



Lemur Conservation Foundation
Lemur Latitudes
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Ikoto, a Sanford's brown lemur, enjoys holiday cookies. LCF keepers make this enrichment treat by mixing monkey biscuit crumbs with ripe banana for the dough and then icing the rolled cookies with pumpkin puree. Good for brain and body!

**Wondering what to give the lemurs in your life?
Donate to LCF online. It's a lot easier than wrapping and mailing monkey biscuits!**

LCF Open House--December 5, 2-5pm

Festivities will include educational activities and displays, snacks, music provided by Steve-O Entertainment, and a lemur parade at about 4pm. Admission is free; donations are appreciated.

RSVP for directions: nhendrickson@lemurreserve.org

PTAG in Florida

Much has happened since our last newsletter.



PTAG participants attend a session in the LCF Mianatra Center for Lemur Studies.

In June, for instance, LCF and New College of Florida hosted the annual meeting and workshop of the Prosimian Taxon Advisory Group (PTAG) and the Old World Monkey TAG meeting.

PTAG develops recommendations for population management and conservation for the entire taxa (group of similar species).

More than 80 animal-care professionals and conservationists from around the world gathered to discuss conservation, husbandry, training, and enrichment techniques. Attendees represented 50 institutions, from Paignton Zoo in the UK to the Madagascar Ministry of Environment and Forests.

Environment and Forests.

Many thanks to event co-sponsors New College of Florida, Nature's Path EnviroKidz, and Disney.



Oliver Rank Rocks

In August, 10-year-old artist and activist Oliver Rank, of Louisville, Colorado, sent LCF three drawings and a check. While saving up his allowance, Oliver had researched various charities and decided LCF was the best.

An excerpt from his letter:

I know lemurs are on the endangered list from things like deforestation and I want to make sure that one day they'll thrive again soon maybe....

I have pretty much always loved lemurs. And I first learned about lemurs when I was little and in a museum [sic] with my grandad [sic]



2015 Giving Challenge

Old and 22 new friends met Sarasota's 2015 Giving Challenge. This annual online fundraising blitz ran from noon to noon on September 1-2.

With the Patterson Foundation matching new-donor gifts, LCF garnered \$5,580.

That sum can cover

- a 6-month supply of monkey biscuits (\$1,794)
- an intern's stipend (\$2,800)
- a 3-month supply of mosquito repellent for the forest lemurs (\$180)



Learning from Lemurs

Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) anthropology professor Dr. Ben Freed will be leading the final field training of 2015. From December 14-20, eight EKU undergraduates in his Selected Topics in Physical Anthropology class will be living at the Myakka City reserve and recording the behavior of free-ranging lemurs.

An expert on crowned and Sanford's lemurs, Freed is currently exploring how lemurs react—or don't—as people pass through their Madagascar habitats.

Freed's early lemur encounters

and he pointed a picture of one out and I was absolutly [sic] mesmerized. Ever since then I have loved lemurs more than anything. I know the names of all 33 speceices [sic] of lemurs and what they look like.



I have always wanted to be just like you guys when I grow up and help the lemurs and I just don't want to wait any longer to start and this is a way where I can help now.

Oliver started a fund to support lemur conservation, and in September he sent LCF a second check.

LCF wishes him a long and happy career as a philanthropist!



- 2 new radio collars (\$400)
- plane tickets for two lemurs to fly from Charlotte, NC, to Tampa, FL, to join the LCF colony (\$360)



Meet Julieta and mom Leena.

A critically endangered mongoose lemur, **Julieta** is one of eight babies born at the Myakka City Reserve in 2015.

as a Duke undergraduate launched his academic career. He hopes that the LCF field training may entice a couple of the ECU juniors and seniors to study primatology in graduate school.

But he's sure all the students will benefit from encountering the unexpected and putting the scientific method into practice.

"You can do only so much with books," Freed says. "Working in the field, students learn to think on the fly, which is a wonderful skill that will serve them in any job after graduation."



Dr. Freed scouts the research possibilities in the reserve.

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