Thank you to everyone who helped us provide another year of compassionate caring to the world’s primates in need!
2010 in Review

Dear Primate Friend,

Thanks to the wonderful support of our generous donors and active supporters, IPPL was able to continue to help primates in need all around the world during 2010, from South Carolina to South Africa.

At IPPL’s Headquarters Sanctuary
As of December 2010, IPPL was caring for 33 gibbons at our South Carolina sanctuary, many of whom came to us from labs, pet situations, or zoos. In September, we brought in a new primate specialist veterinarian from Dartmouth, Michele Martino, who vasectomized four of our males. All the IPPL gibbons are continuing to thrive, including former lab gibbons Igor and Blackie, who are both over 50.

From April 9 to 11, IPPL held our eleventh biennial conference on the sanctuary grounds. Attendees were able to meet the IPPL staff and heard presentations by our own animal care team as well as from representatives of IPPL-assisted projects near and far. Guest speakers included:

- Liza Gadsby, co-founder of Pandrillus, who spoke of her twenty-plus years rescuing rare drill monkeys in Nigeria;
- Andrea Edwards of the Centre de Réhabilitation des Primates de Lwiro (CRPL) in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), who told us about primate rescue in that war-torn country;
- Angela Maldonado, co-founder of Fundación Entropika in Colombia, who spoke about her award-winning work to prevent illegal cross-border trafficking in night monkeys for research;
- Bala Amarasekaran, who established the Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary in Sierra Leone and shared his experiences caring for the 100 apes there;
- Edwin Wick, founder of the Wildlife Friends Foundation of Thailand (WFFT) animal sanctuary, who described WFFT’s gibbon release program as well as several projects aimed at combating primate exploitation.

In June 2010 IPPL acquired 2.9 acres of land immediately adjacent to our sanctuary. The property includes grassy areas, mature woodland, a pond, and a small cottage. We started plans for building a new four-unit gibbon house on this site: this will be our Gibbon House #9.

Campaigns and Investigations
In January 2010, we submitted our annual Freedom of Information Act request to monitor primate imports into the U.S., and we published tables showing the species, numbers, and origins of nonhuman primates imported in all of 2009. IPPL is the only organization that monitors the entire primate trade entering the U.S. and spots trends. According to records from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 22,098 primates were imported into the U.S., of whom 13,158 came from China. Most of these imports (19,979) were crab-eating macaques, a once-common species that is increasingly being threatened by trade.

In March, the 15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species met in Doha, Qatar. IPPL (UK) Director Helen Thirlway and I attended this important meeting. IPPL is a member of the Species Survival Network, a consortium of pro-animal organizations, and we did our best to promote the animals’ cause. Unfortunately, the conference was attended by large numbers of trade lobbyists who clearly had influence over many delegations.

IPPL also engaged our grassroots supporters to protest for primates in various ways. At the annual Animal Rights National Conference in Los Angeles in July, we gathered signatures to protest NASA’s proposed radiation experiments on squirrel monkeys; we and many allied organizations were delighted when NASA announced in December that it was canceling the experiments.

We also urged readers of IPPL News to send in protests for primates overseas, on issues like the proposed monkey research laboratory in southern Malaysia and the dreadful lives endured by a variety of animals housed in a dismal menagerie on the sixth and seventh floors of Thailand’s Pat Department Store, near Bangkok.

When we learned that a Chinese zoo had used young chimpanzees imported from Guinea in a staged “marriage” and “shopping spree,” we and our supporters sent protests to Guinean and Chinese authorities. A senior Guinean official informed IPPL that an investigation had been opened.

Help to Overseas Primate Sanctuaries
During 2010, we also continued to support primate rescue centers and grassroots pro-wildlife organizations in Africa, Asia, and South America. We highlighted the work of groups like the Colobus Trust in Kenya, Ikamapere in Peru, and the CARE Baboon Sanctuary in South Africa in the pages of our thirteenth-yearly magazine, IPPL News.

IPPL’s Small Grants Program distributed much-appreciated funds to numerous smaller organizations:

- In Africa: Pandrillus, which operates sanctuaries in Cameroon and Nigeria; the CRPL and J.A.C.K., two sanctuaries for chimps and other primates in the DRC; the Bioko Biodiversity Project in Equatorial Guinea; the Chimpanzee Conservation Center in Guinea; the Colobus Trust, which rescues and rehabilitates monkeys along Kenya’s coast; CERCOPAN, a gibbon sanctuary in Nigeria; HELP Congo, a chimpanzee release project in the Republic of Congo; the Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary in Sierra Leone; and the CARE Baboon Sanctuary in South Africa.

- In Asia: Kalaweit, which rescues gibbons and siamangs in Indonesia; ProFauna, which campaigns on behalf of Indonesia’s primates; Wildlife Watch Group, a Nepalese organization that has protested monkey exports; Highland Farm, a shelter for gibbons and monkeys in Thailand; WFFT in Thailand; and the Endangered Primate Rescue Center in Vietnam, home to gibbons and langurs.

- In South America: Comunidad Inti Wara Yassi, which runs three wildlife refuges in Bolivia; Fundación Entropika in Colombia; Sumak Alipa, which rehabilitates primates in Ecuador; Ikamapere, which cares for woolly and spider monkeys in Peru; Neotropical Primate Conservation’s yellow-tailed woolly monkey project in Peru; and the Siglo XXI primate rescue center in Chile.

Thank you to our wonderful supporters, whose gifts make IPPL’s work possible.

All the best,

Shirley McGreal OBE
Executive Director
IPPL Financial Statement for 2010

Public Support and Revenue

Public support

- Contributions: $267,436
- Grants: $728,120
- Legacies and bequests: $239,709
- Total public support: $1,235,265

Revenue

- Investment income: $123,897
- Net realized and unrealized gains/losses on investments: $11,487
- Miscellaneous income: $227
- Merchandise: $2,196
- Total revenue: $137,807

Total support and revenue: $1,373,072

Expenses

Program services

- Primate care, investigation, and education: $1,042,516

Supporting services

- Management and general: $124,142
- Fundraising: $8,288
- Total supporting services: $132,430
- Total expenses: $1,174,946

Change in net assets: $198,126

Net assets at beginning of year: $4,229,547

Net assets at end of year*: $4,427,673

* Includes buildings (administrative offices and animal housing) and 30 acres of sanctuary land.

A complete audit is available on request.
Remembering Rosie

In September 2010, we accepted a frail, older gibbon named Rosie for hospice-type care. Her records showed that she was born in the wild, was imported to a U.S. lab in the 1970s, and went on to live at several zoos. We knew she was ready to retire from her zoo career. Fortunately, she was able to enjoy good food and sunshine at IPPL for a month before passing on from cancer. She lives on in our hearts.