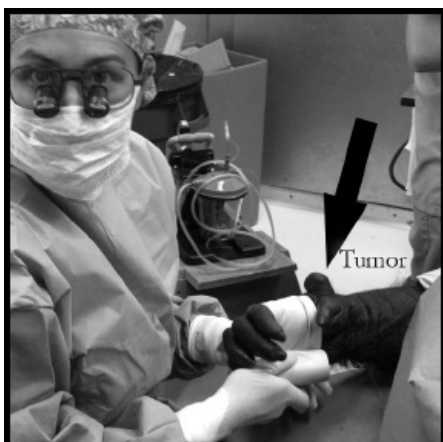




## Thiele had Tumor Removed

Moving into 2012 healthy, happy and ready for the next adventure



Thiele had a **small cyst-like growth** removed from her right hand, received a complete physical exam, had her teeth cleaned, and a complimentary nail trimming to top it off! ***If you think you do not like going to the doctor, try talking a chimpanzee into it.*** You cannot simply give them a treat or try to trick them into going. For the residents and staff of Chimps Inc. it takes weeks of preparation and planning.

Our incredible veterinarians, Dr. Wendy Krebs and Dr. Holly O'Brien closely monitored Thiele's vital signs and performed a comprehensive physical, including a complete blood work-up to screen for any medical conditions. Dr. Soma Lily, hand surgeon and her medical assistant, Suzie O'Neal, removed the small cyst-like growth. Thankfully, we also had the help of dental hygienist, Mary Wren, who thoroughly cleaned Thiele's teeth. Good news, her teeth are in great condition.

The chimpanzees in the adjacent room were very quiet and concerned while the examination took place.

Thiele even made the front cover picture in the next day's local newspaper, The Bulletin. **Thiele had a speedy recovery and her examination revealed no abnormalities.**

Chimps Inc. is dedicated to providing our residents with the best care possible and we would not be able to do it without the help of our amazing donors. We are continuing our efforts to build a medical facility to perform procedures like those above. Special "Pant Hoots" go out to Kristin Gulick for arranging the hand surgery, to our wonderful interns Allie Morgan and Megan Conrad for their relentless help, and all the staff at Chimps Inc. for the time, care and planning to make this process trouble-free.



Thiele thanks you for her clean teeth

## Welcome Allison

Our newest "Chimpette"



### Welcome "Allie" Morgan

Chimps Inc. is pleased to introduce a **new caregiver to our team, Allison Morgan.** "Allie" brings a deep passion for wildlife that has been fueled by a primatology field course in Costa Rica and a ten-week stint with us as an intern. She graduated from Vassar College where she studied Neuroscience and Behavior. She is engaging with both animals and humans and brings a bright light to our sanctuary with her smile and energy. She is enthusiastic and has a tremendous work ethic. **Bringing on a third caregiver allows for additional behavior training with the chimps and big cats, and more time spent on community outreach.** What a great way to start the New Year!

**Chimps Inc.** is a sanctuary designed specifically to provide lifetime care to captive chimpanzees. We are dedicated to overcoming exploitation and cruelty that chimps and other captive wild animals can face through advocacy, education, and conservation.

## Dear Chimps Inc. Friends,

Happy New Year to you and your families whether it be animals or both!

The staff and I are excited to share our 2012 goals with you inside this issue of our Winter Newsletter but first let's revisit the year 2011. We experienced our first chimp loss early in the year when Kimie passed on January 6. She will forever live on in our hearts. Mr. Jackson had three bouts of tonsillitis but recovered 100% each time thanks to our dedicated caregivers and vet team. He now willingly lets us look down his throat with a tongue depressor and flashlight so we can keep a close eye on him. Thiele received front page worthy minor hand surgery and a full physical. Linky arrived and settled in making Chimps Inc. his new home. Our fund raisers brought in much needed

revenue and continued our mission of educating our local and extended communities.

As we kick off the New Year **one of our goals for 2012 is to have a small medical clinic** at the sanctuary so it will be less stressful on chimps and humans when we need to perform any kind of exam or surgery. If you would like to donate to this worthwhile cause or learn more about the project please call me at 541-419-4417. **We are also formulating a plan to divide the cat enclosure** for Alfonz and Linky which will allow them the solitary time that both animals deserve and lastly watch for the announcement and date of our **first ever "Hootenanny" Friend-Raiser**.

We greatly appreciated all the individuals and businesses who generously donated to the sanctuary and our mission this past year. We know it's a personal choice to choose our sanctuary and we thank you so much. We extend heartfelt thanks to Dr. Joclyn Bezner from Save the Chimps in Fort Pierce, Florida for always being available to our vet staff with her expertise on chimpanzee care.

All of us at Chimps Inc. thank you for your gifts, the letters you write on behalf of your fellow primates and the continued support for your cousins. May you have much joy in your life in 2012.

Lesley Day  
Founder & President



"Happy New Years", Love Herbie

Thank you for  
**Helping us... Help them**

## 2012 MEDICAL CLINIC WISH LIST

- Suction Device ~ \$400-500
- Endotracheal Tubes ~ \$200
- Blood Glucometer ~ \$150
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- Surgery Lights ~ \$750
- Restraints ~ \$150
- General Drugs (antibiotics, sedatives, etc.) ~ \$500
- Surgery Table ~ \$500-1,000

If you have questions about the new medical clinic please call 541-419-4417



Happy 2012 from the  
**Chimps Inc. staff**



Team Thiele

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## Chimp Shenanigans

Our interns and caregivers share their tales of the chimps in action



### Jackson Taking a Break to Read ~

by Megan C

I absolutely love watching all of these chimps interact and play with each other. They have so much fun chasing each other around and making everyone laugh, including themselves. When the playing is done and they relax by themselves for a moment, those are some picture perfect times! Jackson and Herbie had just got done wrestling with each other; they both stopped and went to their separate areas. **Almost simultaneously they both picked up a magazine and started flipping the pages!** They were so into the pictures, nothing could distract them, not even the flash of my camera.

### Dish Duty Made Fun!

By Megan C

Ordinarily, when I'm at home, the dishes are the last things I want to do during the day. It's a whole different story when I have to clean a few pots and pans in a chimp house! I was in charge of cleaning up the kitchen mess at the end of the day, after a constant flow of cooking and enrichment making, a task most would dread. However, **when you have the eyes of 4 chimps watching your every move, you get the feeling you could scrub and rinse all day long.** Emma sat at the edge of the window so intrigued by the water and soap. I had Maggie come over while I was washing the window, she went ahead and picked up her own towel and helped me get the spots on her side (that part was their fault anyways). Jackson was less than thrilled to help, he laid on his platform, head in his hands and just enjoyed the view! I got constant nods from Herbie and every now and then I went up to the window for a little kiss from that handsome man. Turns out, I can enjoy cleaning!

### The Blessings of Volunteering

By Julie C

After two years of observing, learning and respecting the lives of our wonderful chimpanzees, I am being blessed with their recognition as a chimp friend. Our magnificent seven primates allow caregivers, volunteers, and interns to interact with them in their home; feeding, cleaning and enriching but we are only visitors. So as a guest in their home its special when they elicit your attention. It delights me when Jackson, with his over exuberant self, reaches out to claim my attention when I arrive. Once he is seated and minding his manners, we "chat" about our plan. Some days it is throwing a baseball cap back and forth but most often, it is getting a little exercise outdoors. As he exits the playhouse, he waits impatiently for me to turn the corner. Once in his sight he takes off through the tunnel. All the while, I am talking to him about who is going to win this time. Once in the big outdoor we stare at each other for the ready sign then off we go, several feet of property and wire fencing separating us makes no matter to us, we're still in a race with the clock. Many times, we have company; Herbie wearing his favorite baseball cap, Emma running full tilt to say hello or Topo giving head nods as he gently lopes on ahead for me to follow. Each one has a specific personality, likes and dislikes and our care staff do an amazing job of being their daily advocate. I would like to extend a special thank you to our donors who make sanctuary life possible for the animals at Chimps Inc. We are blessed with your support and I am blessed to be part of their world.



### Christmas Morning at Chimps Inc

By Shayla S

The holiday season is a wonderful opportunity for staff, volunteers, and interns to reflect upon their purpose and reasoning for being involved in the lives of these amazing animals. **There is so much joy to be felt simply by seeing wonder form in the eyes of the chimps as they watch the festivities slowly unfold.** What thoughts come about in their curious minds as their home becomes decked with bowls of holly, and their human companions arrive with such jolly holiday spirits!?

Chimpanzees may not have the ability to understand the reasoning behind colorful lights strewn about trees and various structures. However, they are not shy in regards to expressing their anticipation as gifts start collecting underneath the tree. Herbie seemed most curious about the decorative bags and boxes sitting underneath that large Christmas tree. He, along with Topo, and Patti pointed to them each day, hoping we would give them one. Oh yes, chimpanzees have such intelligence that enables them to recognize things outside their environment, to which they will point for us to retrieve for them.

Holidays here at the sanctuary are always made special by the kind offerings from our donors as well as those who have given their time in the past. We are so grateful for what we were able to place underneath the tree, which put smiles on all of the faces of the chimp residents and lynx too. Thank you!



### Winter Intern

Jennifer C, California

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## 11TH ANNUAL CIVIL WAR FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER

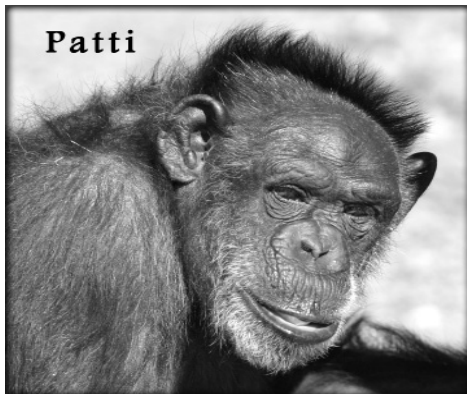
Whether you are a football enthusiast, friend of the chimps, or just wanted to have fun and visit with friends, the place to be November 26 was the 11th annual Civil War football game fundraiser between the Oregon State Beavers and the University of Oregon Ducks. Our guests enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Chef Daken Handfield, and many patrons were lucky enough to take home a special treasure from our silent auction and raffle. We were blessed with 300 superb auction items donated by caring people throughout the local community and state. Patrons visited the chimps and toured our beautiful world renowned sanctuary during an open house prior to kickoff. Every year this event is organized by dedicated volunteers who, with their hard work and many man hours, produce the entire event. We wish to give a big round of applause to Hooker Creek Ranch and their employees for donating their time and the use of the indoor arena year after year. Thanks to donors we raised over \$26,000 this year. We rely heavily on fundraising to continue our work as the sanctuary's yearly operating budget is \$250,000. The U of O Ducks came away with the Civil War victory and proceeded on to win the Rose Bowl. Congratulations to the victorious Ducks and their glorious season with Chip Kelly and his coaching staff.

**PANT HOOTS to our Civil War Volunteers:** Cheryl and Gary Davis, Marla O'Donnell, Ginny and Dave Streeter, Andrea Menashe, Zelia and Dennis Flannery, Shayla Scott, Allie Morgan, Julie Clarke, Sheri and Daken Handfield, Kim and Danny Dias, Ginny Dias, Arianna Moore, Karin Thompson, Bill Carter, Karen Tepner, Barb Rumer, Dana and Jim Cunningham, Chuck Boyd, Kari, Matthew, Johanna, and Lainie Hampton, Abraham Aceves, Brenda Hernandez, Chelsea Johnson, Connie Hottinger, Derek Leach, Larry Dyer, Kristi Johnson, Lilly Gardner, Marci Lietz, Jeremy and Annalise Lietz, Paula Mellon, Rachel Kamperman, Vern and Sandra Weible, Tiel Meyer, Carla and Jessie Luderman, Josanne Burnette, Ciarra Shuker-Brown, Megan Conrad, and Rhonda Hill

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## Ask Patti



Dear Patti,

**Can chimps communicate with people? How do they communicate with each other? - Lizzie**

Dear Lizzie,

Almost all animals use some form of communication. Whether it is the purring of your housecat when it is content or the unmistakable stench or a frightened skunk, animals use a variety of methods to communicate across species borders. While chimpanzees do not speak words, vocal communication is one way we communicate. Just as every human has a unique voice; chimpanzees have different calls that make it easy to tell each other apart. Sounds you might hear from a chimpanzee include screams, grunts, and barks, laughing and hooting. The caregivers and volunteers at Chimps Inc. have become fairly good at speaking 'chimp' language too. They hoot at us for a greeting and make great food grunting noises when serving something delicious to eat.

Chimpanzees also use body language and facial gestures to communicate. Like humans, it is common to see chimpanzees touch hands or embrace when they meet. If a chimpanzee is mad, you may see them walk upright on their hind legs or all their hair will stand on end to make them look larger. A chimpanzee smile is also quite different. Chimpanzees do not show all of their teeth unless they are afraid and sometimes when they are mad. Try a chimp grin with me.... cover your top teeth with your upper lip, and pull you lower lip down so

your bottom teeth are showing. It helps to sway your head from side to side too!

See, chimps have many different ways to communicate but we do not have the same vocal chords as humans so we cannot speak your language. In the past, many researchers have tried to find ways to teach chimpanzees and other apes to use language. While chimps have not been very successful in mimicking human language, there have been amazing studies where chimps are taught to communicate through American Sign Language. Washoe, a chimpanzee living at Central Washington University, learned over 350 signs. Chimpanzees and other apes have also learned to use symbols on a board to communicate. Some of the chimpanzees at our sanctuary know signs for different food or toys. One of Herbie's favorite games is to sign, "chase", he gets people to run around the outside of the enclosure after him. Oh, and one more thing, just because we cannot speak English, does not mean we do not understand. We are smart! ~ Your friend, Patti

**Have a question for Patti?**  
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## Birthday Celebrations

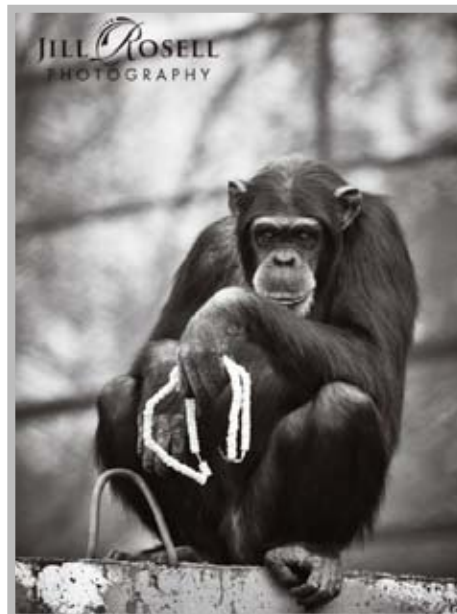
**Topo Celebrated His Birthday!**

**How old is Topo?** No one knows, as many times records are not found prior to a chimpanzee's newfound life in sanctuary. This year Topo received a special gift for his birthday, new tools for his toolbox! He was also serenaded by his friends who visited him that day, Lesley, Karen, Shayla, Andrea, Don, Cathy, Megan, Allie and Marci. Topo was right there enjoying the moment. He gets really excited about chow cake. Topo sends a big thank you to his friends and family for making his life at Chimps Inc. so wonderful.



Topo forever young

~ Happy 11th Jackson ~



**Jackson Celebrated with Snow!**

Jackson's birthday was celebrated with fresh snow outside. Many of Jackson's fans sent him gifts and warm wishes via Facebook and Amazon. He sends out Pant Hoots of thanks for his cool new garden tools, bubble blower and kongs.

*"One day when I was volunteering, it was very quiet in the playroom. I looked over, and Jackson was sitting on the floor, reading a magazine. He had been so rambunctious earlier in the day, I thought he'd left the room! I think he sat there, thumbing through that magazine for a good 15 minutes, which is a very long time for that busy boy!" ~ Debbie S, volunteer*

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**Make a difference, support the Great Ape Protection and Cost Savings Act**

By Allison M

In 2010, it was announced that 186 retired chimps, residing at Alamogordo Primate Facility in New Mexico would be returned to research at the Texas Biomedical Research Center. Due to an outcry from animal rights advocates and the American public, this move was put on hold, and the Institute of Medicine (IOM) formed a committee to assess the use of chimpanzees in research.

On December 15, 2011, the committee released their report stating that chimpanzees are not necessary for continued biomedical research (with the exception of work involving a hepatitis C vaccine.)

Although not necessarily banning research on chimps, this report is fundamental in the passing of the Great Ape Protection and Cost Saving Act, the bill that would end the use of great apes in research and require the 734 federally funded chimpanzees currently in research to be retired to sanctuary. The bill has 151 cosponsors in the House of Representatives and 13 in the Senate, many of whom have signed on since the IOM report.

**What can you do? You can help by letting your federal legislators know that you want them to support the Great Ape Protection and Cost Savings Act. An automated letter is available on Project R&R's (Release & Restitution for Chimpanzees in U.S. Laboratories) website. <http://www.releasechimps.org>**

*"Saving one chimpanzee will not change the world, but it will change the world for that chimpanzee."*  
Karen T, volunteer

**Most Valuable Primate**  
Living her passion



This quarter, we honor Kristi Johnson as our MVP Volunteer. Kristi volunteered two day a week, totaling over 280 hours since joining us in July 2011. She brought her strong work ethic and genuine interest in helping with all tasks necessary to manage the sanctuary. Her willingness to help clean in the mornings and evenings provided relief for caregivers during quiet times without interns. Along with creating enrichment, preparing diets, landscaping, and keeping our laundry going at the same time, her efforts served as a huge help to both humans and chimps/lynx.

In addition to her weekly commitment, you would find Kristi at team meetings and special events. Her passion to make a difference in the lives of our animals was evident. Kristi, your ability to be diverse and work hard was amazing. We are so grateful for the dedication you gave us throughout your time at Chimps Inc.

We are excited to announce that Kristi accepted a position as a zookeeper in El Paso, Texas. When Kristi joined us, she was very clear that her passion was to work full time with animals. We are thrilled to have been a part of her journey and wish her much happiness and success.



## Pawing Around

### Alfie and Linky say, "Thank you for the meat"



Alfonz enjoy his Christmas gift

#### The Adventures of Alfie & Linky

By Shayla Scott

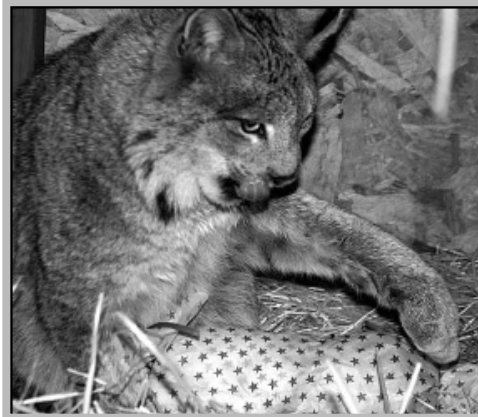
Over the past three months, we've had little interaction between male lynx, Alfie and Linky. Both cats are yet to be observed embracing each other with social play. However, they continue to serve one another with their presence. Rather than focusing on barriers that hinder them from living wild and free, Alfie now has another species of his own to keep track of. Both cats have been fully introduced to one another, and Linky now has the option of free ranging in the 1 acre habitat they share.

Alfie initially seemed uncertain of how to respond to the loud and assertive Linky. Linky did what is expected by making himself appear stronger while in close proximity to the much larger Siberian lynx. Alfie's initial reaction was to walk away and go back to his den; showing very little interest in being dominant over the habitat he has owned for several years. Since then, he seems to have figured out his capabilities and appears more confident in his role. He no longer backs away from the noisy fuss coming out of Linky as he approaches his area to search for any food leftovers.

Aside from that, the weather is cooler now and at least Alfie is enjoying it for the most part. He can be seen more during the day and also seems to enjoy when humans come up to say hello. He rolls all about and

offers his head to the fence as a form of greeting. Linky stays put in his comfortable hammock most of the time, waiting on his winter coat to grow in nice and full so he can enjoy his first Oregon winter. These strangely warm temperatures have helped the little guy from southern California.

**Chimps Inc would like to thank all of those who have so kindly donated their excess and expired meat to the lynx.** It is your donations that have allowed the cats to enjoy a diverse array of red and white meat. We thank you sincerely and remain grateful for your generous giving.



Linky paws his present



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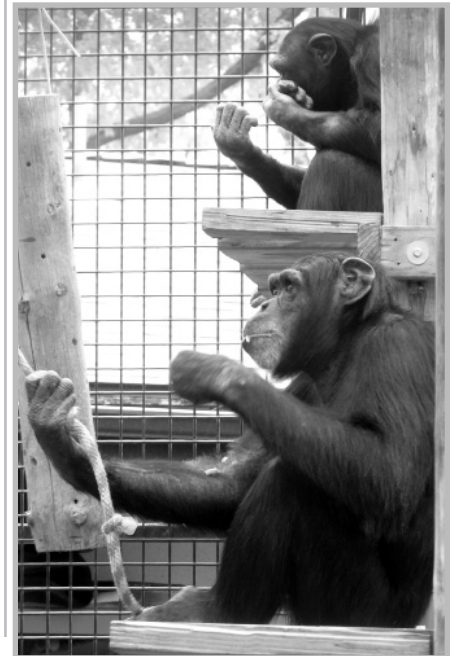
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Chimps Inc. provides public outreach within our community through educational lectures and fundraisers.

**February 22 ~**  
Broken Top Golf Course

*"If only I could put my heart into words, it would show how I have seen into the souls of these precious primates in the year and a half year that I have had my most respected and blessed privilege of being on the team at Chimps, Inc. They have touched my own soul, with a universal love, and a silent sense of knowing, that there can be an unspoken trust and bond between man and beast that surpasses all understanding." Cathy S, volunteer*



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Herbie in one of his many hats



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