

Captive Care Working Party

Annual Report 2005

Throughout 2005 the Captive Care Working Party (CCWP) continued to provide advice and guidance to a range of enquirers from the UK and USA on accommodation and care, training with positive reinforcement, primates as pets and rehoming. Members of the Working Party also commented on new prototype housing for marmosets at the University of Cambridge – the CCWP had written to the University in 2003 regarding standards of housing and care at the proposed Centre for Behavioural Neuroscience.

No PSGB Captive Care Grants were awarded this year, since the deadline for grant applications was changed from 31st August to 31st March to better coincide with the academic year. The next deadline for applications is 31st March 2006 (for projects to be undertaken after that date). PSGB members are encouraged to visit the Society's website for details of how to apply: www.psgb.org

Progress updates have been received from the 2004 grantees, Ms Johanna Rabineau (University of Exeter) and Dr Jean McKinley (Clackmannan College, Alloa), along with two journal articles arising, in part, from the first PSGB Captive Care Grant awarded to Ms Avanti Mallapur in 2003:

- Mallapur A, Waran N, Sinha A (2005) Factors influencing the behaviour and welfare of captive lion-tailed macaques in Indian zoos. *Applied Animal Behaviour Science* 91, 337-353
- Mallapur A, Sinha A, Waran N (in press) Influence of visitor presence on the behaviour of captive lion-tailed macaques (*Macaca silenus*) housed in Indian zoos. *Applied Animal Behaviour Science*

The Working Party continues to investigate the animal welfare and scientific implications of weaning policy for macaques used in research and testing. A literature review has been conducted and growth data from a colony of *Macaca fascicularis* are being analysed. It is expected that a report from the Working Party will be completed in 2006. This work will be presented at the XXIth IPS Congress in Uganda.

Finally, the CCWP is pleased to welcome Mrs Johanna Hutchinson (nee Maughan) (University College Chester) as a new member.

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