



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

MISSION STATEMENT

To alleviate the suffering of primates wherever it occurs by:

- Providing sanctuary or referral to appropriate facilities
- Working to end the trade in primates both in the US and abroad
- Educating the public to the plight of primates caught in the breeder/dealer cycle
- Assisting researchers and zoo personnel in finding appropriate placement for surplus primates
- Encouraging compliance with applicable local, state and federal laws and animal welfare statutes



Jenny, 27 year old chimpanzee *26 years of sanctuary*

2021 HIGHLIGHTS

- The Primate Rescue Center, Inc. (PRC) staff, volunteers, and interns continue to work tirelessly to ensure that every primate resident receives appropriate, species-specific care designed to support each individual's nutritional, medical, social, and intellectual needs.
- In 2021, the PRC welcomed new staff members to the caregiving team. Carley Smith was hired in February, and Elizabeth Gatlin was hired in June. Elissa Keicher chose to end her employment at the sanctuary in February and was rehired in November. Madison McLean chose to end her employment at the sanctuary in November. All administrative staff (including our Executive Director) perform caregiving duties when needed. Our team has a total of over 55 years of experience caring for primates.
- Purchased through grant funding from the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels (HOKC), the PRC installed a new True brand reach-in, two-door refrigerator in our kitchen to replace our aging 2-door refrigerator that had been in service for over 20 years. The generous grant from the HOKC for purchasing this energy-efficient refrigerator allows our kitchen to run without equipment break-downs and helps us continue to provide fresh fruits, vegetables, leafy greens, juices, and dairy items that make up the bulk of the apes' and monkeys' diets.









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2021 HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

- A new geothermal HVAC system was installed in our shop/medical building, replacing a 35-year-old
 unit that was no longer functional. This system runs much more efficiently and provides the needed
 regulated temperatures throughout the year in one of our main buildings, helping us to provide
 optimal care and working conditions.
- The chimpanzees received an update to their outdoor enclosure when we constructed a platform deck on a sloped part of the grounds previously underutilized by the troop. With sustainability in mind, we chose the eco-friendly, low-maintenance, long-lasting, Trex® decking material that will provide an excellent place for the chimps to rest, groom, and eat for many years to come.









The chimpanzees love spending time on or near the new deck structure in their outdoor enclosure.

Pictured top, left to right are Victoria and Zulu, both rescued from an appalling pet situation in 1998 when they were in their 20's.

Pictured bottom, left to right are
Jenny and Rodney, both rescued
from the Laboratory for
Experimental Medicine and
Surgery in Primates in 1996 when
they were just over one year old.

2021 HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

• Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the PRC continued with increased safety practices and personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements initially developed in 2020 for all staff and volunteers to ensure the safety and well-being of the primates and humans. Our extensive set of protocols for staff members and volunteers are based on guidelines provided by the CDC and local health departments, as well as other primate sanctuaries and veterinary experts we consulted. The requirement of daily health assessments and temperature monitoring of all humans before and during work shifts, keeping the number of humans working on-site to a minimum, maintaining social distancing between staff members, upholding self-isolation and testing recommendations and protocols, and continuing strict disinfecting and cleaning practices in addition to our PPE requirements has provided a safe environment for the primate residents as well as our staff, volunteers, and interns.







Alister Brown, summer 2021 Intern









RESCUE & RELOCATION OF ANIMALS IN NEED: While we take in newly rescued animals at our Kentucky facility as space allows, we also provide staff assistance, equipment, and transportation at our expense to ensure that animals destined for other sanctuaries are moved quickly, safely and humanely.

2021 Accomplishments

- We were directly involved in the rescue and/or relocation of 6 primates and assisted with transportation to other reputable sanctuaries where appropriate.
 - In March of 2021, we assisted the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) with rescuing a year-old female capuchin Squeaker/Harriet from Owen County, KY. We transported her to a southern sanctuary.
 - We welcomed Mowgli, a one-month-old male vervet monkey confiscated by KDFWR from a home in Bowling Green, KY, in March 2021.
 - In June 2021, Mojo, a 20-year-old male long-tailed macaque, arrived at the sanctuary after a brief stay at Peaceable Primate Sanctuary (PPS) in Winamac, IN. Mojo was kept as a pet in a human home in Richmond, KY.
 - Tucker, a male long-tailed macaque confiscated from a home in Floyd County, KY, spent a few months being cared for by the PRC before being transferred to Black Pine Animal Sanctuary in Albion, IN in December 2021.
 - PRC resident Sissy, a female rhesus macaque rescued in 2019, was transferred to Peaceable Primate Sanctuary (PPS) in December 2021. After several attempts, Sissy was not strongly bonding with any PRC primate residents. In addition, PPS cares for several male macaque monkeys rescued from medical laboratories the transfer of Sissy to PPS will allow one of these males, who spent most of their lives living alone in a medical laboratory, a chance to experience companionship and provide Sissy with enriching social interactions as well.
 - The PRC provided temporary care to Honey, a female long-tailed macaque whom PPS rescued from a home in Detroit, MI in December 2021. For lifetime care, Honey was transferred to Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch in Murchison, TX.
- We indirectly assisted with the rescue of 9 primates through coordination and referral to other primate sanctuaries. We continue to respond to primates in need as we work with our sanctuary partners to alleviate the suffering of primates across the United States.







NOTABLE ANIMAL CARE PROGRAM EVENTS

Rescue Anniversary Milestones

The Primate Rescue Center's history stretches back to 1987 when the arrival of long-tailed macaque Gizmo began a journey that has now spanned 34 years and provided refuge to numerous primates along the way. Every day we are able to provide a safe haven for the rescued monkeys and apes in our care is a day to celebrate. Still, we like to acknowledge some significant milestones for our sanctuary residents. We are proud and honored to care for and celebrate the "20+ Years of Sanctuary Club," which includes the following fifteen PRC residents this year:

- Jenny Siamang gibbon 29 years of sanctuary (rescued in 1992)
- Bisou spider monkey 28 years of sanctuary (rescued in 1993)
- Martina, Ike, Rodney, Noelle, and Jenny chimpanzees 25 years of sanctuary (rescued in 1996)
- Dewey rhesus macaque 24 years of sanctuary (rescued in 1997)
- Maggie black crested macaque 23 years of sanctuary (rescued in 1998)
- Zulu, Victoria, and Donald chimpanzees 23 years of sanctuary (rescued in 1998)
- Grady capuchin monkey 21 years of sanctuary (rescued in 2000)
- Zoe long-tailed macaque 20 years of sanctuary (rescued in 2001)
- Cysgo capuchin monkey 20 years of sanctuary (rescued in 2001)

Primate Passings

We said farewell to five of our monkey residents who passed away this year. Although it is never easy to lose those we love, we are proud and honored to have been a part of their second chance at life.

- Opal long-tailed macaque, rescued from a pet situation in 2018, passed away in January.
- Saidah Barbary macaque, rescued from a roadside zoo in 2013, passed away in February.
- Dewey rhesus macaque, rescued from a medical laboratory in 1997, passed away in March.
- Bailey rhesus macaque, rescued from a pet situation in 2002, passed away in March.
- Mandy black crested macaque, placed for care from a pet situation in 2005, passed away in July.

Noteworthy Events

• Caregiver Elizabeth Gatlin has enhanced our operant conditioning training program with the goal of encouraging positive shifting behaviors and reducing stress in the primates as they are asked to move from various areas of their enclosures for routine cleanings and caregiver access to those areas. The operant conditioning technique of shaping via positive reinforcement helps encourage behaviors that are progressively more and more like the desired end behavior. Although shaping can take several months or more in some individuals, we have seen improvement with monkeys who were previously reluctant to cooperate with their caregivers' requests. We will continue these efforts in the hopes of maintaining a calm, stress-free experience for the primates as their caregivers request their cooperation in ensuring their enclosure spaces are clean, comfortable, enriched, and safe.

NOTABLE ANIMAL CARE PROGRAM EVENTS (continued)

Noteworthy Events (continued)

 Annabelle, the PRC's Great Pyrenees dog adopted from a local shelter in 2018, was given a beautiful, custom-designed dog house by Animal Care Volunteer Cleeve Emurian. Featuring an indoor area and a front porch, Annabelle can rest in style and comfort each night in her house after a long day of keeping watch for any uninvited local animal intruders to the sanctuary.



PUBLIC EDUCATION, OUTREACH & EVENTS: Over the past year, the PRC has worked diligently to share our mission with the local community and beyond. We've hosted events at the sanctuary, conducted educational presentations and interviews with various media programs, schools, and businesses on-site, off-site and online, and continued to expand our organization's website and Primate Pal Program. In addition, our outreach programs are designed to encourage compassion for all species, especially in children and young adults, to raise awareness about the accomplishments and needs of the sanctuary and to teach about primate behavior, exploitation, and rehabilitation.

On-Site Events

- We were thrilled to host groups of PRC members on-site at our 2021 Member Event this July, allowing members to learn more about the history of the sanctuary, current residents, and day-to-day animal care during a staff-guided tour. Given the continued presence of the COVID-19 pandemic, hosting small-group reservations at the sanctuary for a specific amount of time was a safer alternative to our larger events in the past while still offering an on-site experience instead of a virtual event as we did the previous year. PRC member feedback regarding their experience at the event was extremely positive, and many expressed how much they enjoyed the unique, exclusive, educational tours.
- The USDA AgDiscovery Program, an educational program offered by Kentucky State University for youth interested in careers working with animals, visited the sanctuary in June. Also, the Eastern Kentucky University Enrichment Class, a college course focused on teaching the importance of providing an enriching habitat for captive animals, joined us at the sanctuary in August. During these events, group members brought enrichment items they had made off-site, then enjoyed a tour to learn more about the sanctuary residents, the enrichment program at the PRC, and the plight of captive primates still in need of rescue.
- Continuing our ongoing partnership with local retirement community Sayre Christian Village, we welcomed a group of residents to the sanctuary in November to learn more about our primate residents' lives, creating an enriching opportunity for humans, monkeys, and apes alike.

PUBLIC EDUCATION, OUTREACH & EVENTS (continued)

Outreach and Media

- With the help of social media, newsletters, and our website, the Primate Pal Program has continued to show growth each year. We have seen a 27.5% increase in the number of annual sponsorships compared to 2020. With a total of 250 Primate Pals, donors were able to help us directly support the care of each primate living at the PRC.
- Our email and print newsletters are designed to inform readers about events and happenings at the sanctuary, as well as an array of primate-related issues, including the prohibitions on pet ownership, ape and monkey social behavior, and ongoing legislation concerning primates caught in the illegal pet trade and laboratory facilities.
- Our social media pages engage over 14,800 followers, including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube. We participated in several online giving events throughout the year, including Kentucky Gives Day, Giving Day for Apes, Giving Tuesday, the Bluegrass Community Foundation Good Giving Challenge, and Facebook fundraisers to support the direct care of the primates living at the sanctuary. We also celebrated and promoted World Chimpanzee Day, Animal Sanctuary Caregiver Day, and National Volunteer Week with followers, donors, and the primate community.
- We increased public awareness of the exotic animal trade and the sanctuary's mission through interviews with the Jessamine Journal and other news affiliates.
- We continue to participate in learning workshops and lectures at educational institutions, local businesses, and online forums for humans of all ages, including Scott County's Royal Middle School Agriculture class, Ardent Animal Health, Georgetown University, and The Lexington School.
- We expanded donor options on our website to include a link to our wishlist on Gift You, a website designed to make it easy to connect with donors and show them the exact products we need to keep our animal care program running smoothly.
- We continued our Business Sponsorship Program to increase awareness in the community, acquire
 a reliable source of funding, and attract new supporters of the PRC's mission while helping
 participating businesses enhance their community impact, attract new customers and increase
 employee satisfaction. In 2021, our business sponsors included Pet Wants Lexington, Great Lakes
 Equine Massage Therapy, Mark Rush Photography, and Joker Web Hosting.









VOLUNTEER AND INTERN PROGRAMS:

- The PRC's Volunteer Program, consisting of On-Site, Off-Site, and Event Volunteers, was put on a temporary hiatus due to the pandemic in 2020. After much discussion, the PRC staff decided to resume the program for a few veteran members of the volunteer team beginning in July 2020 once our PPE protocols were firmly in place, and then continued with a limited opening through April 2021. Many individuals participated in our Off-Site Volunteer program and worked from home to create necessary enrichment items to benefit the mental and physical health of the primates while they waited for acceptance into our on-site volunteer program. In 2021, PRC volunteers contributed a total of 2,475 hours of volunteer service to the sanctuary.
- We offer an Internship Program for students from across the country and overseas that immerses individuals in the daily operation of a primate sanctuary. Interns are trained on various tasks related to general primate husbandry, nutrition requirements, veterinary care, and enrichment needs to ensure physical and mental health in primates. They also learn about the importance of safety standards and practices to protect all those living and working at the sanctuary. Our internship program graduated three individuals this year, contributing a combined total of over 1,150 hours of service.







ENCOURAGE COMPLIANCE WITH THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT: We network with other animal advocacy groups to maintain records on the whereabouts of captive primates and strive to report any information regarding specific cases of primate abuse. As always, we continue to collaborate with the State and Federal authorities to rescue illegally held primates.

SANCTUARY SUPPORT: We provide funding, equipment, technical support, and consulting services to primate sanctuaries – nationally and internationally. We support both national and international primate sanctuaries with monetary and in-kind donations and information sharing. Recent funding has supported orphaned chimpanzees in the Democratic Republic of Congo, while past donations have supported chimpanzees in 12 African nations and Spain, as well as provided care for chimpanzees retired from biomedical research laboratories and rescued monkeys in Canada and the United States.

SANCTUARY PARTNERSHIPS AND ACCOLADES: Once again, the PRC was voted a Top-Rated Nonprofit by Great Nonprofits, a leading charity search tool. A wide range of reviewers gave us scores of 100% and mentioned a variety of unique details that make the PRC stand out as a nonprofit. The Primate Rescue Center is proud to meet all Better Business Bureau Charity Standards and has earned the Wise Giving Alliance BBB Accredited Charity Seal. PRC also met the rigorous standards required to participate in the 2021 Combined Federal Campaign and also earned the GuideStar Gold Seal of Transparency and America's Best Charities Seal of Excellence. Our sanctuary participates in Kroger Community Rewards, Amazon Smile, Ebay, iGive, and GoodDeedSeats referral programs, which donate a percentage of their customers' everyday purchases to the PRC.



















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Clifford, & Melanie Parker

REVENUE & EXPENSES

Fiscal Year Ending December 2021 Based upon 2021 Audited Financial Statements

Revenue **Individual Donor Support** \$273,958 ■ Individual Donor Support 37% 50% \$201,661 **Grant & Foundation Support** ■ Grant & Foundation Support Gifts-in-Kind Gifts-in-Kind \$74,155 **Total Revenue** \$549,774 **Expenses** \$445,227 **Program Service** Management & General \$49,738 ■ Program Service **Fundraising** \$16,641 Management & General 87% **Total Expenses** \$511,606 ■ Fundraising Net Assets - January 1, 2021 \$555,553 Net Assets – December 31, 2021 \$635,731 **Expense Category** Animal Care Salaries & Benefits \$240,800 47.1% 10.7% **Animal Care Programs** \$54,857 8.6% Depreciation & Amortization * \$44,143 Utilities 6.7% \$34,490 \$29,072 5.7% **Facility** 4.2% Professional Fees \$21,416 ■ Animal Care Salaries & Benefits Insurance \$20,086 3.9% Animal Care Programs \$17,399 3.4% ■ Depreciation & Amortization * Supplies ■ Utilities **Publicity & Outreach** \$10,591 2.1% ■ Facility **General & Administrative** \$10,409 2.0% ■ Professional Fees Veterinary & Medical Program \$10,032 2.0% Insurance Supplies \$8,632 1.7% Vehicle Expense Publicity & Outreach Special Events \$4,307 0.8% ■ General & Administrative Dues, Publications & Education \$3,534 0.7% ■ Veterinary & Medical Program Sanctuary Support \$1,838 0.4% ■ Vehicle Expense ■ Special Events **Total Operating Expenses** \$511,606 ■ Dues, Publications & Education Sanctuary Support

^{*}Depreciation & Amortization Expense Requires No Cash Funding