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Back cover features the bobolink taken by conservation photojournalist Justin Taus



Operant training with Claude and Eugene

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This portrait of Blackie was taken on a very special day—February 8th, 2017. Dolly and Blackie had arrived only a few months earlier and had spent their time together getting to know the Chimphouse routines and their new friends and caregivers. On this day they would have their very first introduction to one of their new friends, none other than Fauna's matriarch, Sue Ellen! It was a tremendous joy to see the three of them greeting each other with breathy pants, hugs and pant hoots. They were so excited! It was over an hour later that the three of them finally settled down and Dolly curled up in her blankets, Sue Ellen sat up in the pop-over tunnel and Blackie picked up her romaine lettuce and had a feast! As she relaxed with her two friends close by, I had this wonderful opportunity to capture her. I was very lucky to have had these few quiet moments with her.



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- June 16: *English*
- July 7: *French*
- July 28: *English*—an afternoon workshop follows: *Our Place in Nature: Chimpanzees, Art and Tree songs*
- August 4: *French*
- September 8: *English*
- October 13: *French*

FAUNA WORKSHOPS

- June 1: Fauna Nature and Wellness Retreat
- July 27: Fauna's First Kid's Day
- July 28: *Our Place in Nature: Chimpanzees, Art and Tree songs*

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In addition, Fauna's mission, we have a deeply felt concern for environmental issues, arising as much from shared and deeply-held beliefs as from the necessity to offer our Sanctuary residents a protected habitat in which they can thrive. This awareness has led to Fauna's sanctuary land being designated as a Natural Reserve by the Québec government, under the name Réserve Naturelle du Ruisseau-Robert. Our land management program strives, among other things, to increase local bird populations

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Founder Message

Dearest friends,

I remember it well, the day in February of 1990 that we moved to our farm, now known as Fauna. My dogs, Sunni, Cloudi, Jason, Angel, Apollo, Bruce, Petunia and Roxanne were so excited about the new space and property.

I remember it well, the day in late summer of 1992, a 6 week-old little donkey we named Eeyore came to live with us. He was just a little fellow, the size of my Labrador Retriever. Although it was very difficult for this baby donkey to lose his Mom and begin a new life, he persevered and he thrived in our care for over 26 years.



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Eeyore

I remember the day we went to get a little calf who we would name Lucky. He was born on the truck while his mom was being shipped for slaughter. At the rest area where they unloaded the cattle on the long drive, he was tossed off to the side, unable to make the journey and not worth the trouble for the driver. He lay across my lap in the front seat of our pick-up truck, sad, weak and so afraid. He was the size of my Afgan hound, all leggy and so beautiful. Lucky was a sickly little fellow, but he eventually thrived and lived with his family here at Fauna for over 24 years.

I remember the day two young women from the SPCA pulled into my driveway with Sky, a beautiful German Shepard who was attached to an 8 foot chain. I will never forget the look in her eyes as she ran into my house, free, after being rescued from her horrible life chained to a dog house outside a mushroom factory—a place she had lived for nearly nine years. She was found there with no fresh water or food, in the middle of one of our coldest winters.

Sky was elated to be inside, to have a warm bed, fresh food and water served regularly. Although she suffered from separation anxiety, Sky made huge improvements with the help of staff and volunteers who worked so hard to help her feel secure and overcome her fears. Over the years, many people suggested that living here at Fauna wasn't the best place for her, but I disagreed for many reasons.

She had an amazing family here, the best possible care and the most dedicated people loving her and watching out for her.

I remember the day we brought dear Eugene home and the look on his face when he saw the sunshine for the first time in 26 years! We have told Eugene's story many times over the past few years and it will continue to break our hearts thinking of his miserable life at the pet shop. To know he had his last years here helps us realize that although we had only a few years with him, they were the best years. He was just a remarkable and truly memorable little fellow. We were truly blessed to have had the time we did with him. He will be in our hearts forever.

*Life is what you celebrate.
All of it. Even its end.*

I remember the look on Blackie's face the day she realized she could go outside—and come back inside. Go outside—come back inside. Repeatedly! Perhaps even more exciting to watch was the way Blackie ate her lettuce, making it look so delicious, face buried in the heart of every lettuce she ate. Or the incredible nests she would make for herself in her new life here at Fauna. Simple pleasures that she was deprived of for over 48 years while living captive. Blackie was a lovely lady who left us far too soon. She surely deserved more years in sanctuary after her long life in a zoo.

I remember the day the young woman who left McLeod in our care promised she would visit him regularly and love him forever. That was the last day I ever saw her and the last day McLeod would ever see her too. He was just 7 years old and he was in his 30's when he passed away this past winter.

I remember those days like they were yesterday. I will always be grateful for the time they had here at Fauna. As hard as it is to say good-bye to long-time friends, I can't help but feel comforted knowing they lived a better life because of the care and love they received here at Fauna.

I also know how much our beautiful residents mean to you, and the great consideration and compassion you have shown towards each and every one of them.

Since 1997, when Fauna became a sanctuary for ex-research chimpanzees, you have been the most supportive friends anyone could ever wish to have on their side.

I'm sure you can tell from looking at our residents that they are getting older. So are me and Richard. As Mary Lee likes to say, we are all in "the afternoon of our lives." It's a precious and deeply special time in all our lives, just knowing we have made it this far.

Although we face additional challenges caring for our older residents with their health concerns, it is also a very beautiful time. To know we are doing the best we can, seeing the enjoyment our residents get from spending time with their caregivers, laying in the sun or enjoying special meals prepared by our chimp chef, is such a rewarding and moving experience.

Someone who keeps us inspired daily is the truly remarkable Sue Ellen! She is so courageous and so spirited. In June of 2018 when Sue Ellen lost the use of her legs, I was not very hopeful that she would be okay. She had a lot of challenges to overcome including medical concerns. Very soon we will celebrate 365 days of "Sue's new situation". She is once again living with Dolly and they are doing wonderfully.

We are of course sad about Sue's situation, just as you are, but we are also aware that we can still offer her a full life, even with this disability. We all work very hard to come up with new ideas; special "Sue Ellen" enrichment and stimulation. It's complex and difficult work to keep her environment safe, clean, enriched and comfortable. Having your support through all of it has meant a lot. Thank you for all the love and support you give her, and us.

Having you in our lives to help us, to support us when it all seems heavy or dark, means more than I could ever express to you. Without you, none of this would be possible. For all you do, and for who you are, I will be forever grateful that you are in our lives.

God Bless you and thank you for being such a caring friend.

With love,



Gloria xo

"What power there is in our service when our actions line up with our mission, skills and joy."

—MARY ANN RADMACHER

Eldercare: Embracing Care at All Stages of Life

BY MARY LEE JENSVOLD

Older chimpanzees and those with health issues require a different kind of care than those who are young and healthy—this is eldercare. In this type of care we must make accommodations to structural environment, diet, enrichment, and medication. We must pay more attention—more than we already do. Fauna has always paid special attention to individual needs. For example years ago we installed stairs rather than rungs to access higher places in chimpanzee enclosures. Sue likes a thick bed so that's how we make them for her. Early in Loulis' time at Fauna he was afraid to move through the exposed inside tunnels, so was stuck in one part of the building. Fauna built a tunnel so he could cross the building by going outside and around. This opened a whole new world for him (and created a great place that all could later enjoy). As the chimpanzees age (most of the chimpanzees at Fauna are beating the odds of survivorship. The average age of death is 32 years old—7 of the 11 chimpanzees at Fauna are past that age) their needs continue to change and this requires further and constant adjustments. Blackie was a blockbuster of health issues with heart disease, diabetes, and eye problems. She suffered from many eye infections. We spent hours training her to take eye drops. Suspecting her eye infections were a result of dirty hands, we adjusted her food trolley so she washed her hands

in the process of taking food. This helped a lot. We also brought in a veterinary ophthalmologist, Dr. Carrier, during her physical. Sue Ellen's loss of mobility has required numerous structural adjustments, a unique routine for her, a dedicated caregiver each day (see the section on Sue Ellen for more details on this), and a quality of life assessment (See Eco Canada Section). All of these kinds of accommodations cost money, take time, and take an emotional toll on the caregivers. The caregivers didn't necessarily sign up to be nurses, but they daily find themselves in that position. We provide support to the caregivers in several ways, including workshops in Compassion Fatigue. We hope our supporters understand this dynamic at Fauna—the quickly changing health status of our aging population and the need to adjust and accommodate to the new status each time (the best way to stay informed is by signing up for our e-newsletter). We appreciate your continued support as our needs increase with the increased needs of our residents.

Enrichment for Eldercare Residents

BY TANYA BARR

Sue Ellen has been living life at her own pace lately. Caregivers have the unique challenge of giving her something novel to do every day. Life in captivity can get pretty boring at times, so imagine being in captivity and also losing the function of your legs. Fortunately, this hasn't held Sue back from exploring her newly renovated area as well as continuously being interested in the novel enrichment ideas. Caregivers have been coming up with a number of ways to keep Sue entertained. Some of her favorite items to play with include; streamers, tissue paper, measuring tapes, dress-up items, scarves, hats and just about anything she can destroy and add to her nest. She is extremely crafty and comes up with many unique applications for her enrichment. For example, Sue Ellen loves her "Sue Mobiles" as we love to call them. They basically resemble baby mobiles with various toys and wrapped food items hanging from a small hula hoop attached to the top of her enclosure. She can rip things off as she chooses, but often enough she ends up tearing the whole thing down and wearing it as a "belt" of sorts.

Sue Ellen also loves using forage boards on top of her enclosures where she can fish for peanuts. She enjoys watching movies and TV shows on her personal DVD player, and we just recently set up an iPad with some games she can play around with.

If you would like to make a purchase towards enrichment items for Sue please visit our Wishlist on Amazon for some ideas.



Sue Ellen's Mobiles

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Dr. Jocelyn Bezner patiently waiting to collect a urine sample from Blackie

© Tanya Barr



Sue Ellen



Dolly

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Sue Ellen and Dolly's Care: The Eldest Eldercare

BY TANYA BARR

According to chimp specialists like Dr. Jocelyn Bezner, “ideally [a] geriatric animal should stay with their social companions forever, provided there are husbandry, structural, and veterinary medicine modifications.” Sue Ellen was given the opportunity to visit with her new friends Dolly and Blackie at the beginning of her paralysis journey. However, Blackie did not understand what was wrong with Sue Ellen. This grew into frustration in Blackie which made her a little rough at times. Sue Ellen was afraid and helpless so they had to be separated. She adjusted to being separated. She was in a prime location for viewing activities in the chimpanzee house. She could hear and see everyone in her Fauna family and interact with neighbors in the adjacent enclosure. Recently, Fauna suffered from another great loss, that of Blackie. Blackie and Dolly were inseparable from their Parc Safari history together and Dolly was devastated to lose an old friend. This provided a unique opportunity for Sue Ellen to be reintroduced to her old friend, Dolly.

The re-introduction went very smoothly, both girls are finding their rhythm with one another and spend a good part of the day doing their own thing. Sue Ellen now has the choice to interact or nap in her bed. Since the apartment also grants access to Room 3; it is rather simple to separate Dolly from Sue Ellen for meals or rest. We are paying close attention to how Sue is dealing with her new roommate in order to “facilitate species-species behavior with the least amount of stress.” We are pleased they have each other to meet these needs such as grooming and reassurance.



Sue Ellen

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Caregiver Thoughts on Eldercare

BY LAURENCE LEVESQUE

How to describe in words what eldercare represents to me... It's very hard to do, because it comes from deep inside oneself. It requires an immense amount of self-giving. To have the chance to give the best life possible to these beings that deserve it and so much more is incredible, inexplicable, and fills me with a profound joy. It isn't easy though, and takes patience, a lot of flexibility, and an ability to tackle every day for what it is, because things can change drastically from one day to the next. Unfortunately eldercare comes with a lot of mourning for those we love so much... but we must continue for those who stay in our care. Palliative care takes a lot of heart, everyday, but I wouldn't have it any other way knowing I am giving them care they deserve.

BY TANYA BARR

One of my late friends Spock required a lot of special care as an older male chimpanzee. He was plagued with what we think was chronic air sacculitis. Every cold season was hard on Spock because the common cold was significantly worse for him with his condition. He would sulk and stay in bed for hours. Sometimes he would even stay outside for long periods of time despite our begging him to come in and warm up. When he finally did decide to come inside he adored all the attention of being smothered with blankets, Kleenex and warm drinks. I spent a lot of time with Spock trying to make his tea the perfect temperature and sweetness over the years. Trying to get him to blow his nose... which never worked...but he was always so gentle and patient as I cleaned his nose with Q-tips! I'm convinced he only refused my carefully crafted bowl of Cheerios (with banana and special toppings to boot!) just to have me sit a little longer, which I would gladly do, time and time again.

BY KAELEY SULLINS

Eldercare can be challenging. Needs and preferences seem to change on a daily basis. Sue Ellen is a perfect example of that. With her limited mobility, she's sort of stuck with us caregivers serving her food most of the day. We try to accommodate her preferences as much as we can. Some days, she LOVES peanut butter tofu, and other days, she wants nothing to do with them. Sometimes she loves a raw cucumber, fresh from the garden. Other days, we are wasting her time. We try to anticipate what she might like and create a platter of options. We talk amongst caregivers and give each other tips and tricks to see what Sue's into on that particular day or what we maybe haven't tried yet. Either way, each day we face new obstacles and Sue Ellen doesn't seem to mind being along for the ride.

BY GLEE LARSEN

Caring for aging individuals is generally very active. We spend a lot of time preparing and serving favorite foods, mixing medications into said favorite foods, changing beds, preparing and distributing enrichment, and engaging directly with those individuals to keep their brains and bodies active. However, there is a lot of passive care required as well. Passive care can mean

simply hanging out with an individual. If someone is very ill, having a rough day physically or emotionally, it can be enough just to acknowledge it and bear witness. Though this is received as passive care, it can be emotionally heavy. There are circumstances when nothing we do, say, or offer an individual helps the situation, so instead we can sit with them and simply be present. Passive care can also mean letting an individual have their space when they want it, leaving them free to interact with their chimpanzee friends, or even to be alone if they choose.

Chimphouse Projects

The chimphouse has undergone multiple changes this year, particularly in Sue Ellen's space. Due to her limited mobility we have had to make significant changes to her living space. Since she can no longer use her legs, she moves by pulling herself around with her arms. She has proven to be quite resilient and crafty when finding ways to maneuver, giving us hints on what modifications to make.

The apartment is an ideal area for elder residents with disabilities. Sue Ellen has access to the upper areas of Room 1 and Apartment, and she is restricted from the stairs and ladders to descend to the lower floors. She also has access to Pablo's tunnel. So essentially she lives on the 2nd floor of a suite of enclosures. Why not the 1st floor? Sue Ellen is uncomfortable on ground level.

We have lined the tunnel with vinyl flooring and straps and bars tied at just the right height in the tunnel. Heating mats were added to her outdoor areas to ensure a warm and cozy spot, all times of the year. Plastic on the tunnel walls was also added where the wind gusts strongly into the tunnels.

The apartment has undergone the most changes. We lined the floor of the apartment and Room 1 with lexan. The apartment is connected to Back 1 making it easy for Sue to have a choice to visit with friends if she's feeling up to it. A second layer of enclosure was added so that Sue Ellen can safely get close without being frightened by her friends on the other side. We also added a new door so staff can easily enter and clean the apartment when Sue Ellen is in another room.

The Monkey House

The monkey house saw some developments this past year. We made a lexan slider in order to move forward with Eugene's injection training. Railings and ramps were added to the enclosures in order to make it easier for our monkey residents to get around their enclosures safely. We've learned that going forward we must make any and all modifications with our aging population in mind to make it geriatric and palliative care friendly.



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Blackie in Nest

Blackie Memories

BY MARY LEE JENSVOLD

I first met Blackie at Parc Safari. She like the other 3 chimpanzees there at the time, was very uninterested in humans. I've met a lot of chimpanzees in my time and her disinterest was unusual. It was a disinterest that was beyond simple boredom. It seemed intentional. I guessed she never really had found much use for humans in her 40 years at the zoo. When she arrived at Fauna her main concern was trying to find a way out. She checked everything for a weak spot. But as time went on and staff patiently and persistently were there for her she softened. She made some friends that were human as you'll learn in their stories.

BY NANCIE WIGHT

My favourite memories with Blackie all involve watching her enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables-especially lettuce. Boy did she enjoy a nice head of romaine! Whether propped up on a window ledge or out on the island structures, when she had her produce it got her full attention. On several occasions I watched her rip off lettuce eaves, eating them one at a time. There was always a little "salad" falling around her. Blackie and her lettuce provided some wonderful photo opportunities that I will cherish.

BY LAURENCE LEVESQUE

I didn't know Blackie as long as the other chimps at Fauna but she took up a very special place in my heart. She trusted in me and let me take care of her. It was a challenge to get her attention seeing as she was a little ball of energy who never wanted to miss out on any of the action. I will be forever grateful for those precious moments she decided to share with me. Blackie was intelligent and sensible; she knew her neighbours very well. She also made the perfect nests! Watching her place every part so perfectly with her little feet is something I will always remember. Rest in peace little lady with a big soul.



Blackie on islands

BY MATTHEW DE VRIES

I remember last summer, when we were cleaning out one of the aerial tunnels, we happened upon a perfectly constructed chimpanzee nest made from twigs, branches and leaves from a tree that passed partially through the tunnel. I immediately put my money on Blackie as the creator. She always seemed to enjoy the nightly ritual of building her nest. When she slept indoors, she really took her time twisting each blanket in a particular way and wrapping them around her slender body to form a near-perfect oval. For such a vocal individual, it always amazed me how quiet and calm she was during the nest building process. I like to think that we provided her with the materials each night, whether natural or synthetic, to create her own sanctuary-within-a-sanctuary.

BY TANYA BARR

I remember the first time Blackie and Dolly were given access to the islands at Fauna. They were both a little reluctant at first to step away from Jeannie's outside area, which is an area a lot of chimps love because it is both enclosed but also outdoors. Blackie eventually took a leap of faith and went out onto the islands first. She was always so adventurous. While Dolly merely peeked onto the island, and quickly retreated to Jeannie's area, Blackie remained on the island, exploring all corners. She was so small that we lost sight of her a few times in all the tall grass. She spent the entire day lounging on the grass, and eating lots of it too!

BY CLAUDE DEROCHERS

Whenever we heard this trampling sound in the chimphouse, we knew it was Blackie. Despite her small stature she had something big in her. Dolly and Blackie were inseparable, the true definition of loyalty. Blackie was fearless, always ready for her next adventure, fierce and ever curious. During the warmer months it wasn't uncommon to see her sunbathing on the islands while indulging on tall blades of grass. I will always remember her nighttime nest building. She built it so perfectly and looked like a tiny egg wrapped in her blankets. Now it is time to say goodbye but I am sure you are resting somewhere in the finest nest of all.



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BY KAELEY SULLINS

For me, those last moments before I leave for the day are my favourite, watching all the chimps get cozy in their nests. Some grabbing blankets to add to an already huge nest, others grabbing stuffed toys and paper. Watching a chimpanzee build their nest is mesmerizing, I think I could watch that for hours. Blackie's nests were some of my favourite. She'd take as many blankets as you had to offer and intricately fold them and twist them with her hands and feet into a perfect little birds nest. Then when she felt like the nest was comfy enough, she'd get into a tiny little ball and close her eyes. Claude and I called her the little egg because she looked like a little egg in a nest. Blackie wasn't always interested in humans, she was a chimps chimp as we say. She would spend most of her time engaging and interacting with as many chimpanzees as she could in a day. She was tiny, but mighty, little but loud. BUT when the other chimps had gone to bed and she decided it was bed time herself, she'd agree to be groomed, softly and quietly until her eyes closed. I didn't get to know Blackie for very long, but I'll be forever grateful for those quiet moments at the end of the day.



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Eugene

Eugene Memories

BY MARY LEE JENSVOLD

One day Eugene had a crazy thing happen, he sliced open his tongue. He probably had licked a sharp edge. He needed to have his tongue stitched and to do that he first needed to be anesthetized. That's not an easy thing. Gloria and I were observing him while trying to get a look at his tongue. We discussed what would be a good plan, if he would go up into the tunnel above us and we could shut the door of the tunnels, then he'd be in position for an injection to anesthetize him. Low and behold, a minute later that great little guy went up into the tunnel and let us shut him into the tunnel. This was all before his operant training began. He heard us talking and just did it. We hadn't even asked him to do it. We were able to get him stitched up and on his way to recovery. The next day I went to check on him. How easy is it to get a look in a monkey's mouth? If you're looking at Eugene, easy, all I had to do was ask "Eugene can you show me your tongue please?" And he did it. His compliance was amazing to me since I wasn't one of his caregivers. Instead I knew him from setting up cameras in the monkey house while being quiet and a big

lipsmacker (lip smacking is a friendly monkey behavior). I take it as a testament to how sweet he was.

The other story I have about him is one I always tell during sanctuary symposiums when we see Eugene. We won't see him anymore so I'll tell it here, one final time. Eugene as you know lived in a pet shop window for 27 years. During the sanctuary symposiums, visitors walk around the exterior of the monkey house. They are asked to be quiet, not stare, and lipsmack. When the sanctuary symposiums first began Eugene understandably stayed inside. Later he began to develop interest in the groups and many days would come out to visit the visitors. Quietly watch the visitors. He'd come a long way from being the shy introvert to visiting with the visitors.

It goes without saying that I will miss my little friend. He had such a hard time at the end of his life it was very difficult to watch. I like to think he is in the sweet arms of the troop of macaques where he belongs, chilling in a heavenly hot tub.

BY LINDSAY TOWNS

Eugene was a beautiful being with a kind and gentle soul. I am so happy and grateful that he was able to live out the rest of his elderly years here at Fauna. He was able to experience all the things he was deprived of while living in a pet store display case for most of his life. Simple things like foraging for food, being outdoors which he loved, digging in the soil which he really loved, and socializing (vocalizing) with Sophie, Theo, Darla and Newton his monkey neighbors. And even though he was here for only a few short years the monkey house just isn't the same without him.

BY KAREN COLWELL

It is easy to get caught up in the loss that is an integral part of a retirement sanctuary and it is important to make the residents' last moments as comfortable, respectful and calm as possible. And although we must grieve the loss of these special friends, it is also equally important to remember the very significant gains. We will never truly understand what Eugene's life was before Fauna. At Fauna however, he was able to go outside and breathe fresh air for the first time. He chose to go outside as much as possible. He could have been a mail carrier because neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stopped him from exploring his outside enclosures! He spent many hours digging in the earth and barking out alarm calls as vehicles drove by. I spent many happy moments watching him watch the world around him; both of us sitting in quiet contemplation. I think Eugene was an old soul. It was so satisfying to see his face go from pale to healthy dark speckled



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Eugene pink from the sun, his muscles develop from the opportunity to climb, jump and run, and his hair get shiny and full from a healthy well-balanced diet. One of the most satisfying parts of his life was eating and he would always emit "coos" when his favorites were offered. He liked to scoop grapes out of a pool of water. He would "fish" until every last one was eaten. He would devour sweet potatoes, nuts and chili made by Dale, a long-time volunteer. We must focus on all the gains that were made in his time at Fauna and remember that his last years were spent with much enrichment, kindness, contentment, and peace.

BY LAURENCE LEVESQUE

Eugene, my little man, or my little "coeur d'artichault" as I referred to him as. For myself and those who were lucky enough to take care of Eugene we knew him as someone who really taught you something about yourself. I was lucky to be on of his caregivers, especially in his last year, trying my best to give him the best possible care. It was far from easy but everyday Eugene let me into his calm refuge he had created here at Fauna, and for that I am eternally grateful. For those of you that didn't know him, know this, he was

intelligent, kid, delicate with a touch of fragility, yet he had a strong and proud spirit. His entire evolution at Fauna was something that really touched me. I loved seeing him go outside to play in the dirt, and then sit cross legged for a little break, all these little parts of him will be forever missed. I'm happy to know that now he is free in his jungle, a jungle filled with cherry trees.

BY TANYA BARR

Eugene's transition from pet shop to sanctuary allowed to him to show his true colors. Witnessing this quiet frail macaque grow into a headstrong monkey, never afraid to ask us caregivers for what he needed, was amazing. He lived his best years at Fauna with the ability to explore outdoors, dig, play in the snow, and come to us, only when he chose to do so.

BY CLAUDE DESROCHERS

The moment I met shy Eugene, I knew he was special. Gentle, sweet, beautiful and resilient are only a couple of words I could choose to describe him. We worked hard as a team in order for him to have a good quality of life. I am ever grateful for being able to gain his trust. Eugene, you were a fighter until the end and I'll miss you my Mister Eugene.



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Eugene



McLeod Memories

BY CLAUDE DESROCHERS

Elegant and shy, McLeod was synonymous with kindness. He loved being scratched on the tip of his nose. He would rub his head on my shoulder to make me continue scratching him because he never wanted me to stop. I consider myself privileged to have been able to share these precious moments with him. We miss you big boy!

BY LAURENCE LEVESQUE

This great soul will remain forever in our hearts. McLeod the sensitive, was the very first horse with whom I was in contact with. He trusted me and during my short visits he always appreciated being caressed behind his ears. He was very majestic and proud. A grand man this McLeod.

BY MATTHEW DE VRIES

McLeod was the first horse I ever got to know. At first, I will admit I was intimidated by his sheer bulk and musculature. But of course, as I got to know McLeod, I learned what a gentle soul he was. The expression "he wouldn't hurt a fly" does not necessarily apply, because he definitely swatted a couple thousand in his lifetime with that majestic tail! But he was actually quite an affectionate horse towards people. I always cherished our grooming sessions, where I would brush his back and sides, and he would reciprocate with a nuzzle to the side of my face. I'll never forget his kind eyes, and the loud grunts he would make in anticipation of his breakfast grains.

BY LINDSAY TOWNS

McLeod was magnificent. I always had a beautifully emotional interaction with him. His eyes. They got me every time, sucking me in, taking hold, and reaching deep into my soul. All deaths at Fauna are difficult but McLeod hit hard.

BY NANCIE WIGHT

It was always a pleasure visiting McLeod and Eeyore in the front pasture. My favourite memories with McLeod all seem to be during winter. Once, after a fresh snow, he seemed so content to walk about slowly licking up the fresh snow. Just before the holidays last year we had a visit and he was content to stay right next to me. I came away with photos of his eyes as that was as much distance as he would allow. But I remember how warm his neck and nose felt on my gloveless hand. He was a wonderful ambassador at the front gates.



Sky Memories

BY NANCIE WIGHT

No matter how bad the traffic coming over the bridge, or how hectic the day had been, coming through the office doors and being greeted by Sky always made things much better. She would meet me half way down the staircase and push her nose straight into me as I scratched both ears. If I forgot something out in the car, when I came back in, we would start all over again. She was a sweet, gentle soul and her absence is profound.

BY LINDSAY TOWNS

Everybody that came through the office did not leave without acknowledging and giving Sky some lovin'. I miss the sounds of her snores, her kongs falling the down the stairs and waiting for someone to roll their ankle on it, her barking every time the ding dong would go off, the thud of her jumping off the couch onto the floor, and Sarah telling her to get out of her garbage on a daily basis! Sky was a true lady...despite her stinky farts.

BY MATTHEW DE VRIES

Sky loved to interrupt our yoga lessons in the basement of the office. As we were saluting the sun or getting into our downward dog poses, I would hear Sky's claws clicking on the hardwood floor as she approached. She would weasel her way between, under and around us, and give us her sniffs and sloppy kisses.

BY JEFFREY BANDY

One the best parts of my day at Fauna was the beginning and the end of the day. Walking into the office to hear Sky barking what sounded like she was saying "hurry up and get inside!" Then seeing her waiting to greet you at the top of the stairs. The same at the end of the day, only this time you were already thinking of seeing her the next morning, or quite possibly going on another (secret) walk in the PM.

Unfortunately, those parts of the day are no longer the best times. There could have not have been a more perfect way to start and end of your day, Sky will be greatly missed by all of Fauna's family.

BY LAURENCE LEVESQUE

I already miss seeing her little head peeking up to see me every time I entered the office. Her eyes shined with endless love to give. Sky was a very special dog to us all, she was unique, strong, resilient, and sensible. She was always ready to welcome anyone coming through the Fauna office doors.



Newton



Darla

Darla and Newton Update

Since the passing of their dear friend Eugene, Darla and Newton have been making the most of their space in the monkey house. With the entire monkey house to themselves they are able to visit enclosures they previously did not have access to because they were favorites of our late residents Eugene and Theo.

Darla is particularly enjoying Eugene's old room and his little wooden house. She loves lying on the platform in the sun taking naps. Newton on the other hand, is ever exploring. He goes from one room to the next, inside and outside, looking for enrichment to play with, or a toy to knock over. Lately he has been enjoying eating the very same soil Eugene used to eat, in the very same spot. Lindsay, our Health & Nutrition Coordinator, had this patch of soil analyzed, to see if anything out of the ordinary stood out, and alas, nothing. They must know something we don't about that patch! All this new space is keeping Newton entertained and giving Darla the peace and quiet she sometimes needs.

We've been having enrichment theme days for the monkeys as well. Our princess day was recently featured on our blog. The outdoor enclosures were filled with castles, streamers, pink papier maché balls, and a slew of other pink and purple toys! Darla and Newton adore ripping up enrichment to find what treats are hidden within them. All this to say, Darla and Newton must be missing their late friends but they are enjoying life together in their very own beautiful space.

"Compassion is the basis of morality."

—ARTHUR SCHOPENHAUER





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Eeyore



Lucky

Eeyore & Lucky Memories

BY TRINA MCKELLAR

Some of you are aware that I worked at Fauna as a teenager. It was then a farm sanctuary later to become Fauna Foundation. Throughout the years, residents have come and gone. All of them have left an everlasting impact on everyone who developed a relationship with them. For me, Lucky, a bull and Eeyore a donkey, both held a special place in my heart. I fondly remember working with them when they first arrived as babies.

Seeing Lucky for the first time and bottle feeding him was really special..... I considered myself to be "lucky". He was a sweet and gentle boy! I can honestly say that big or small.... Lucky didn't have a mean bone in his body. He was truly a gentle and loving GIANT!! Every time I went out in the field to see him he always made an effort to come towards me to greet me.

Eeyore on the other hand was a little feisty. He spent a good part of his upbringing inside Gloria and Richard's house. As he got bigger, he was then moved outside to live with the goats and Jessy, their pony. He quickly developed close relationships with them. He was later introduced to McLeod, a former racehorse, who was soon to become Eeyore's best friend. They formed a special bond and were inseparable. Despite having farm friends, Eeyore always loved women and made a point of showing his affection each time you took time to visit him.

Now, both of them have crossed the Rainbow Bridge..... It truly leaves us with an empty space, but their presence will live on forever in our hearts! They impacted my life and I will be forever grateful that I got to know them and for the quality time we spent together. Thank you Lucky and Eeyore..... It was a privilege to have known you! You will be forever missed, especially by me!

BY LINDSAY TOWNS

Eeyore. What can I say about Eeyore except that he was the cutest, moodiest, lumpiest and best donkey I ever got to know. A lot of the caregivers have stories of him showing dominance towards them and maybe even biting their butts but at least with me, we had a mutual respect and he spared my butt.

BY LAURENCE LEVESQUE

Little Eeyore the great friend of McLeod. He was able to comfort McLeod during the loss of their friend Jethro. He has always been a protector at Fauna. Curious, Eeyore always liked to meet people, who passed in front of his enclosure. He was a little rough sometimes, but with a soft heart. I miss terribly his sweet look that greeted us every morning.

BY LINDSAY TOWNS

As I approach the cow pasture with breakfast in the back of the gator, I can see Lucky sizing me up. I speed past him and he gives chase. When there is enough distance between us I quickly put his bowl down and move on, dropping more bowls of food for the rest of the gang. Lucky was big and intimidating but he was really just a big softy.

"Kindness is the light that dissolves all walls between souls, families, and nations."

—PARAMAHANSA YOGANANDA



Katrina



White Geese



Fou Fou



Finnigan



Terry



Sam



Mary



Skunk

Behavioral Studies

Fauna hosted Grace Coffman this year. She collected data for her master's thesis exploring the relationship of sound levels and chimpanzee behavior. The results are in preparation for publication.

Dr. Kathleen Barlow in collaboration with Mary Lee Jensvold conducted an ethnographic study on Cultures of Care. This study will compare ways of caring for chimpanzees across sanctuaries.

Dissemination & Presentations



Matthew and Claude giving a presentation at the Hemmingford Library

- Jensvold, M. L. (2018). Lessons from chimpanzee sign language studies. *Animal Sentience: An Interdisciplinary Journal on Animal Feeling*, 2(20), 17.
- Jensvold, M. L. (2018, November 2). Caring for Chimpanzees at Fauna. Information and Technology Department, John Abbott College, St-Anne-de-Bellevue, Quebec.
- Jensvold, M. L. (2018, March 15). An Ethological Approach to Communication. Decoding Alien Intelligence Workshop. SETI Institute. Mt. View, CA.
- Other Minds Animal Sentience Summer School at University of Quebec Montreal (UQAM), Panel Discussant, Primates, Voles, and Worms on June 26, 2018 (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JYAIEv_4GZs&t=3310s) and Nonhuman Personhood June 27, 2018 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EOF7bNP2E8w>)
- Pushing Boundaries Panel Discussant, University of Dalhousie, January 22, 2018.
- Caregivers Claude and Matthew presented at Hemmingford Library
- Caregiver Tanya presented at St. Lambert elementary school

NAPSA Workshop

The North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance held the 2018 NAPSA workshop in Gainesville, Florida this year. Gloria attended with two Fauna caregivers, Lindsay Towns and Kaeley Sullins. Lindsay describes her experience.

The first two days were jam packed with interesting, informative, inspirational, and sometimes controversial talks about a plethora topics. A little summary of the discussions over the 2 days included the Liberia chimps, perspectives of sanctuaries, private and government laboratories on the retirement of monkeys, fundraising using social media, operant conditioning, enclosure designs, and caring for special needs monkeys. The last two days we spent visiting Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary and Center for Great Apes. As much as I wanted to relax, enjoy and take it all in, I wanted to get the most out of this once in a life time trip. There I was like the nerd that I am, up front with the guide, pen and my Spock notebook in hand, picking their brain on diet, nutrition, scheduling and enrichment to name a few. These two sanctuaries were wonderful hosts. The stories they shared about the residents were sad but seeing how they live now in sanctuary, lounging in tunnels, swinging in large enclosures, grooming with one another, basically doing what they want to do when they want to do it, makes it less sad. This was a great experience, having met so many amazing people, both human and non-human primates, I hope one day I will have another opportunity to participate.



Programs

Symposiums

- This year we offered eight Sanctuary Symposiums to 158 visitors. This program generated \$9,460 in donations. We also sold merchandise and increased our outreach in this program.
- We also offered a day-long workshop about trees, chimpanzee signs, and artwork. We had 17 attendees raising a total of \$2,040.
- We offered a Bird Watching event. This generated \$480.00 with 16 attendees.

Visiting Interns

We had another busy summer with four interns from Canada and the United States.

Visiting Intern Howdy Study Summary

The goal of the internship is to provide interns with a strong understanding of chimpanzee behaviour as well as hands on experience completing non-invasive behavioural studies. The main components of the internship included a classroom portion, training on daily chimpouse tasks and participation in data collection. This year their project involved collecting data on social interactions between chimpanzees in an effort to create new social groups. It included behavioural observations with Dolly, Blackie, Tatu and Loulis as the focal individuals. Interns made observations in 30 minute periods, noting arousal level and proximity to other individuals at 30 second intervals. An all occurrence sampling method was used for behaviours directed towards other recipients. This included behaviours falling under affiliative social, greeting, reassurance, grooming, play and aggressive contexts. Through these observations, interns were able to get a general understanding of which individuals the focals spent most of their time with and the general nature of their interactions. Interns participated in other projects as well, including coding gestures of free-living chimpanzees on videotape and entering data on sign language.



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Summer Interns Jessica and Rebecca hard at work cleaning in the chimp house

Quebec University Interns

We continued our local internship program this year with one student from University of Montreal and another from McGill University. They contributed to basic animal care needs, preparing enrichment, and collecting data for a couple of ongoing research projects. They worked in conjunction with Mary Lee Jensvold and their respective teachers from their universities. They entered data on Tatu and Loulis' signs, caregiver interactions, chimp moods, and began work on a video of monkey behaviours.

EcoCanada Internship Summary

In October, Fauna Foundation welcomed intern Rebecca Grestoni who was partially funded through the EcoCanada program. The purpose of the EcoCanada intern program is for recent graduates to gain practical experience in the field of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Rebecca's area of study included biology and animal behaviour.

As an intern, one of Rebecca's responsibilities was to help organize a quality of life assessment on Sue Ellen. The quality of life assessment mirrored assessments done previously by other organizations, however, assessments of this nature are relatively new in the field of primatology. Quality of life assessments are typically done for individuals who have suffered from injuries or who have been diagnosed with a chronic condition. Their goal is to ensure that individuals are comfortable and maintaining a high quality of life. A decrease in quality of life is typically associated with the inability to perform species typical behaviours, an increase in stereotypic behaviours, and a general withdrawal or lack of interest in others and novel situations.

The assessment for Sue Ellen consisted of caregivers recording a detailed log of all Sue's activities and interactions with chimps and caregivers. With this information, activity budgets are calculated as well as average activity and alertness levels. Additionally, caregivers completed a weekly behavioural questionnaire. This information allowed staff to assess any long-term changes in behaviour and mood, while noting the nature of her interactions.

Overall, the assessment showed that despite Sue Ellen's condition she still participates in normal and healthy activities indicating no degradation in her quality of life. She spends the bulk of her days eating, resting and socializing which is all very typical for a healthy and captive chimpanzee. Her mood, alertness and activity levels have all remained steady throughout the duration of this assessment period which is an excellent sign. Fauna's staff are continuing to develop new and exciting ways to increase Sue's accessibility to her environment and other residents so that she can continue to live a full and happy life.

Volunteers

Volunteers make our work possible! These are a dedicated group who are local in the Montreal area and are in other parts of Canada. They are involved in all aspects of Fauna's mission of sanctuary, education, and conservation. They work in gardens helping in the greenhouse year round. They help Ken plant and curate trees. They prepare enrichment and meals for the residents, and bring smiling faces and enthusiasm. They help with symposiums and events. This year a volunteer presented the Sanctuary Symposium. It's not a small feat to learn the script and practice it to perfection. Having volunteers present our symposium has been a goal in the outreach program. One retired therapist led group sessions for grieving staff. One volunteer has spearheaded the bird census and led bird watching events. Volunteers bring Fauna to veg fests; booking, organizing and staffing these events. Volunteers modernized us with "The Square" method of receiving donations. A million thanks and more to these dedicated and skilled individuals who tirelessly give to Fauna's mission and bring so much to our residents. We can't say it enough—THANK YOU!!

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A group of nine (9) volunteers from Carrefour Jeunesse-Emploi (Comté Iberville / St-Jean) participated in a day long volunteering project.

"Try not to become a person of success, but rather try to become a person of value."

—ALBERT EINSTEIN



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Ken engaging visitors during day long event



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Bird watching event



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Guests at Sanctuary Symposium

Campaigns

- **IN A NUT SHELL** was a campaign towards funding supplements and nutritional requirements for the residents. We raised \$235 this year.
- **GIVING DAY FOR APES** is organized by Arcus Foundation and Global Federation for Animal Sanctuaries is an online giving day that focuses on nonhuman primate sanctuaries across the globe. Fauna received \$4,843 this year.
- **GIVING TUESDAY** is a day of giving following American Thanksgiving shopping events, Black Friday and Cyber Monday. This year we generated \$6,306.
- **WET PAINT** was a two-year campaign to raise funds to paint the large interior rooms of the chimp house. We raised \$725 this year.
- **ADOPT-A-CHIMP** is a campaign where supporters can adopt a chimpanzee. This year we raised \$7,190.
- We also asked for funds specifically for **SUE ELLEN'S CARE**.

Events

- The Beco Yoga Wellness Retreat made 2,519.80\$ from 11 visitors (this total includes merchandise sold that day)
- Caregiver's and volunteers represented Fauna at Lush stores to promote our Lush Charity Pot.
- Two of the co-authors of *Chimpanzee Rights: The Philosophers' Brief*, Drs. Kristin Andrews and Letitia Meynell joined Fauna for a presentation on issues of chimpanzee rights and consideration as persons in June 2018.
- We had a presence at numerous Veg Fests in Ontario this year, including the Niagara, Mississauga, Toronto, and Guelph Veg Fests. This was largely thanks to our dedicated volunteers Kathy Bocsi and Jeff Shimizu. The Guelph Veg Fest brought us \$553 in donations, Niagara \$202, and Mississauga \$486, respectively. The Montreal volunteers were instrumental at our table in Montreal.
- Cara Yoga Fundraiser at Concordia by volunteer Lara Mackenzie raised \$126.

*"Learn to hold loosely
all that is not eternal."*

—MAUDE ROYDEN



Yogis at Beco Yoga Event

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Justin Taus and Claude Desrochers deliver presentation

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Loulis practicing his variation of happy baby pose

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Grants/Corporate Donations/Campaigns

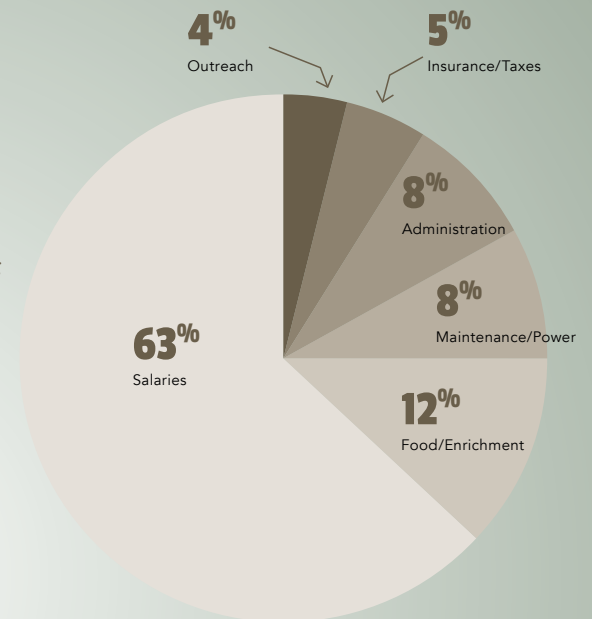
- **Dose Juice** donated cold pressed juices valued at \$5,220
- **Genuine Health** donated supplements valued at \$6,204
- **JG** is where we buy much of our produce and they rebated \$1,727
- **Friends of Washoe**
 - » Staff immigration assistance \$1,562
 - » Interns housing & intern social events \$1,806
 - » FOW provide grant funded support for Tatu and Loulis' caregivers. The grants FOW received were from Winley Foundation for \$32,000 in 2018.
- **Matt & Nat Hope Bag** had a program this year featuring a charity bag and the purchaser could choose which charity would receive the proceeds from the purchase. Fauna received \$4,000.
- Some corporations match funds with their employee's donation of time or money. This is a great way to increase your donation. This year, we received funds from **Travelers, Desjardins** and **Salesforce**.
- **Earth Rated** donated nesting blankets for our residents.
- We received donations from the **PayPal Giving Fund**. This is a charity registered with the CANADA Revenue Agency that raises funds to benefit Canadian charities on their partner platforms, including PayPal and Facebook.
- Fauna received grants from the following foundations this year: **Fitzhenry Foundation, Fondation Davie et Dominique, James A & Donna Mae Moore Foundation, Jewish Community Foundation of Montreal, Nick Bollettieri Foundation Inc.,** and **The Pamela Dillon and Family Gift Fund**.

Income & Spending

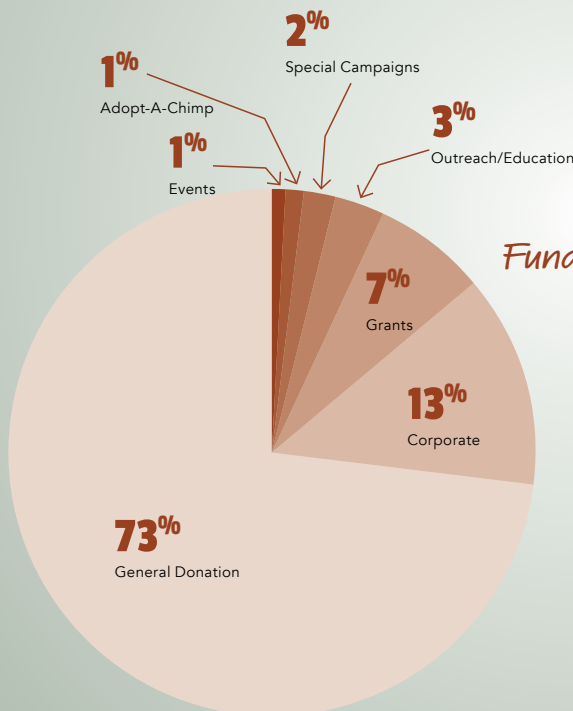
Expense concepts this year—these are some examples of the expenses we incur in a year, but this is not extensive.

- The produce bill was \$57,852
- Purchases for enrichment items totaled \$13,900
- The nuts, seeds, dried fruit and grains \$6,100
- The over-the-counter meds and supplements bill was \$1,500

Expenses



Funding Sources



Media & Online Outreach

Media coverage

- Radio Canada by Dominic Landry with Laurence Levesque (animal caregiver) *Les Portraits du Téléjournal* RDI and Radio-Canada aired: December 29, 2018.
- *Cobby: The Other Side of Cute*. A new documentary by filmmakers Donna McRae and Michael Vale explores the consequences of using chimpanzees for our own entertainment. It is screening in Australia and online at FanForce.
- “Retraite Pour Primates” by Philippe Marois in Quebec Science, Jan-Feb 2019.
- How Close Are We, Oct 15, 2018. Brian Pendergast videocast episode of *The Seeker*. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRqE43vj_Qc
- “What it’s Like to Be Interviewed for a Job by Koko the Gorilla: She Had A Lot to Say.” By Deborah Netburg, June 22, 2018.
- The Press Republican E-Edition, October 10, 2018
- *Change for Chimps* partially filmed at Fauna won “Most Uplifting award” in May 2018, as well as an award in Saint John for Best Family Film.

Blog

We continue to publish engaging stories on our blog updating our supporters on the historical context, health considerations and celebrations involving Fauna’s residents, as well as program information and important events.



Website

Our website continued to attract more users in 2018 with a 21% increase in overall visitors and a 22% increase in the number of new visitors. The total page views grew by 51%. These improvements are mostly attributed to a strong increase in organic search results from SEO driven content. More of our supporters are accessing the website on mobile with 42% percent of visits coming from handsets and tablets. The Adopt-A-Chimp page saw a 105% increase in visits last year, partly bolstered by more focus on social media for this program and our Google Grant that continues to pay our Google advertising. Other pages that had a significantly big jump in visits were our volunteer and our Symposium pages. The amount of French language content to the website increased year-over-year as 23% of our site visits are coming from French speaking users,



Laurence interviewed by Radio Canada

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while 50% are from English speaking USA and 22% English from Canada.

Social Media and E-News

Fauna’s social media presence continued to grow in 2018 and we are now reaching a record number of friends and supporters on-line. More users are tuning in monthly to our Instagram channel and this year we surpassed 10,000 followers on our Facebook page! For the first time our Facebook outreach included using Facebook Events to promote programs and selling tickets through Eventbrite, which has allowed us to market our special events to more people.

Facebook and Instagram continue to drive traffic to our website. They are also instrumental in directing supporters to the Fauna newsletter sign-up. Our subscriber-base for news blasts and *The Scoop* grew by close to 15% in 2018.

Timeline Activity

Our Facebook timeline continues to become more diversified. In addition to videos and photos featuring the chimpanzees, monkeys and farm animals, we have increased our focus on important animal rights and conservation issues. Our most engaging posts in 2018 included an article about the Canadian Senate passing bill S203 which bans the captivity of dolphins and whales and a celebration video for Animal Sanctuary Caregiver Day. Our posts are also an important

vehicle for requesting donations from our followers and they did not disappoint us last year. Posts for blankets were especially successful—Tatu took full advantage of the generosity. And of course, posts that celebrate our residents are always very engaging and shared widely. On Instagram videos of Binky reading a magazine and Petra playing with bubbles in her pool had a record number of views!





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Tatu enjoying a snack

Caregiver Chronicles: Meal Time in the Chimphouse

BY TANYA BARR

In the chimphouse, meal time is always a happy time. Growing up, how many of us enjoyed meals at the dinner table with family? We try to emulate this feeling with the chimpanzees when we serve them their home cooked meals. The kitchen is in the centre of our building and the chimps have access to front rooms right in the middle of the action where they can watch the food being prepared by our chef at meal time.

Lunch is Served

My favourite meal is lunch. It is always a freshly cooked combination of whole grains, veggies, and a vegan protein. What you hear when the chimpanzees enjoy these delicious meals are food grunts, lip smacking and very loud chewing. A misophoniac would not stand a chance in the chimphouse at meal time! What you don't see are the behind the scenes efforts by our nutritionist Lindsay, who makes sure all the meals are balanced, and our chef Trevor who is so creative and ensures that all the chimpanzees are pleasantly satisfied with their meals.

As caregivers, we have the fun part, serving our friends with a spoon (or 2!) in hand. Everyone has a unique way of eating. For instance, Rachel is very slow. She chews very well, and slowly before swallowing. I think this is partly to do with the fact that she loves spending time with us caregivers. She reminds us to slow down, sit, and enjoy meals. Jethro, on the other hand, could down an entire serving in one mouthful. He reminds me of a football jock coming home from practice—he doesn't have

time, he wants the food fast! Serving Jethro is trying to find a balance between serving him at the speed he wants the food, and trying not to stuff his cheeks too full! Fun fact: Jethro and I once had a competition of how many strawberries we could fit in our mouths. Needless to say, Jethro won with a whopping 15 strawberries!

Tatu Expresses Herself at Meal Time

As you all know Tatu is well versed in American Sign Language and she uses this to her advantage at lunch time. If she decides she doesn't want the meal of the day—a decision often made by having a caregiver try the meal and then smelling their breath—she will ask her caregivers for an alternative. We usually find something that will get a pant hoot out of her.

And then you have Miss Sue Ellen. You have to bring a couple of spoons with you because serving Sue can get a little complicated. Sue loves being served, but also misinterprets a lot of things, and we lose a lot of spoons! You have to do things exactly how Sue wants them, and at the speed she wants her next spoonful, or you're out a spoon. You might get lucky though, if you happen to be a male with a beard. Men with beards can do no wrong by Sue Ellen.

After a full day of serving meals and snacks, dinners at home can feel quite lonely without the sounds of the chimphouse.

Sign Language Studies

Fauna Foundation with fiscal support from Friends of Washoe maintains four staff positions at Fauna with individuals who are proficient in American Sign Language, experts in chimpanzee behaviour, data collection methods, and know Tatu and Loulis well. They complete sign logs and other records that document the continued use of sign language at Fauna Foundation. What appears here are some of the sign logs from this last year. The caregivers only record word for sign translations. Signs are written in capital letters. The chimpanzees' signs may appear to be pidgin but this is because we only record the signs, rather than making an interpretation. They sign to caregivers, to each other, and, as you will read, to themselves in private signs.

JANUARY 6, 2018 / KAELEY SULLINS

Tatu clapped to get my attention this morning and when I looked over she signed DAR. I replied with a very confused look DAR? She repeated DAR but didn't elaborate. Maybe she dreamt about her old friend.

Note: Tatu lived with Dar, another signing chimpanzee, from August 1976 when they were both infants, until Dar's death in November 2012.

FEBRUARY 9, 2018 / GLEE LARSEN

I brought Tatu her breakfast this morning and on her way over to see me she grabbed a gray boot off of the floor and brought it with her. She signed THAT twice, then THAT twice, poking the boot hard with her fingers, the SHOE. I replied YES YOU SMART.

MAY 9, 2018 / MARY LEE JENSVOLD

I told Tatu in sign TOMORROW IS LOULIS BIRTHDAY. She panted and signed ICE CREAM. When I saw her again the next morning I signed TODAY LOULIS BIRTHDAY PARTY. She signed ICE CREAM.

NOVEMBER 8, 2018 / JEFF BANDY

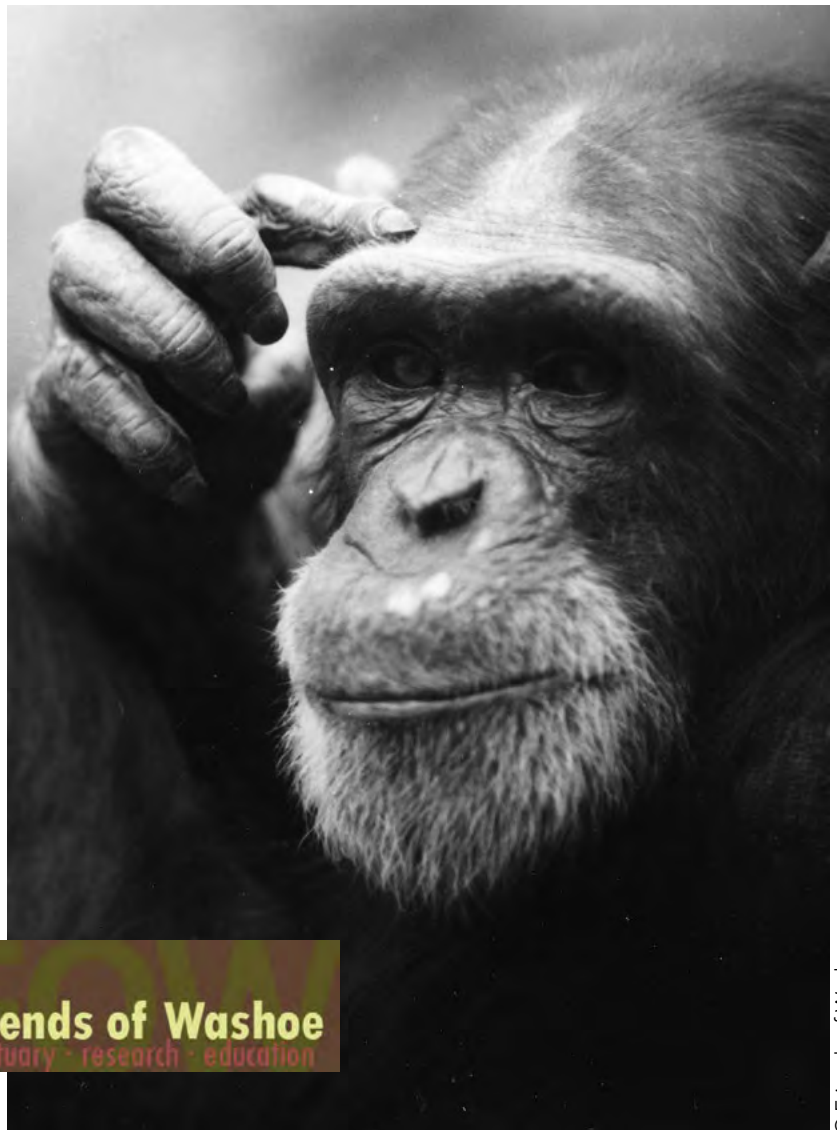
I was setting up Sue's area in the Apartment [Tatu was in the adjacent area, Back 1] when Tatu saw me from a distance and walked over to the shared mesh wall joining Back 1 to the Apartment. She signed THAT pointing to the kiddie pool full of items [that was in the Apartment]. I couldn't tell what she wanted so I asked WHAT YOU SEE? She then signed DRINK. At first glance I couldn't see a drink. Confused I responded I DON'T SEE DRINK. She responded SODA POP pointing to the pool. I emptied the entire contents out to find a ginger ale hidden in the remains. She then signed PLEASE. I poured half in a cup for Lou and gave her the can.

AUGUST 28, 2018 / KAELEY SULLINS

After Tatu met Dolly and Blackie I locked them apart. Tatu was sitting in Jeannie's outside area near the door to go inside. She wasn't looking directly at Dolly and Blackie, more off into space, and signed FRIEND.

Note: This is an example of private signing since Tatu is not addressing her signs to another individual.

Stay tuned for a forthcoming chapter that has more details of this the signs at Fauna in a book edited by M.L. Jensvold *Chimpanzee Behavior: Recent Understandings from Captivity and the Forest* published by Nova Science Publishers.



Tatu

Local Quebec University Intern Reflection

BY RACHEL VAN VLIET

Rachel was an intern from McGill and our summer outreach assistant

I had the opportunity to complete an internship at the Fauna Foundation from January to April 2018. A student of McGill, I came to Fauna every Wednesday from 9:00-1:00 and spent about half of my day working on projects and the other half making enrichment. For the first month, I worked entirely in the office, working on data entry and enrichment while completing trainings in Chimpanzee Identification and Behaviour. Once my tests were completed, I was invited into the chimphouse to continue working on enrichment and start to do a few tasks there. Being in the chimphouse was amazing. I could hear and smell the chimpanzees (and even see a few if they chose to be in the mezzanine), and I could start to see first-hand some of the projects I had been doing data entry on for the previous month.

As a student, I think Fauna is a pretty wonderful place to learn. Its clear emphasis on service to its residents creates a learning environment unlike anything I had encountered during my undergraduate degree thus far. I have always been interested in working with or around non-humans, but was never fully comfortable with the ethics of using non-humans in research. Being at Fauna was therefore an incredible opportunity. While research projects are completed, they are strictly non-invasive, always done for the benefit of the individuals being researched, and provide the individuals with a choice to participate. It is these last two points that really stuck out to me. It is a very special thing to know exactly what your research is for and how it is affecting the individuals being researched. I think it is something sometimes lacking in scientific research, and being in a place that puts the residents above the research not only puts at ease any ethical issues one may struggle with in working with non-humans, but creates an extremely unique and important research space and culture of care, where the residents actively participate in the kind of knowledge produced.

Since my internship, I have had the opportunity to continue working at Fauna, as both an Outreach Assistant and chimp care aid. Every day I am at Fauna, I get the chance to learn more about its incredible residents and contribute to maintaining the high-quality of care that Fauna provides.

Rachel has since graduated from McGill with a BSC and will begin a Masters program there in Fall 2019.

"As we work to create light for others we naturally create our own light."

—MARY ANNE RADMACHER



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Summer interns Jessica, Cree, Rebecca, Grace, and Outreach Assistant Rachel

Summer Intern Project Reflection

Fauna is Family

BY CREE SAHIDAH GLANZ

2018 visiting intern from Southern Illinois University

Nowhere like Fauna

To be an intern at Fauna Foundation is a unique experience that will resonate with you for a lifetime. The sanctuary is an exceptional site one should take full advantage of. In the mornings my fellow interns and I woke up to the sounds of our distant relatives thundering with spirit to one another. We armed ourselves with love in order to prepare another day of learning how to be a caring individual when it comes to tending nonhuman primates. Fauna Foundation is a community of selfless people applying their strengths concerning noble nonhuman animals. The animals of the sanctuary come in all shapes and sizes. From domestic geese to Japanese macaques, every animal is treated with dignity and love, for Fauna recognizes that nonhuman animals should live in equilibrium with humans. As an intern, each day your skills and core characteristics will be tested. Interns must be vigilant, self-aware and selfless when serving nonhuman primates. We were tested on chimpanzee facial recognition, safety rules of the chimphouse, and behavioral terms during the first week of the visiting internship. The workload was challenging, yet rewarding to have learned material most people have not been exposed to. Now it is safe to say we are equipped with intellect that will help us advance our careers and help nonhuman animals across foreign waters.

Cree participated in a field school in Madagascar in Fall 2018.

Conservation: Bird & Wildlife Census

BY JUSTIN TAUS

The Ruisseau Robert Nature Conservancy wildlife survey being conducted by Fauna animal caregiver and biologist Claude Desrochers and conservation photojournalist Justin Taus continued well into 2018. The duo made several new discoveries, bringing the total amount of bird species spotted on the reserve to 104. The month of May 2018 was especially busy with birds using the reserve as a migratory stop-over, including lesser-seen species like the Eastern towhee and Brown thrasher, Cape May and Bay-breasted warblers, as well as shorebirds like the Solitary sandpiper and Greater yellowlegs. The number of species that have a special conservation status as listed on the Species At Risk Act registry climbed to 8 at the reserve. One of which, the Bobolink, was present in large numbers throughout May and June as it nested in the reserve's open fields.



Claude cleaning the nest boxes last spring

© Justin Taus

This year also saw the arrival of beavers on the reserve. Having built a dam in the Ruisseau Robert stream, we are curious to see how their presence will affect the ecosystem and its wildlife. Other notable mammal mentions include two river otters that were spotted feeding in the stream as well as foxes.

The survey will continue into 2019, so stay tuned for more updates in the future.

Conservation Barn

Our conservation barn is fully renovated. This creates unique opportunities to develop other types of events and programs.

We held our Yoga event their last year, an event on chimpanzee rights with philosophers, and plan on using this space for other events again this year.

After



Before



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Ken hard at work in his Arboretum



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Ken tending to his young walnut tree

Arboretum

Tree Program Report for the 2018 Season at Fauna

BY KEN MCAUSLAN

This year has been an exciting year for our Fauna tree program with many pleasant surprises. Hundreds of trees were planted out in the summer and fall of 2017, mostly exotic and far from their natural habitats in Europe, Asia and the Southern U.S. I am happy to report that almost all survived their first winter (there were only 3 losses) and they have continued to establish themselves during the past summer in spite of extended hot and drought filled periods. We were in fact forced to hand water the Arboretum trees on several occasions along with our two young adult Swamp White Oaks (a rare species in Quebec) located at the rear of the upper arboretum. This fall these two oaks gave us over 900 acorns, which we collected just before the squirrel attack. To protect our rows of young Black Walnuts we attached fluorescent flagging tape to the terminal buds of each last fall and applied a product in an effort to deter the deer from munching on the terminal buds, a serious problem during our first year; happily, not one plant was affected last winter. Which measure was most effective I've no idea but we repeated the process this winter with all our trees in both the Black Walnut grove and the Arboretum.

During the current (2018) season we planted well over 300 young trees and propagated another 600 in pots. The latter, just 6 months old, will be stored indoors over the coming winter and planted out next year. Most of these are not destined for the Arboretum but rather for the wooded areas of the property in an effort to increase our woodland diversity—they include Red Oaks, Buartnuts to help replace native Butternuts affected by Butternut Canker as well as the rare Swamp White Oaks.

The following is a list of the trees, which we've either grown or purchased over the course of the past year. I have an aversion to grocery lists in any report but I feel it appropriate here to better illustrate two things: first the growing species diversity within our program and second the savings generated through the onsite propagation of seedstock as opposed to outright purchase; nevertheless a tip of the hat to Frederick Gladu who runs Arboquebecium, a small specialized tree nursery in Ste. Catherine de Hatley in the Eastern Townships. He provides, at very reasonable cost, the highest quality offering of exotic temperate zone trees available in Quebec and is the source of virtually all the additions to our Arboretum. Prices listed below indicate which plants were actually purchased, with the remainder having been propagated entirely on site.



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Nature Walk with Ken for day long event

Altogether we grew or acquired 40 different species, subspecies and hybrids for a total of 319 trees planted out. Richard and the weekend boys were of great help as they planted 20 larch trees around the Memorial Garden and a further 33 along the entrance path to the new barn on the far side of Bellerive; these trees are a combination of European and Japanese Larch grown from seed. Of the 319 trees planted, 41 were purchased for a total cost of \$811 while the other 278 were home-grown at no cost.

There were a number of interesting highlights which I'll outline below: In Quebec we have 2 native Hickories (Shagbark and Bitternut) growing within narrow ranges and quite scarce from over-harvesting due to the value of the wood. However, on our Fauna woodlands we are strangely blessed with a wealth of these two species. As specimen trees, we have added five more non-native hickory species, four of which are found in Ontario (Mockernut, Red, Pignut and Shellbark) and the fifth (Pecan) found only in the Southern U.S. In the same manner we have added to the 4 native Oak species (White, Bur, Swamp White Oak and Northern Red) with the following exotics (Chestnut, Post, Chinkapin, Overcup, Sawtooth (China), Scarlet, Black, Gambel, Shingle and English as well as several White Oak hybrids). Finally, in Quebec we have only one Walnut, the Butternut, which is under attack by an Asian fungus known as Butternut Canker. To deal with this we grew Buartnuts (Butternut X Japanese Heartnut) to add to our Black Walnut grove and purchased Japanese Walnuts, a Butternut/ Manchurian cross and a Carpathian Walnut, a hardier version of the Persian Walnut that we see in stores.

Having done a more recent inventory of the trees on Fauna land, I've determined the following: Native Conifer species 11, Native Broadleaf species 47, Exotic Conifers 11 and Exotic Broadleaf species 57 for a total of 126 tree species now on Fauna lands. I've likely missed a few! This latest list is available upon request.

LIST OF PLANTINGS IN 2018 BY COMMON NAME

| Plant Common Name | Price or Propagated on Site |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Bald Cypress | 12 @ \$24.95 |
| Black Maple | 3 @ \$24.95 |
| Black Spruce | 9 grown from seed |
| Blue Ash | 15 grown from seed |
| Bottlebrush Buckeye | 3 grown from seed |
| Carpathian Walnut | 1 @ \$12.95 |
| Catalpa Purpurea (hybrid) | 20 grown from seed |
| Cucumber Tree (Magnolia) | 2 @ \$12.95 |
| Gambel Oak | 2 @ \$7.50 |
| Hazelnuts (hybrids) | 10 @ \$10.00 |
| Jack Pine | 6 grown from seed |
| Japanese Maple | 1 grown from seed |
| Kentucky Coffee Tree | 1 grown from seed |
| Larch (Japanese & European) | 53 grown from seed |
| London Plane Trees | 39 grown from seed |
| Magnolia (hybrids) | 20 grown from seed |
| Manchurian Catalpa | 2 grown from seed |
| Mockernut Hickory | 1 @ \$10.00 |
| Nootka False Cypress | 1 grown from seed |
| Osage Orange | 2 @ \$19.95 |
| Overcup Oak | 1 @ \$24.95 |
| Pears (Common & Chinese) | 7 grown from seed |
| Post Oak | 1 @ \$24.95 |
| Pignut Hickory | 1 @ \$11.95 |
| Pitch Pine | 20 grown from seed |
| Redbud | 10 grown from seed |
| Red Hickory (sweet) | 1 @ \$11.95 |
| Red Horsechestnut (hybrid) | 5 grown from seed |
| Red Pine | 5 grown from seed |
| Red Spruce | 35 grown from seed |
| Rock Elm | 1 (cloned) |
| Sassafras | 1 @ \$7.95 |
| Shellbark Hickory | 1 @ \$11.95 |
| Swamp White Oak | 17 transplanted |
| Sweetbay Mognolia | 2 @ \$11.95 |
| Yellowhorn | 2 @ \$9.95 |
| Yellowwood | 1 @ \$9.50 and 2 grown from seed |
| White Oak | 3 grown from seed |

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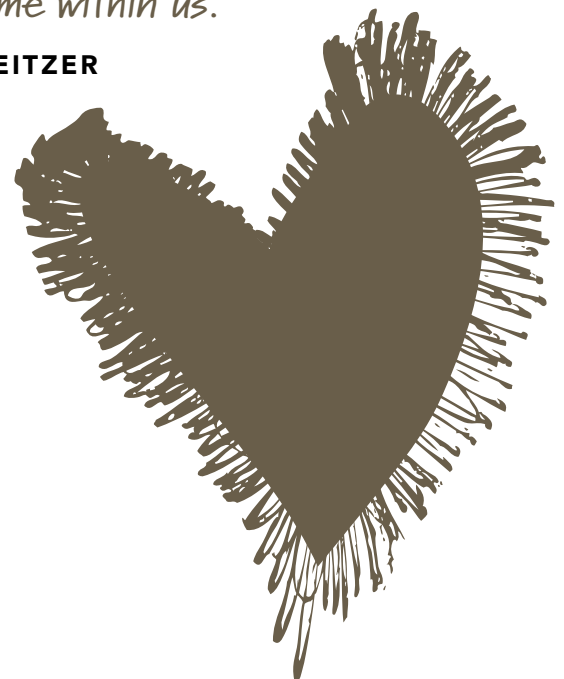
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—ALBERT SCHWEITZER





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