! It was a thrill for them and for Sue. Sue Ellen is slow and has a very bad limp, she is not as agile as the others and her vision is poor, so shorter visits with the younger folks are just perfect. Then she returns back to Tatu and Loulis, who do miss her when she is gone, and are less rambunctious than the younger fellows.

Last winter we had a few weeks when we thought Sue Ellen was failing, and as you can well imagine, times like that are very scary and difficult. Everyone knows how important each and every day is and that our friends can be taken from us in just the blink of an eye. All the animal care team and volunteers who come regularly were on edge for a few weeks worrying over our dear Sue.

We discovered with a urine sample that Sue Ellen was experiencing a urinary tract infection. Once we put her on

the proper medications and gave her time on her own to rest, drink lots of fluids and receive the best foods for her condition, she recovered beautifully. She had lots of great care, love and attention and within a few days Sue Ellen was back to being herself. We were all so relieved and grateful she responded so well.

Next year is indeed
a special year as
Sue will have been in
sanctuary for 20 years
and will celebrate
turning 50.

This summer Sue Ellen and friends all camped outside for 6 nights! Sue has done this before over the years and like a real trooper she did it again this year while we had Phase I of the Wet Paint project completed. We decided that given the chimps were already out on the islands, we should have an extermination done. What a week that was for all.

I honestly feel Sue Ellen was very content on her camping excursion. She actually seemed to really enjoy her meals and snacks being served up high in the skywalks without having to go up and down ladders or staircases to get them. Thankfully the weather was amazing during their week out and Sue had the chance to enjoy not only the early morning sun, but all day long as it passed over the Chimphouse. She looks lovely after spending so much time outdoors; her hair is black and shiny and her beautiful little face is well hydrated from having the sun on her body every day. It was sweet to see Sue wearing different blankets over her shoulders, greeting us in the mornings ready for her hot tea and muffin.

I actually took advantage of the opportunity and practiced baking, surprising the chimps each morning with a new muffin or apple crumble recipe. It was great to see their reactions to my baking as it has been years since I have done it. We are working on creating a new cookbook of just desserts for the 20th Anniversary and the chimps are helping choose the best recipes. Once this new cookbook is complete we will let you know! There are some awesome desserts in it and your friends and family will never believe they are vegan and how tasty and good for you they are. I knew when Sue Ellen and Tatu both ate my muffins I had a good recipe indeed!

Each day a daily checklist is done for meals and moods on the chimps. Sue Ellen is someone we monitor daily for a few

reasons; because of her age and to make sure she eats the daily requirements. Sue spends a lot of time napping and not getting up when it is mealtime. It is most important to know she gets the valued food items like the protein snacks, the healthy grains and legumes. Even her fruit is planned ahead for her.

The Caregiving team understands they should not wake or disturb Sue Ellen because she has a terrible temper when she is woken up or disturbed when napping in her nest. The medications for all the chimps are delivered and served in the am and the pm. This can be the first challenge of the day for the staff and it can set the whole day off on the wrong foot for Sue Ellen.

It is obvious from reading her serving charts that she has favorite people and can be rather annoyed with other people and she gives new staff members a really hard time! She can be feisty and super grumpy with the new folks. It is rather like hazing the new kids on the block.

It is a rite of passage to serve Sue Ellen, especially with a spoon or a straw. These methods can annoy her deeply and there is a way it must be done and a way she must be spoken too that comforts and consoles her. This can take time to learn.

Sue is our matriarch and deserves the best each day. Our caregivers understand this and respect her moods and personality. They are empathic and patient even when they are being shouted at, if I can say that, or having the trolley pushed at them or being given the flick of the hand with a scream of distaste from Sue Ellen. It takes time, skill, patience and understanding to serve our Sue—just as it should.

Her blankets and night nests are also a challenge. Sue Ellen loves her elaborate beds and the many sheets and blankets placed there each night just for her and the process of making the bed is truly something. The simple act of a caregiver touching one of the sheets hanging near her space can send Sue Ellen into a furious outburst. There is a way to do it and it must be practiced and learned without upsetting Sue before she goes to bed. In this issue of *The Scoop* you will read a little story from Tanya who shares her nighttime ritual with Sue Ellen. It is enlightening indeed.

I think what I always enjoy the most is seeing Sue Ellen when her long time friend Pat Ring arrives. She is joyous and just so delighted to see him and her personality changes once he enters the room. I giggle inside when I see one of her caregivers run over to Pat and ask him to serve Sue her snack or drink, knowing they realize he will not have any problems nor will Sue be stressed. It is sweet to see how special they are together and how much the staff appreciates their relationship.

I encourage you to keep Sue Ellen in your thoughts and wish her well. It is a miracle she is still here with us, and such a blessing. Sue Ellen spent the first 15 years of her life in entertainment, then the next 15 in the lab where she was used for HIV research. Next year is indeed a special year as Sue will have been in sanctuary for 20 years and will celebrate turning 50.

Sue Ellen's face has been featured on Facebook, on the covers of our newsletters and on our cards. She is stunningly beautiful and always a favorite of our supporters and friends. I wanted to dedicate the 2017 calendar to our special friend, so order now—I know this one will be a popular one. NJ Wight has been photographing our residents for a few years now and



Sue Ellen © NJ Wight

has so many beautiful photos of Sue Ellen—the problem will be which ones to choose! Don't forget, if you ever want a photo portrait or cards of Sue Ellen, NJ Wight can make that happen for you.

God bless Sue Ellen and God bless you kind friends for caring, for helping and for being such special friends in her life. All we have done and continue to do is because of the love and support you have given.

This journey we are all on together is a special one indeed. I hope you feel proud of yourselves for knowing how much you have done to help make a difference in the lives of some remarkable individuals. There is no greater gift you can give than the one of helping another in need. Thank you for making everyday so much better and special.

With gratitude, respect and love,

Gloria

Gloria xo

Fauna's Wet Paint Appeal

I hope your summer was wonderful! It seems we wait so long for it to come and then suddenly we are preparing for fall and winter. We start each spring with long lists of projects that can only be done in the summer months and this year our summer was wonderful and the weather held out for us to get things done.

The Chimphouse is getting older and needs regular maintenance. Next year will be our 20th Anniversary if you can believe that! Over all, the building has held up very well, but there are things we must do to make sure it continues to be a safe home for the chimpanzees.

Three years ago, just before Tatu and Lou arrived, we began the daunting task of painting inside the Chimphouse. We managed to get all the night rooms done and some staircases, however we still had all the bigger living spaces that needed repair and painting.

We use epoxy paint on the walls for longevity and it is super expensive. It is also quite a challenge to prepare the walls and caging for new coats of epoxy paint as it requires sandblasting the surfaces so the new paint will stick. Epoxy is like oil paint but even tougher. Sandblasting is incredibly noisy and dusty and, to do this work would mean the chimps would need to leave the building. The process is very long—weeks—and it would be very stressful for them.

I had been racking my brain trying to think of something that would be less stressful and certainly less costly. The quote for paint and preparation for such massive wall space was \$40,000 – \$50,000. That is an awful lot of money...

Then I had an idea!

The Graffiti Art Project

As I drive across the Champlain Bridge to go to Montreal there is a wall of concrete, a sound barrier for the houses near the busy highway leading to the bridge. Recently some wonderful images appeared on that wall; birds flying through clouds in the sky, dragons, greenery and so much more. It looked lovely—so bright and uplifting. This was done on a cement wall that had been covered in unsightly graffiti. I discovered that many municipalities hire graffiti artists to cover up walls that have been vandalized with inspiring and interesting graffiti. So I thought, why not try to find the person who did this art?

We did find him and he came to visit and discuss the possibility of painting the Chimphouse. He was deeply moved by the chimps and their stories. His name is Jonathan and he is



a lovely person, very sensitive, respectful and incredibly talented. Jonathan had some brilliant ideas for how to improve the space and create a warmer, more interesting and exciting environment. I was very excited when he said, "I can capture the natural light and put colors on the walls that will reflect the light to the darker more dreary areas. At the same time, I can make the entire space more bright and cozy by the use of colors and the rays of light from the windows".

When I heard him describe what he was capable of doing, I knew he was on the right track. To enhance the space and warm it up, while providing a beautiful mural for the chimps to enjoy, it was perfect. So we got to work!

The cost for this project was significantly less expensive than traditional painting—tens of thousands of dollars less! And the time needed to complete the task was much less too. By choosing the graffiti process the stress on the chimps and staff would be minimal for each section and the finished product could be ready in 4 – 5 days. There are 4 rooms we need to do. Naturally they cannot be all done at the same time, and finishing each section will depend on the funds we raise.

This is a maintenance job that must be done. I know this kind of project is the hardest thing for us to raise money for, but I also know that many of you, our dear and very special friends, want to help and do understand how important the upkeep of buildings and property are. I am hoping it is the kind of project that some of you will see the value in helping us with. Plus, if we are able to complete this graffiti work it may be the last time we need to paint the walls because damages can be easily touched up.

Wet Paint So Far

To date we have raised \$4,560, enough to complete the first phase of the project. Phase 1 is painting of the Back 1 living space. Our deepest gratitude for these wonderful donations that we have received.

We also have received a matching grant from a kind supporter. This supporter will match \$1 for every dollar donated to this Wet Paint Campaign. With the matching grant we are able to think about continuing the next phases but we still need additional help!

If you believe in the importance of this project and want to help us maintain the building and improve the atmosphere for the residents, then please contribute to this campaign. The results so far are wonderful and the chimps do really seem to like their new surroundings. (You can see additional photos on our website in the blog section.)

We will be enjoying these extraordinary murals for many years to come and with the money we are saving, we can add more skywalks or windows or buy fresh fruits and vegetables. I hope you will help and I thank you for always understanding how important it is to change and create more stimulating spaces for our residents. They do not get to go on vacation, go for long walks on new trails, or have new adventures away from their building. This has been their home for nearly 20 years and will be their home for at least another 10 to 20 more. It is of the utmost importance we try to make it the best we possibly can for our beloved chimpanzee family.

Thank you for taking the time to read. I so appreciate all the help you have given us in the past and hope you can help us now as we create a comfortable, clean and uplifting home for the remarkable chimpanzees of Fauna.

Gloria xo



For Our Friend Taylor

We have dedicated the murals to our dear friend and Fauna Board Member. Norman Walsh Taylor, who liked to simply be called Taylor. He passed away in August but leaves us with wonderful memories. He was one of the greatest blessings in our lives and in the lives of all who knew him. He loved Fauna—the residents and the humans. And everyone loved, and will forever love, our dear friend Taylor.

Taylor would have been thrilled by this beautiful and totally artistic gift to the chimps and so we have used some of the donations we have received in his memory for this project. Not a day will go by that he will not be on our minds and in our hearts.

(We will be doing a tribute to Taylor in our annual report so please watch for that next year.)

“To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and affection of children; to learn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a little bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.”

~Ralph Waldo Emerson



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Facebook Favorites

New followers are joining our Facebook page daily and we now have over 8,000 Page Likes! Thanks to everyone who visits and shares our page. The videos from the Chimphouse are big favourites with our followers and a recent one of Rachel washing the windows in the Chimphouse was our most popular post in the past couple of months. Another very popular post was this beautiful and thoughtful photo of Sue Ellen by photographer NJ Wight. You can read all about Sue Ellen in Gloria's cover story and in our Caregiver stories.

YouTube



(If you would like to see Fauna's videos, visit our Facebook page and click on Videos on the sidebar. You can also visit our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/faunafoundation.)

Giving Campaigns

Matt and Nat is a company that manufactures ethically and naturally sourced bags, wallets, and accessories. They selected Fauna Foundation again this year as a recipient charity. When you visit their webpage look for the HOPE bag and you can select Fauna Foundation and we will receive 100% of the purchase price.

Maison Bourdon is a line of sunglasses manufactured in Montreal. Fauna receives \$10 for each pair of sunglasses that are purchased.



Hope bag 2016:
<http://mattandnat.com/shop/hope-bag-2016>

Volunteer Activities

Volunteers are amazing people; they give so selflessly and bring so much to Fauna. This last year our volunteer program has grown immensely. We now have 65 active volunteers! We offer a 3-hour orientation to new volunteers and just in the last two orientations, one in May and the second in September, we have 23 new volunteers! We are so committed to volunteering and outreach (see *Sanctuary Symposium* section) that we have created a new position at Fauna an Outreach Coordinator. With this new position we are better able to accommodate more volunteer events and activities. Many weekends this summer we had volunteers planting trees and staining fences. Additionally volunteers come up with their own ideas for events. Lisa Drew created and hosted a booth for Fauna at the Los Angeles and SoCal Vegfests. She raised awareness about Fauna and its mission. Two volunteers Maya Volpato and Cassandra Singelakis hosted a Lasagna lunch in Knowlton, Quebec with about 50 attendees and \$2,000 was raised. Volunteer Alyssa Flynn has launched her own line of sustainable clothing and offers the option to donate to different organizations one of them being Fauna Foundation. Visit <http://www.savedkissesclothing.com> to see her line of clothes. Janet Burgess hosted a benefit screening of *Unlocking the Cage* in Kingston. Many volunteers quietly and reliably show up each week creating beautiful enrichment for our residents or working in gardens. We are reaching out to volunteers to provide training opportunities. We teach them about chimpanzee behaviors, identifying the chimpanzees of Fauna, and background of Fauna and ways to present Fauna. We are so grateful for our volunteer help and send a chorus to pant hoots to them all!!

Volunteer Contribution

BY JANET WARNE



For those who work at Fauna, Janet's voice over the walkie-talkie is a sure sign that it's Friday. But just who is this little lady who's been coming once a week for the past two years to help beautify our grounds and gardens? And why would she want to do this as a volunteer? Here is how she explains it...

"I like to balance my life. As a technical writer, for the rest of the work week I'm sitting at a desk all day behind a computer screen. Coming to Fauna brings me back to the real world and back in touch with nature. It gets me out of the techno-babble I have to deal with at work, and keeps me sensitive to the needs of my environment. I've been drawn to plant life since I was very young. Plants make me happy. And I'm just thrilled by flowers!

Being in contact with them by volunteering as a gardener is priceless to me, especially over the winter months at Fauna's greenhouse. It's like having a mini-vacation in a tropical paradise every week! I'm also learning a lot at Fauna about the proper way to care for plants. Chantal Desharnais is an outstanding horticultural expert and an excellent supervisor. She is very generous in sharing her knowledge and teaching me how to execute my tasks like a pro. I'm very touched to be supported in this way, and to be recognized and accepted by everyone at Fauna as a genuine member of the gardening team. Through serving Fauna I've developed a healthier and more balanced lifestyle. And I hope to be of service for many years to come!"

Dendrological Doings at Fauna

BY KEN MCAUSLAN, FAUNA TREE GUY



This season has seen us embark on three major projects at Fauna. The first involves the identification and subsequent tagging of tree species, both native and exotic, that presently grow on Fauna property. Currently we have identified over 100 species on a gradually growing list. The ID tags we have developed and attached to the trees are highly visible and attempt to provide more information on each species than is presently provided in most arboretum situations. This will continue to be an ongoing project.

Our second major effort was the establishment of a small controlled forest of some two acres consisting of 780 black walnuts combined with 100 each of both white and chinkapin oaks for a total approaching 1000 trees. In coming years this can provide a much sought after hardwood resource for Fauna's future. The heat and drought conditions this past summer made seedling establishment difficult but we are hopeful that a reasonable winter will leave us in decent shape come next spring.

Finally we are in the throes of establishing our own on-site arboretum which when completed will contain over 100 open-grown specimen trees (both native and exotic) on roughly 3 1/2 acres of Fauna land to the rear of the Chimpanzee. Most of these will be of North American origin but far beyond their normal range here in Montreal. We are in virtually a research

mode trying to determine what trees can actually survive our traditionally long winters. We hope that by creating small microclimate zones coupled with the overall global warming trend, we may ultimately be successful in propagating species that are very rare in our area. Stay tuned, the results will be interesting.

NAPSA Workshop 2016

BY TANYA BARR



Laurence and I were thrilled to attend the 2016 NAPSA conference in Tacoma, Washington held from the 26th to the 29th of September.

The conference was informative, interesting, inspiring and a lot of fun.

Topics were wide ranging including subjects such as; macaque handling, compassion fatigue, sanctuary updates, visitor impacts, and many more. We enjoyed our time connecting with experienced people in the primate world as well as sharing our knowledge of what we do here at Fauna. The conference ended with a guided tour of Chimpanzee Sanctuary Northwest where we were Lucky enough to meet all of the "Cle Elum 7" and observe them forage on their impressive hill. We both look forward to sharing what we have learnt with the rest of the staff here at Fauna and are very thankful for having been given the opportunity to attend such a fantastic event.

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Nature Action has received funding for seeding of prairie grass and bird houses in the turtle reserve on the Fauna property.



ResQWalk—Take Fauna with you when you go for a walk. When you download the ResQWalk app and choose Fauna Foundation as your charity, we will receive funds for the distance you walk.



Fauna's Monkeyhouse



Theo



Newton



Darla



Eugene



Theo © NJ Wight

Stories from the Caregivers

BY LINDSAY TOWNS



I love that I can go to the gardens and cut flowers, leaves, seeds from certain plants and give them to the monkeys. We specifically planted ones that they would have eaten in the wild to give them something more on top of their well-balanced diet. Theo's favourite is a grass called Eleusine. It grows right outside one of his windows he loves to sit at and he gets very excited and food grunts when he sees me cutting the leaves and seeds because he knows

he is in for a treat. He is very gentle taking the leaves and ever so dainty eating them. Theo isn't very fond of the capucin flowers but that's okay because that means more for Eugene, Darla and Newton who quite enjoy them. Eugene seems to really like the leaves from the Banana plant and Darla and Newton like the Amaranth leaves. Regardless of their favourites, Eugene and Theo take their time, sometimes stripping it piece by piece or taking bites but always seemingly savouring each mouthful. Newton reaches out and gently takes the flower, leaf, stem or whatever you offer him and maybe sniffs it then quickly gobbles it up with his hand already out for more. Whereas Darla will take them when put in front of her so she can take it herself and then go sit and enjoy it away from Newton. Soon the frost will come and while the monkeys will continue to get their fruits, vegetables, nuts and seeds they will have to wait until the next spring season for their favourite plants just like their wild counterparts.



Monkeyhouse

BY TANYA BARR



A lot of people have morning rituals or bedtime rituals. Well Miss Sue Ellen has quite an intricate bedtime ritual or bed making ritual. Although much of it is ripping sheets over her head—but I'll get to that. Towards the end of the day when meds are being served Sue knows it's almost bed time so she makes her way up into her privacy room. Caregivers make her beds daily with multiple laundry baskets of blankets, comforters and even sleeping bags! To make these masterpieces, when the chimpanzees are in another enclosure and we caregivers have finished cleaning a room, we make our way up into the tunnel above the privacy room. Then while balancing on a tiny ladder we layer blanket upon blanket. It has to be thick, I mean really thick, and snuggly, with many, many draping sheets for tugging accessibility. Once Susie makes her way into the bed she moves around until she plops herself down in the most comfortable centre of the engulfing bed. She then starts ferociously tugging at all of the sheets around her, wrapping them around and around her body all while taking some of them and tearing them over her head. Then she waits to receive her meds and a snack but only once every sheet has been placed the way she likes it. Once caregivers have finished serving evening meds Sue Ellen will usually disappear into her bed with a sheet on top of herself only to be seen when the sun rises in the morning.

BY KAELEY SULLINS



Opening the Chimphouse in the morning, before the other staff arrive, is one of my favorite things in the world. Chimpanzees are wiping the sleep from their eyes and always seem to be in high spirits, happy that their friends have returned. One person who never fails to be the highlight of my day is Sue Ellen. Every morning, she can be found curled up in her giant nest. She's never in a rush to wake up, happy with taking her time. I imagine that if she had a newspaper and cup of coffee, that's how she would start her morning. I make sure to always say good morning to her in a quiet voice and let her know she's the most beautiful chimpanzee I've ever seen. And some days, if I'm really lucky, she'll say good morning back with subtle breathy pants and kisses. Seeing Susie first thing in the morning is how everyone should start their day.

BY LAURENCE LEVESQUE



I feel like telling you about something that occurs every week, during our big cleaning days, that still delights me every time. Mondays and Thursdays are our big cleaning days in the Chimphouse and in general they are arduous days for all of us. We clean each section of the Chimphouse and the chimpanzees are very patient, waiting to be moved to new sections, full of surprises and enrichment. We arrive every morning with an idea of how the day will unfold...which group will go where? Which tunnels will they use to move to another section? Who will be placed together? And what I love most about this whole process, is that the chimps are the ones who answer all these questions for us!

Take Jethro, for example. It often happens that we will open gates to a new section; Regis and Petra are very excited and move swiftly to the other side, however Jethro may sit awhile, hesitant to make a move. And then the non-verbal communication begins! I love the clarity in his manner and in his eyes, that demonstrate to us that he wants to go elsewhere, perhaps to go visit Maya and Binky in their section. That's when we are able to offer him another opening, another route for these three friends to get together. When I watch their greetings, full of happiness and hugs, it fills me with joy that they are able to have these beautiful moments on their own terms! And all it takes is a simple look between us to make all of this happen!



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Petra and Regis © NJ Wight



Rachel © NJ Wight

BY PAM LARAEU



My favorite chimp moment this year was a touching moment with Rachel. She had her baby (a small black stuffed gorilla. Rachel has several of these and caregivers are always sure that Rachel has one of her baby's if she wants one). Rachel sat on the scale and received a cup of yogurt. She dipped her fingers in and started to feed her baby.

BY XAVIER MARTINEZ



When I started working at the chimphouse, I noticed that the chimps were very curious about me, this weird new guy among all the women caregivers. I was almost constantly either crouching, head bobbing or showing a bent wrist; basically saying "Hi, I'm not a threat". Most of them would answer in kind with a head nod of their own. One person, however, seemed immune to my charms; Toby was always in my peripheral vision, sitting in a corner or in plain view, but almost always there. My first month there he seemed to be shadowing me, but never answering my head nods and bent wrists Did he not like me? Was I perhaps similar looking to someone he has a bad memory about. I was genuinely worried I might be causing this person discomfort by being there. Then one day, I found myself upstairs, tidying up, it was almost the end of the day. As I turned to take the stairs back down to leave, I saw Toby there, sitting with his usual impassive poker face. I did the usual head nod and bent wrist, but then something amazing happened! Toby started doing a breathy pant, and after a few seconds he head bobbed back! We weren't best pals, we weren't going to run into the sunset holding hands, he was just saying : "Yeah, you're all right Xavier"



Toby © NJ Wight

BY GLEE LARSEN



With You There to Help Me...Through the Stereotypes

Chimpanzees in captivity often manifest stereotypes, which are repetitive behaviors that can be self-destructive. We see these in institutionalized humans as well. Some chimpanzees and humans are more resilient and we see less or none of these behaviors, while others manifest more. In Maya's case, she picks the skin on her foot. It becomes very dry. To help her through this, we have been doing hydrotherapy on her foot



Sue Ellen © Fauna

to keep it clean and help it heal. We rinse the wound with a hydrogen peroxide solution, then apply either Polysporin or a medical gel called Intrasisite.

The chimpanzees like to spend more time outside on the islands and in the skywalks as summer approaches. Sometimes we have to get creative when we want to serve them their meals or perform necessary medical care, such as hydrotherapy. Maya spends a lot of time out on the islands when she can. On beautiful days that is where she can be found.

I went outside one day to try to get her to come in for hydrotherapy and I was having some trouble convincing her. I brought out some fruit to boost my persuasive powers. Binky and Jethro were happy to comply, coming over and sitting by me at the edge of the island, but Maya was taking her time. I asked Jethro and Binky if they would help me, to go get Maya and bring her closer. No one was budging. Maya had settled in some 50 feet away. I decided to go back inside the chimphouse to get my hydrotherapy supplies, in case she changed her mind and decided to come over.

When I came back outside, I was delighted to see Jethro walking toward me from where Maya had been, herding her along ahead of him. He had gone to get her for me! I thanked Jethro and sat down with the both of them to treat Maya's foot. I shared some of Maya's fruit rewards with him throughout the process, and he even helped me rub in the Intrasisite gel delicately on her foot. Jethro is a wonderful friend to Maya, and he was a big help to me that day.

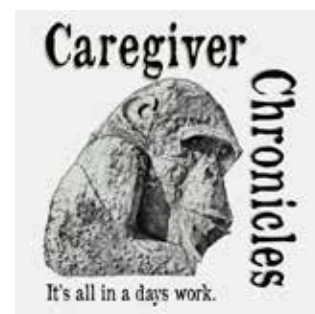
BY KELSI BREEN



Kiss the Girls

When I first arrived at Fauna Jethro seemed to be more of a chimp's chimp in my eyes. He enjoyed the company of his friends. However, over the past month or so he has been craving his caregiver's attention. Now this is exciting! One morning I brought meds to one of the big play rooms for Jethro and Binky, who were having some much need bro time. (Medications are distributed to the chimps for their well-being. Due to their past lives in biomedical research labs, medications are now a much needed necessity.) As I arrived Jethro was patiently waiting for me. But this morning he wasn't playful, he seemed pensive and kind. I crouched down and started talking to him. He seemed interested in the scratch on my wrist. I showed him and told him how I got it.

Jethro seemed to have his mouth close to the caging, so I asked him if he wanted a kiss. Now, for those of you who don't know Jethro, he is the cool guy in the chimphouse. Everyone likes Jethro. I offered my wrist to him and he quickly and gently kissed it through the caging! I was in SHOCK!! It was like getting kissed by the most popular guy in school! But it was a quick one so not to lose his cool guy rep. After our short and sweet moment Binky came up to get his meds, but don't worry Jethro and I played it cool like nothing happened. I served them their meds and they disappeared into the playroom.



Glee and Kelsi's articles are part of the ongoing *Caregiver Chronicles* series published on Fauna's blog. All our Blog posts, News and Events are easily accessed directly from the Home page of www.faunafoundation.org and are also shared on Facebook.

Interns Abound

It is safe to say that intern programs are now installed at Fauna. The visiting intern program had its third summer with five interns, which is more than the two years before. Two interns were local and three came from various universities in the US and stayed in the RV's at Fauna. Those RV's are here with generous support from donors. Friends of Washoe provided housing grants that last two summer which covers the cost of intern use of the RV's. Interns assisted with tasks in the chimpanhouse, collected data on the chimpanzees' use of space, and participated in a weekly seminar. One intern, Lily, also is Dr. Jensvold's graduate student from Central Washington University. She collected data for her masters thesis in the monkeyhouse. We look forward to offering the program again in Summer 2017.

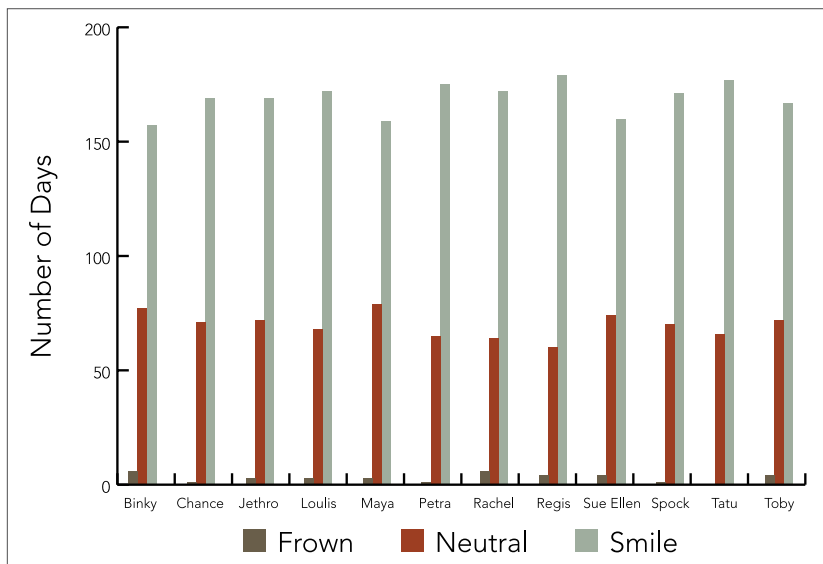
We are in our second year providing internships to students from McGill and other Quebec universities. We have four interns this fall and had three last academic year. Fauna is honored to offer this program. Interns gain experience in basic husbandry and a research project (one project is described below). Our interest in all of these internships is to provide training for future primatologists. The success of these programs appears in a student like Alexia. She was our local visiting intern in the summer of 2015. She continued through the 2015-16 academic year as a McGill student intern. During summer 2016 she was our Outreach Assistant, funded through Service Canada. She trained interns in the chimpanhouse and assisted with Sanctuary Symposiums. She was vital in the success of the intern program since it was largest yet. She continues this fall as a McGill intern, writing her project results for presentation and cleaning the chimpanhouse! She is the model for the goal of these programs. Some students will participate for one semester and then go onto other activities. Some students will find themselves catapulted from this program to other opportunities. One summer intern, Antonia, will go to Palenque, Mexico as a field assistant studying Howler monkeys in January! Some will continue to grow and learn at Fauna, like Alexia, and this is when the investment in interns comes home. Three Fauna caregivers, Kaeley, Glee, and Kelsi were interns at the Chimpanzee & Human Communication Institute (CHCI) with Tatu and Loulis. They were excellent interns and bring much appreciated skill and understanding to Fauna from their experiences there. Bravo for all the interns and the service they bring to Fauna and all our fellow primates.



Interns with Dr. Jensvold

Intern Project Report: The Chimpanzees' Daily Moods

Each day at Fauna caregivers record each chimpanzee's mood. Mood is categorized by indicating a Smile, Neutral or Frown for each chimpanzee on a form. The definitions of the categories are: Smile is many positive interactions with chimps or humans. Neutral is in the middle, few interactions. Frown is high arousal, aggression, dysregulation, or agitation. Caregivers complete a form each day. This is the perfect project for interns. Last academic year McGill intern Emily Thompson entered the data from



Number of days in each mood category.

250 days. That data is presented in the chart. This chart shows that the chimpanzees are predominantly in the positive category and rarely in the frown category. Binky had the highest number of frowns compared to the other chimpanzees, but this was only 6 days, only 2%! This emphasizes the point that aggression and other "frown" behaviors is relatively rare. Individual patterns also are apparent. Regis has the highest number of smiles (179) which was 71% of the time. We look forward to have a larger data set to allow us to assess seasonal differences, and other aspects of life at Fauna.

Data entry is meticulous and often the least interesting part of research. Student interns who also are emerging scientists begin with the basics. Meanwhile their learning experience greatly benefits Fauna! With the data digitized we can get the big picture and assess the welfare of our practices to improve well-being of Fauna's chimpanzees!

Recipes from The Fauna Foundation Cookbook

Look for a new Dessert Cookbook for our 20th anniversary celebrations.



African Peanut Soup

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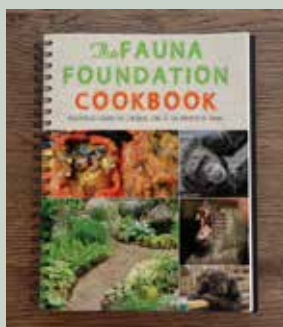
- 6 cups vegetable broth
- 1 medium red onion, chopped
- 2 TBSP fresh ginger, minced
- 4 cloves of garlic, minced
- ¾ cup unsalted peanut butter
- ½ cup tomato paste
OR 1 cup crushed tomatoes
- ¼ cup peanuts, roughly chopped for garnish



African Peanut Soup

DIRECTIONS

In a medium pot, bring broth to a boil. Add the onion, garlic and ginger. Cook on medium-low for 20 minutes. Meanwhile in a medium bowl combine peanut butter and tomato paste, then transfer 1 – 2 cups of the hot stock to the bowl. Whisk the mixture together until smooth, then pour peanut mixture back into the soup and mix well. Simmer for about 15 minutes on medium-low heat, stirring often. Serve over cooked brown rice and top with sprinkle of chopped peanuts.



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Orange and Cranberry Couscous

INGREDIENTS

Couscous:

- 1 cup fresh squeezed orange juice
- 1 cup water
- 2 cups couscous
- ½ cup cranberries
- 2 oranges, diced
- 2 cucumbers, diced



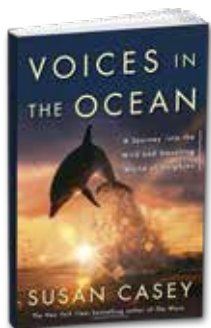
Orange and Cranberry Couscous

Dressing:

- 1/3 cup olive oil
- ¼ cup vinegar
- Orange zest
- ¼ cup chives
- 1 TBSP tarragon
- 1 TBSP soy yogurt

DIRECTIONS

Bring the orange juice and water to a boil. Add couscous then remove from heat and cover for at least 5 minutes. Mix all the dressing ingredients. Dice oranges and cucumber. Fluff couscous with a fork. Add the diced orange and cucumber to couscous and then add the dressing.



Book Review

Voices in the Ocean: A Journey Into the Wild and Haunting World of Dolphins is another fantastic book by Susan Casey. One of her previous watery non-fiction books *The Wave* described rouge waves, which non other than a great writer can bring to their full height on the pages of a book and she did that. Thus *Voices in the Ocean* was bound to be

fantastic since instead of waves, she writes about those who live among waves, dolphins. Her chapters describe the good, the bad, the sad, and the ethereal. Humans place in nature certainly deserves repositioning when we learn about the social, emotional, and intelligent life of dolphins. These beings have been doing their thing so much longer than humans and other apes, that certainly they have developed complex and sophisticated ways to navigate their rich social relationships and communities as this book suggests. Ones that perhaps a species, such as ours, so embroiled in intra- and interspecies violence and hate but with similar rich cognitive capacities, can learn from. This book probably will not change the state of humans but it certainly changes the reader's perspective on another species. This transcendent experience is much like the one the signing chimpanzees bring to us—thus a book our supporters might find terrifically interesting. Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group, 2016.

Sanctuary Symposiums

Fauna's public education program, Sanctuary Symposiums, is comprised of learning about Fauna's mission, residents, and chimpanzee behaviors. Visitors take a walk around the property and many times the chimpanzees and monkeys come out to visit the visitors (these groups never enter the Chimphouse or Monkeyhouse). Fauna is committed to its primary mission of sanctuary for our residents so we take measures to mitigate the potential disturbance of visitors. Thus visitors are encouraged to use submissive and friendly behaviors when they see a chimpanzee or monkey. We are finishing up data collection on the behaviors of the chimpanzees when visitors were around versus other days with no visitors. Stay tuned for the results, but preliminarily it looks like the visitors had little impact on the chimpanzees. Along these lines, Eugene, who spent decades in a pet shop window, rarely came outside to see the visitors in the early programs. When around the monkey house visitors are encouraged to lipsmack, a friendly monkey behavior, avoid direct looks, a threatening behavior, and be quiet. On the last Symposium, Eugene came out to his tunnel and calmly looked at each and every visitor. Then as the group walked around the outdoor enclosure, Eugene followed along. This tells us that we are doing something right.

In 2017 we will continue these program and offer more in depth workshops. These will be part of our 20 th anniversary.

Unlocking the Cage

Unlocking the Cage directed by Chris Hegedus, D.A. Pennebaker is the story of Steven Wise's years of work to gain personhood for chimpanzees. The film beautifully features Fauna Foundation. So far it has won the Zelda Penzel Giving Voice to the Voiceless Award and a Founders Prize at Traverse City Film Festival. In Montreal we had a benefit screening with generous support of Films We Like. In Kingston, Ontario Janet Burgess hosted and supported a benefit screening. The documentary will appear on HBO and HBO Canada in January 2017.

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