

Hi Dawn and Rod,

What an absolutely awesome day Nev and I had with all of you at APES - I only wish we had visited sooner to see the incredible work you guys are doing, and not just with your monks!

I have not seen such happy, healthy, well adjusted Vervets in a very long time, and, most importantly, they are NOT caged, but are free to have the run of the beautiful land and trees - which makes the vicious attack, and murder of you three vulnerable monks, by the EKZN and TOFT even more detestable! The enclosure that Rod was already working on, when those despicable morons carried out their heinous act, is, obviously now complete, and is perfect for vision impaired monks - what happened to your girls was cruel and untimely!! Nev and I can, honestly, see no reason, or understand why APES were persacuted by those khaki clad cretins ? Although I remember MayMay, Eyeless and Scar, from Baizely, with great sadness - it was a joy to see some of the other monks I remember from there - older, slower, plump and happy - after all these years!

I was, also, truly taken aback, and humbled, by the many other animals that you care for - your unwavering love and devotion to all these rescued and damaged souls was so uplifting! The other aspect of APES which both Nev, and I could not get over was the total harmony between so many different animals, including us humans - quite astounding!!

As I have a very strong affinity with donkeys, cows, bulls and calves I was thrilled to see how happy and loved the ones that are under your care are - your goats, well all I wanted to do was bundle that gorgeous lot up and bring them home with me, especially Erica and Kenny! I think that the Hampton's owe you a large debt of thanks, as do I, for agreeing to give Coppa, the dwarf Cameroon goat, a loving home!! Malcolm is looking forward to visiting you when we bring Coppa up - I think he will be far happier at APES , as he is not a 'sanctuary' candidate! From Belinda, the pig, to the horses, geese, ducks, hens and roosters - they were all so content and cared for - as soon as we have built a 'hacking' enclosure, next to our dam, we would be happy to give a duck and goose family, or two, a home with us. I know cats can be laid back, but your cats were in heaven - it was wonderful to see, I think, 17 cats dozing and content all over the place - just so peaceful! Your dogs are also delightful and so well behaved.

I also need to thank your two beautiful volunteers, , for all their compassion, and for adding to the harmonious and most enjoyable day!

Dawn and Rod, we are proud and impressed by your selfless dedication to our Vervets and all the other animals being cared for at APES - thank you!

To sum our visit up, and apologies for the cliché's, but you could feel the LOVE!!

Love,

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