

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Mindy's Memory Primate Sanctuary
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Dear Friends of the animals,

Fall, 2009

Desperate times call for desperate measures--I am writing this special appeal letter to all of our email subscribers for YOUR help, if you can find any way to help--support our resident monkeys. Our donations are down by a full 90% this year. Our bills are rising, and winter is almost here. We will be spending \$700 every time we need to get our propane tanks filled. We've had to cut our produce in half, so the monkeys' staple diet is dry commercial monkey chow with some veggies and fruit treats, and scattered peanuts that they forage for as enrichment. Produce alone costs \$1,200 a month, and a pallet of monkey chow biscuits is over \$900! Add the cost of peanuts, utilities, phone, internet service, veterinary care, essential supplies such as detergent, bleach, paper products, et cetera, and you can see how very expensive it is to run the sanctuary with just the basic, bare-bones necessities. We have one dedicated, underpaid staff member, and I collect no salary.

So please, if you can donate, consider sponsoring one of our 80 monkeys with an ongoing monthly contribution. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, so every penny of your contribution is tax-deductible. You can go to Mindy's Memory's web site (www.mindysmem.org), and click on "Sponsor a wild thing," or access the sponsorship page here: <http://www.mindysmem.org/wildthing.html>.

Browse through, meet our monkey residents, and see why we love these guys so much, and feel such a strong bond and desire to protect them. Once you find the one you most relate to, you can use the link to PayPal to sponsor that monkey. Currently, only a few monkeys have sponsors. **ANY** amount will be greatly appreciated. With a **MONTHLY** ongoing contribution (of any amount), we know we can count on and plan around the ongoing financial support. If you prefer to mail your donations instead of using PayPal, our address is at the top of this letter. Make your year-end tax-deductible contributions before 2009 is over!

GOOD NEWS!

We took in two more capuchins from the pet industry, a female named Precious, and a male named Max (see pictures on next page). Also, from research we have rescued two female macaques, Pickles and Olive, mentioned in our last eNews. Since then, I have received requests to accept a vervet, three capuchins, and two more rhesus macaques. I have had to turn all of them away, due to the hard economic times. We cannot possibly support any more animals until the economy improves, and money starts to be generated for support. Unfortunately, it's the animals who suffer.



Precious



Max

VOLUNTEERS HELP - A LOT!

Bob Ingersoll has been here several times over the past few months. He has gathered relatives and friends to add a lot of enrichment to many enclosures with fire hose and other materials, make numerous upgrades, and fix many things. His efforts and those of his volunteers have been enormously beneficial to the monkeys. Jamie Kovacs and husband Grumpy came all the way from Indiana for a "working vacation," and work they did. This isn't the first time they've spent their hard-earned leisure time helping me with a multitude of jobs, large and small.

THANK YOU!

I am happy to thank the sanctuary's monthly supporters, including Laura Signor, Deb Cook, Jamie Kovacs, Lynn Garman, Brenda Keller, Beth Levine, Grace Pedraza, Cynthia Stierman, Loretta Morgan, Belle Ball and Bob Ingersoll. I also appreciate and thank our donors, including Lorraine Pirillo, Frank Lucas, Terry Cavnar, Tracy DeMartini, Pam Ela Stahl, and Marion O'Boyle. Tracy and Marion each made the decision to give their monkeys better lives at Mindy's Memory. Wendell Carter sends child support for his group of fur babies, as well. We are eternally grateful to you all. We would love to add **YOU** to this list of caring people who give us ongoing support!

Thanks also to our board members, and Nancy Eno, our dedicated staff member, for their help in keeping the boat afloat.

Linda Barcklay, the Monkeys,
Dogs, Pot-Bellied Pigs,
and all other resident animals!

A few words from BOB INGERSOLL

Indeed, I have been to Mindy's Memory several times in the last few months. I am headed there again the first week of November, for one more visit before winter. On my last visit, Jamie and Grumpy, along with their friend Kenny, did repairs to many of our warming huts. We totally replaced one. I want to personally thank them for their longtime support, financially as well as traveling to Oklahoma from Indiana to help.

During my next visit, Shaun O'Brien (another longtime supporter) and I plan to pour a slab and build a cover for our emergency generator. I hope to get a few other things done around the Sanctuary as well.

Your financial support is critical to the existence and survival of the Sanctuary. We receive no government help to do this work. So, dig as deep as you can, and please give us a hand in these most difficult times.

Thanks again,
Bob

Postscript

A few people have wondered why we moved to an all-electronic newsletter format. The reason we have moved to sending out eNewsletters instead of paper newsletters is the cost. Printing and mailing costs are over \$400 per edition. The actual addressing and sending out was volunteered by board members, so that helped. But the mailing and production cost, coupled with the small return, did not justify continuing the mailings. We tried bulk mail, but the expense was too great there also. With people moving and not giving us forwarding addresses, we got too many "return to sender" notices. Therefore, we made the choice to switch to eNews only.

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