

## Realising the vision of a wonderful new home for our precious monkeys



*Laurie enjoys the new monkey home*

Over the past year many of you have given your time to help us build “stage one” of the new improved home which we have been planning for our rescued monkeys. We would especially like to thank the folk at the **Shrine of the Black Madonna** in Dunedin – their very generous donations have paid for concreting the floor of the new enclosure. It’s been an emotional roller coaster, with tremendous amounts of time and effort needed to create a safe but exciting new world for the three retired monkeys. Along this road we have watched each of the monkeys develop new confidence and a sense of contentment, which has been very rewarding.

Tragically Rachel, our four year-old macaque passed away in August this year. She died after she was put under anaesthetic so that her broken thumb could be pinned. Anaesthetics are always risky, and no-one was to blame. Rachel was a young and healthy animal, and there was no way of predicting that she would react in this way. We would like to extend warmth and thanks to all of you for your kind words of support. Although Rachel’s life was short and we are devastated by the loss, we can’t help but smile when we think of her. She had a strong and outgoing personality, and in her time with us she certainly did make herself at home and enjoyed life to the fullest.

Laurie, our 15 year-old capuchin monkey also had surgery this season. Whilst amputating the tip of a damaged finger (cheeky Rachel had bitten it) we were pleased to be able to take

the opportunity to castrate him and have a dentist check his teeth. We would like to thank Alastair Ferguson and his team at **Crofton Downs Vet Clinic** who donated their time and expertise to help Laurie and Rachel in their times of need.

Where to from here? Our goal is to help other monkeys in need, and grow our facilities into a haven for these wee souls, who so often fall victim to the entertainment industries, laboratories and the pet trade. At the Sanctuary we have some beautiful valleys, which we do not currently need for the other rescued farm animals. This is where our vision begins, as we hope to eventually redevelop this area to provide a refuge for other small primates.

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# Boredom Busters for Dogs



## *Norm helps bottle feed the spring orphans*

I often say that dogs and pups develop behaviour problems because of boredom.

Can you imagine life alone in a back yard? No matter how big and grassy it is, there is only so much a dog can do before getting bored. So for a wee bit of light relief it is likely that your typical dog will do a little digging, pull the washing off the line, pull out some expensive plants, bark a few tunes, run at any passing strangers and maybe chew whatever there is to chew. Some dogs will use their brains to find a way to escape - over or under the fence, they're not fussy!

The problem is that when owners come home from a long hard stressful day at work, the last thing they want to deal with is a complaint from the neighbours about barking, or a reorganised backyard. It's hard enough even having to think about taking their bored, hyped up hound for a walk. So they get angry and they blame the dog, the very dog that they put in this situation. It hardly seems fair, and it isn't!

Dogs are pack animals. They thrive in a social setting, which is where they learn their place within the pack. They also learn manners, boundaries with other animals, and communication skills. Dogs find fulfilment within their social environment.

Dogs also like work; they, like us, like to achieve something satisfying in their day. Most dogs have innate desires. However, whether they have been bred to retrieve, to guard, or to round up sheep, they share a common interest in wishing to please their owners. The fact is, if we as owners, do not shape these instinctual needs into socially acceptable be-

haviours and provide our dogs with an outlet that is acceptable to us, then the dog will find his own way of fulfilling his needs. This creates a situation in which accidents and destructive behaviour are likely.

I hate to say it but most bad dogs are just bored, and we just need to take more responsibility as owners. Below are some simple ideas about ways that you can enhance your dog's life.

## Here are some ways you can enrich your dog's life

- Learn to communicate with your dog
- Let your dog live as part of the family (at the bottom of the pack of course)
- Have a basket of enrichment toys and rotate them every day
- Care for two dogs, so they will be company for each other
- Go to obedience or agility classes
- Take your dog to work
- Include your dog in fun family outings, paper rounds and walks
- Enlist a reputable dog walker or doggy day care
- Have play dates with neighbours
- If you can't fit your dog in your life consider rehoming to a family that can.

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# Community Animal Rescue Network – Get involved!

While it is rewarding to rehome so many animals, this has been hard work and very time-consuming. We often feel that we are stretched and there are not enough hours in the day to help every wee animal soul who is in need. So we would like to “grow” the kaupapa of the sanctuary. We would like to encourage people in the wider community to gain the skills to help, rescue and rehome animals, as well as to educate others about how to treat animals with respect and compassion. We are setting up a Community Animal Rescue Network under the banner HUHA – Helping You Help Animals. Everybody in the community has a skill they excel in. Once all the groundwork is done, we will advertise for volunteers, whether you would like to train as a fosterer/rehomer, collect much needed blankets and newspapers, visit schools with educational resources or help us write some educational resource material. There is room for every one to help our animal rescue network grow.

Volunteers will be invited to training seminars at the sanctuary, and we will be able to provide ongoing support and resources. Our aim is for the values and



skills of our wonderful volunteers to pass into their own communities, creating a growing animal rescue and education web throughout New Zealand. If only the whole world operated on the same principles as Pakuratahi Farm Animal Sanctuary!

## Choice! supports the animals

Choice! sells quality second hand goods to support human and animal charities, including Pakuratahi Farm Animal Sanctuary. Choice is located at 60 Vogel Street, the main street in Woodville, and welcomes donations of good quality goods. The shop is open Wednesday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., although Gabi the proprietor is often there outside these hours as well. So, if you would like to drop off any donations, it is a good idea to knock on the shop window if the shop appears to be closed.

**For further information, please contact:  
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## “Opportunity for Animals” has moved ...

Opportunity for Animals sells second hand goods to support animal health, welfare, and rights. The shop is entirely run by volunteers, and sells goods at very affordable prices. We are currently fundraising for animal groups such as Pakuratahi Farm Animal Sanctuary, the Cats’ Protection League, and Wellington Animal Rights Network. In May 2007 we moved to a spacious and funky new location at 219 Riddiford St., Newtown. The new shop is open Monday to Friday 10am – 5 pm, and Saturday 10am - 4pm, and welcomes donations of

preloved goods (furniture, clothes, kitchenware, bedding, towels, linen, toys etc.).

**We have a van and can pick up and deliver goods if necessary. Please call Kate on 389-3891, or simply bring goods directly into the shop.**



# Rescue stories from the sanctuary ...

Poor Moose used to be chained for 23 hours a day. When he arrived at the sanctuary he had so much energy that he didn't know what to do with himself. He was entire and very stinky but under all that we knew that he was the kind of dog that would make a very loyal and loving companion for someone.

After getting Moose neutered, we placed him into the care of a wonderful foster family. Catherine and Ian have put a tremendous amount of time and love into teaching Moose how to relax and enjoy life. It was hard finding the right permanent loving home for Moose, as he wasn't quite what the average family were looking for. After 3 months of searching, Moose went off to his new home at the end of September. We have our fingers crossed that this will be his chance to live happy ever after!



The wee guys in the photograph below were a surprise delivery from a wild pig, who brought them to the sanctuary to nurse. She wouldn't allow us to go near her but was always close by. Tragically one day she went into the bush and didn't come back. We will never know what really happened but suspect a hunter or maybe 1080 poison. The piglets were put on to bottles and thrived. They have all been rehomed as pets and have wonderful long futures ahead of them.



We have as usual been very busy on the horse front. Rescuing and rehoming seems to be a never-ending battle. To be honest we are often disgusted by how disposable horses appear to be to society, and the terrible conditions we find them in.

Our message for horse owners young and old is that a horse is not an object to be thrown away once it is no longer fit for your purpose... Remember that you are responsible for your horse and her life. We keep horses fenced in paddocks, setting boundaries that mean that they can not provide for themselves if we lose interest in caring for them.

So please be responsible and ask not what your horse can do for you but what you can do for your horse. Horses are hardworking and selfless animals, they serve you well and deserve nothing less than your respect and care.

## Nude skin care goes global

Together with friends Stephanie and Jon, Carolyn and Jim have been working hard to create a successful ethical business, with the aim of financially supporting the animals at the sanctuary. Our Nude Skin Care range of body care products have been created according to rigorous ethics, and offer beautiful natural skin pampering. All ingredients are of the highest quality without compromise. Our range is vegan and orang-utan friendly too.

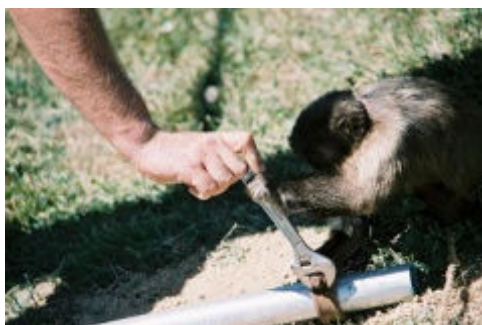
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## Volunteer update

There have been many successful working bees held this year. Much of the work has centered around building the first stage of our new home and life for the rescued monkeys. The framework of their new home was constructed by Jim over a period of several months. With the summer weather Laurie has been able to move into his new accommodation, and is thoroughly enjoying it!

I never knew that carting concrete in buckets up a hill could be so much fun! It was nice to see the monkeys and donkeys looking on in amusement as we sweated and strained ...A highlight for those of us with less bulging biceps was planting flax to beautify the new

*Jim and Laurie working on the monkey enclosure together*



enclosure. The working bees were hard work, but tremendous fun for everyone involved. We also found plenty of time for eating delicious lunches and sharing time and conversation with others who have compassion and respect for animals.

Tremendous thanks are due to Eric for his dedication and commitment in organising these working bees, managing the sanctuary website, creating delicious vegan goodies, and generally helping out! We now have an amazing new website volunteer. This will take some of the load off Eric, and we are looking forward to seeing the results! Also on the volunteer front, Catherine is continuing to help out with answering letters and banking.

## Fly away and be free

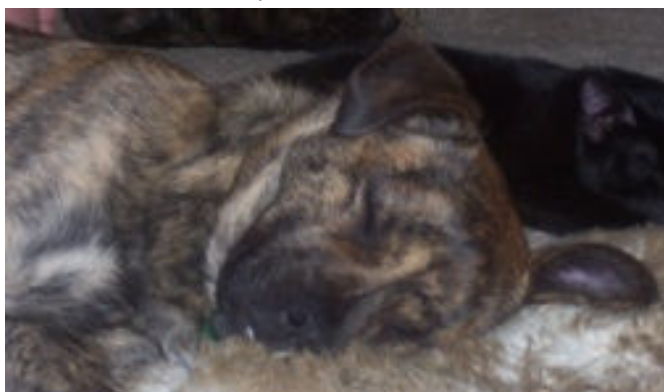
From time to time, the sanctuary receives a different kind of visitor. This little more-pork came to us through the Department of Conservation. He had crashed into a window late one Friday night. Once quietly settled at the sanctuary he took no time at all to rehabilitate. We have been able to successfully release him back into the bush where he belongs.



## The sanctuary helps Brandy find a loving new home ...

Brandy's owner needed hip surgery and couldn't care for her any longer. She now lives with a wonderful couple and is absolutely the centre of attention! The photograph below was taken of Brandy in her foster home. It took 3 months to find her the right home, but we are glad to report that now she is very happy.

*Brandy in her new home*



*Carolyn and volunteers take a short break ...*

## Featured recipe: Eric's legendary cruelty-free bacon and egg pie

### Ingredients:

400 grams silken tofu  
1 medium onion  
2/3 cup grated soy cheese  
1/4 teaspoon curry powder  
1/8 teaspoon turmeric  
Pinch of salt  
2 large tomatoes  
4 large flat-mushrooms  
4 slices vegan/faux bacon  
3 sheets lard-free flaky Puff Pastry ("NuWay")

Cut the onion in to very fine squares and fry in water until lightly golden. Blend the tofu until it looks like whipped cream. Place into a large bowl and mix the tofu, salt, curry, tumeric and grated soy cheese, then mix in the fried onion.

Rinse and wipe the mushrooms, then slice thinly widthways and fry until much of the juice has evaporated, then put aside to drain. Slice the tomatoes, and put to one side. Fry the faux bacon until semi-crisp.

In a 250 x 150 mm pie dish, place one and a half sheets of pastry, enough to come up the sides and over the top.

In the following order place the ingredients in to the pie dish. A layer of tofu mix, the faux bacon, some more tofu mix, the mushrooms, more tofu mix, the tomatoes, then finally the last of the tofu mix.



Use a splash of water to dampen the top edges of the pastry, then place the other one and a half sheets of pastry over the top and press around the edges with a fork to seal the pastry. Use the fork to punch holes in the top, to stop steam build up occurring in the cooking process that makes the pastry go soggy. Bake on 190°C for about 30 minutes, or until the pastry rises and is golden.

## Humane education

Educate, educate, educate - it really is the key! How can you love and protect something you don't know or understand? We are so pleased with the feedback we have received from schools and groups visiting the sanctuary. Many children come to us with a "don't care" attitude but after meeting and interacting with the wonderful animals, we have watched with delight as their attitude has visibly changed.

Our programme visits from school and family groups has been on hold until late spring, due to the wet and muddy winter conditions. However, we had a very successful summer last year, with over 25 groups visiting. Now that summer has arrived, we look forward to welcoming further visitors. Please contact Jim and Carolyn on 04 526 3630, or email [jimmac@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jimmac@xtra.co.nz).

To reach a wider and older audience Carolyn has also been appearing regularly on the Good Morning Show. Her message, however, is the same for all ages. Animals deserve our kindness and respect. The Good Morning Show has become a wonderful vehicle for sharing animal care advice with people. Frustrated with the constant flow of dogs who have been turned over to the Sanctuary for rehoming, Carolyn chose Boredom Busters for Dogs for this month's topic (see p. 2). When dogs exhibit behaviour problems, it really is more often than not the owners that are at fault, and it's time we took responsibility!!

## Thank you so much to all our wonderful supporters!

We can't say it enough – THANK YOU – You are the wonderful people who care and help us to make a difference.

This is just the beginning of our campaign and we have a long hard road ahead of us, but we know that with you by our side we WILL make a difference, so thank you again and be proud!!

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