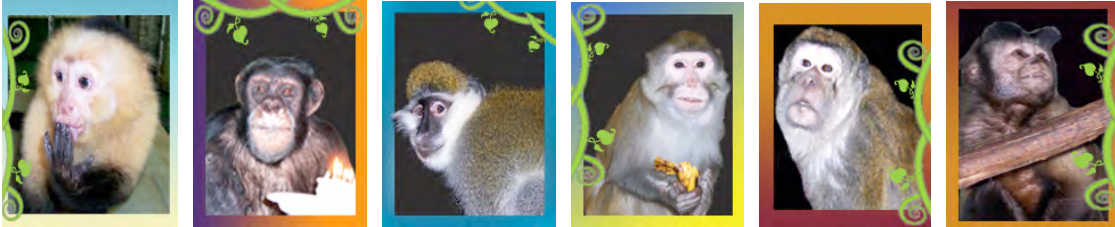


The Primate Sanctuary Primate Profiles

Many of the sanctuary's primates have spent their lives as subjects for laboratory testing and several are currently on the list of threatened or endangered species. They were given to the sanctuary by private owners, veterinarians, SPCAs and medical labs or received from zoos located throughout the United States. Some were rescued from severely drastic situations and others reached the sanctuary through recommendations from Primatologists. The primates, whose former owners were not interested in keeping them or viewed them as no longer of any value in the field of entertainment or other venues, are provided with shelter, food, medical attention and an enriched environment.



Kiko, a 17 year-old chimp who is on Dramamine because he develops motion sickness during dramatic changes in the barometer, was acquired after the sanctuary learned about a six-year old deaf chimp up for sale—he was discovered in Ohio, weighing only 35 pounds, half of his normal weight, being used as an attraction at an ice-cream parlor and was immediately brought to our sanctuary. He had not been born deaf; while a player on the set of *Tarzan*, he bit an actor and was punished by having two trainers hold him while a third struck him on the head with a blunt instrument, causing permanent damage to the stem of his brain that resulted in his deafness. He exhibited neurotic behavior after his arrival at the sanctuary that included banging his head against the wall and floors. **Charlie**, with whom he shares a cage, would ‘tickle chase’ and engage him in other distracting activities, finally helped him to cease his head-banging. With **Charlie’s** help, **Kiko** was able to end his destructive behavior—a moving testimony to the strong cognitive ability of these animals.

Mickey, 11 years old, is a Guenon Vervet, who was obtained from a non-profit refuge. He had never seen another monkey from the time he had been pulled away from his mother at a very early age. At his former refuge, he had been placed 10 feet from a 200-pound chimpanzee and within two weeks of his arrival, started to self-mutilate. However, after he came to the sanctuary, he began to slowly heal and now interacts well with the other primates—he no longer self mutilates but has a ‘pointer finger’ from previous tendon damage.

Charlie, a 12 year-old Rhesus Macaque, was acquired from a private individual in Corning, NY, who contacted the sanctuary five years ago because he had been attacked by his monkey and was threatening to kill the animal if he was not removed at once. We instructed him not to harm the animal and immediately took a three-hour drive to rescue him. We found him in a small cage—filthy and wearing a jumpsuit that had been locked around his shoulders. His diaper did not have a tail hole and consequently, his tail had been forced to form to the right side of his body and was deformed. Although he exhibits occasional aggressive behavior, he has made an excellent adjustment at the sanctuary.

A crab-eating Macaque, Edger is 13 years old, whose former owner drove his truck around Niagara Falls with the windows wide open and the monkey on top, invited tourists to have photos taken with the animal. The owner was eventually attacked by the monkey and about a month later, he was re-attacked but this time, he was unable to control the animal and he called 911 for help. The monkey was removed by the Fire Department and taken to the Niagara County SPCA, which asked the sanctuary to temporarily house him. A judge ordered the owner to either donate the monkey to the sanctuary or euthanize him and he chose to give him to the sanctuary.

Webster, a male *Cinnamon Capuchin*, around 15 years of age, came from a local refuge and **Honey**, a 15 year old *Cinnamon* with a supereyebrow brush, was obtained from a breeder about 15 years ago, who could not work with her because of her aggressiveness. She and **Webster** formed a strong friendship and when **Cappy**, a 25 year old *Cinnamon Capuchin*, arrived from a local refuge, he joined them and they became a threesome.

Two Spider Monkeys, Pauly, 17 years old and Jelly, 16 years old, were acquired from a pet store owner in Rochester who felt that **Pauly**, kept at home because of his aggressive behavior, was too isolated and asked the sanctuary to adopt him. **Pauly** soon made friends with two other capuchin monkeys and after seeing how contented and well-adjusted **Pauly** had become in his new home, the owner decided to also give **Jelly** to the sanctuary. **Pauly** was overjoyed to see her and they became inseparable. When I turn on the chimps’ TV in the morning, **Pauly** is the first one to greet me, embracing me with his prehensile tail, confirming their capacity to not only bond with each other but with humans as well.

Sara is a 10-year old black and white Capuchin who participates in our educational program. At first, we thought she was sick because she would not eat mushrooms; however, whenever the mushrooms were removed from her cage, she flew down and grabbed her banana but would fly to the top again when they were replaced in her cage. We soon realized that she was simply afraid of them—she will threaten a mushroom with a full open mouth and bark at it, presenting an excellent opportunity for children to observe her facial expressions and hear her vocalizations during the sanctuary’s educational presentations. She also sometimes throws food at the volunteers and will clean out her cage if an empty box is placed in front of it.