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Dear Friends of Mindy's,



The story of Charley - by Linda Barcklay

Last week I received the following letter from a person who worked with Charley, a vervet monkey, who came to us recently from UCLA. This letter is an excellent example of what we do here at Mindy's Memory: save lives. Without our agreement to accept Charley, he would have suffered greatly and now be dead. We rescue the animals that no one ever hears about; animals who fall through the cracks and

disappear without a tear, or a care, from those who practice their experiments on these living breathing creatures. P>

Dear Linda,

I was a SRA [senior research assistant] at UCLA and worked with the monkey enclosure where S05-C (1996-087) Charley was born, since 1981. I retired 2 weeks ago. I was an observer of monkey behavior. I knew Charley's great grandmother. I was there when his grandmother and mother was born, and of course when Charley was born.

His grandmother was a very strict dominant matriarch. She died of old age. Her daughter "N" born in 1983 became very dominant and stayed dominant until she died a few months ago of old age (organ failure). Charley's mother was born in 1986. I don't think she will become dominant because of her age. Probably one of Charley's sisters will become [alpha] female. I will let you know. Charley grew up in this very dominant family. He had many playmates and a loving mother. & nbs His grandmother was sometimes roughhousing with him. At around the age of 4 years old he was put into a different social group. Charley had the opportunity to father children. But he never became dominant. DNA studies will tell if he fathered a child.

Charley was doomed to be sent to a horrible terminal brain experiment at Yale University. He was extremely lucky to be saved. You probably know the story from [name deleted].

I am so grateful Linda, that you took Charley. Could I call you once in a while to see how he is doing? I will send you pictures of his grandmother and mother once I get my computer repaired.

Thanks so so much,  
Karin

Please send a donation to help us continue to support the monkeys here.

With warmest regards,  
Linda Barecklay, Director  
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