

The milder weather has finally arrived here at the Wild Futures Monkey Sanctuary, and everyone is enjoying the sunshine. We have a busy summer ahead with new arrivals, exciting fundraising initiatives and lots more!

## Be the First to Adopt Gizzie, Grips and Kiwi!

On the 3rd February 2010, our newest arrivals, Gizzie, Grips and Kiwi, joined us at the Wild Futures Monkey Sanctuary, having spent decades being kept as pets. On arrival, they weren't the most beautiful of monkeys; their fur was in poor condition, they were underweight and had had very little environmental enrichment to keep their active minds busy and interested in the world around them.

To mark the amazing progress that they have made in their first three months (see pictures), we are officially introducing them to our Adoption Scheme on Monday the 3rd of May! In recognition of the strong bond the three monkeys have, we will be giving a **free capuchin monkey cuddly toy to the first three people to adopt either Grips, Gizzie or Kiwi!** You can pre-order your adoption by clicking [here](#). Be the first to adopt and make a long-term contribution to the welfare of these very special characters!



Before...

...and after



Kiwi



Grips



Gizzie

## Appeal from the Amazon Rainforest!

**Q: What do water tanks and boats have to do with monkeys?**

**A: A lot more than you might think!**

San Martin is a Tikuna indigenous community based in the heart of the Colombian Amazon. It has a population of around 450 people and access to and from the community is by river only. Sharing the rainforest with the Tikuna people are a plethora of plants and animals, including woolly and capuchin monkeys, who also make their home in the Amazon basin. The Tikunas hold an invaluable depth of knowledge about the conservation of the rainforest and about sustainable and low-impact living that has been passed down from generation to generation. At Wild Futures our aim is to protect primates and habitats worldwide and we strongly believe that, by supporting the people that live in the forest, we support the conservation of the forest as a whole.

At present, the majority of families in the community do not have access to clean drinking water and, as a result, there is a high occurrence of related illness—particularly in youngsters and the elderly. The nearest secondary school is located a half an hour boat ride away. The community has just one large boat which means that access to schooling is extremely limited, emergency transport to hospital is often not possible and the one boat available is often dangerously overloaded when community members need to attend important events.

We take clean water and access to education and emergency services for granted in the UK. The provision of water tanks and a new boat will make a huge difference to the people of San Martin and costs just £8,500. The project to fund funding for these essentials is being driven by [The Small World Foundation](#) and more information can be found by clicking [here](#) for the full project proposal and information on pledging your support.



Children from San Martin and one of the few water tanks in the village. Photo: H. Van Gils, Small World Foundation

## Help Us to Bring Josh Home!

We told you in our last update about the Primate Code and how we hoped that it would help to enforce welfare standards for monkeys being kept privately. It looks like it's working as, on May 5th, we will be picking up Josh, a capuchin monkey who is being relocated to our sanctuary following local police using the Code of Practice to decide that the standards he was currently being kept in were not appropriate. We can't tell you too much right now and will update all our supporters when Josh is with us but we are launching a **SPECIAL APPEAL** to raise the £1,000 required to transport Josh and pay for his initial vets bills before the 5th May 2010! The race is on to help Josh come and join his future friends here at the Wild Futures Monkey Sanctuary. Can you help and make a donation? If so, please click [here](#) and give to our Justgiving Josh appeal!



Josh in his current home. Photo: CAPS

## Adopter's Day 2010

Don't forget—if you adopt one of the monkeys from the Wild Futures Monkey Sanctuary and would like to attend our special Adopter's Day on the 29th May 2010, please RSVP to [nicola.obrien@wildfutures.org](mailto:nicola.obrien@wildfutures.org) to confirm your free place as soon as possible. We are planning a fun-filled day for all with:

- Guided tours
- Presentations to update you on our work
- Get to know your adopted monkey and friends tours
- Adopter's Day competition
- Fun workshops for all ages
- Buffet lunch (approx. 1pm)
- Raffle and special presentation (approx. 3pm)

We look forward to seeing you on the day!



Boo Boo and Mickey ensure they are well-groomed ahead of the big day!

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