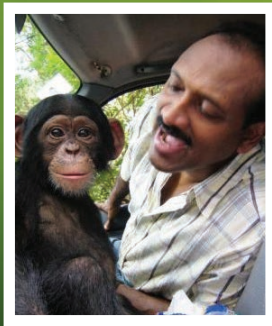


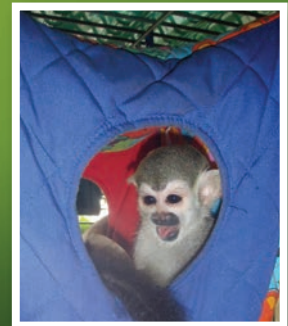


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It's been said that primates and humans have similar styles of caring for their young, but what happens when we substitute one for the other? Get an inside look at the controversial subculture of primate owners. From a woman who has discovered that she is incapable of caring for her primate pets to a couple separated from a chimpanzee they lived with for over thirty years, different stories bring unique perspective on the world of primate ownership.

### STORIES INCLUDE:

**DARLENE** is a capuchin monkey owner from the Midwest, with a decorated van called "The Capuchin Cruiser" to prove it. She spends her days constantly feeding, changing diapers, sewing clothing, and playing with her 11 monkeys. Every night she sleeps with one monkey in her bed and the remainder sleep alongside in bunk beds.

Moe the chimpanzee has lived with St. James and **LADONNA DAVIS** in West Covina, CA for 33 years. He brushes his own teeth, combs Ladonna's hair, and can even drive down the street. Four years ago, Moe was taken away by the state after he escaped from his cage and bit an officer. The Davis' are doing all possible to get him back, including sitting outside Moe's new home in protest, meeting with lawyers and calling on local citizens for support. It is unclear if Moe will ever be reunited with the Davis's.

**KARI** is the Founder and Director of Jungle Friends Primate Sanctuary, located outside Gainesville, Florida. Kari once owned a primate "pet" and quickly found the unpredictable behavior of her first monkey to be extremely dangerous. After other monkey owners consulted with Kari about their behavioral problems, Kari moved and created a proper habitat in Florida called Jungle Friends, which currently houses 39 monkeys.

**GINI** has been raising chimps for over 30 years. Her human children grew up with them like they were siblings. Gini turned her Florida home into a virtual chimp playground, with tunnels connecting their bedroom to the outside. As the chimpanzees become sexually mature, Gini "retires" them to educational facilities. She continues to think of them like children and grandchildren and visits them often.



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