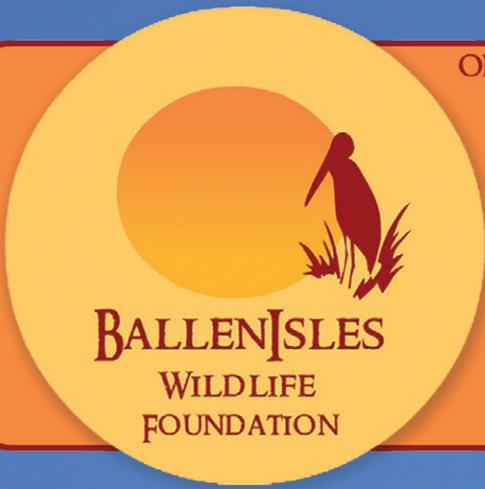


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The members of BallenIsles Wildlife Foundation wish every one of you a happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year. As we reflect on 2014, we are amazed at what we have accomplished. In particular, your generous contributions have made it possible for BIWF to “give back” to many worthwhile animal welfare organizations. Our motto for 2015 is “pay it forward,” and we urge you to help us do just that. Please join us by sharing your stories, your photographs, and your passion for animals and our fragile environment.

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## Media Release

Subject: BallenIsles Wildlife Foundation Partners with Arthur R. Marshall Foundation for The Everglades to Promote Vision of Raising Awareness

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Palm Beach Gardens, FL

A group of like-minded residents from the BallenIsles community have joined together to launch the BallenIsles Wildlife Foundation (BIWF) with a mission of “preserving, protecting, fostering, and respecting” the wildlife within their community.

The Foundation’s goals are to educate and inform its residents about the wildlife in BallenIsles, establish relationships with other wildlife and rescue organizations, assist with injured animals, stray animals, and lost pets found in BallenIsles, humanely trap and neuter feral cats found in BallenIsles to avoid overpopulation, and provide financial support to nonprofit organizations that assist BIWF with its wildlife and domestic animal concerns.

“Collaborating with organizations such as Arthur R. Marshall Foundation for The Everglades enhances our ability to promote awareness and sensitivity toward South Florida’s wildlife and its unique surroundings,” said Linda Hornsby, Vice President of BIWF. President Marianne Guerra added, “We are proud to be partnering with such a prestigious and reputable organization as the Marshall Foundation. BIWF wants to raise consciousness within our community about the wonderful wildlife with which we cohabit.”

“The Marshall Foundation is delighted to work with the BallenIsles Wildlife Foundation to provide educational services. Our job is to educate about the Everglades, so this is a perfect opportunity to broaden awareness about this very unique place,” said Mark Pafford, CEO of the Marshall Foundation.

For more information about the BallenIsles Wildlife Foundation, visit their website [www.ballenisleswildlifefoundation.org](http://www.ballenisleswildlifefoundation.org) or their FaceBook page. All inquiries can be emailed to [info@ballenisleswildlifefoundation.org](mailto:info@ballenisleswildlifefoundation.org).

# About BallenIsles Wildlife Foundation

BallenIsles Wildlife Foundation (BIWF), a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization, is a group of volunteers who love and respect animals, both domestic and wild. Our mission is to preserve, protect, foster, and respect all animal life within the BallenIsles community.

Our inspiration comes from Mona Roberts, a resident of Bermuda Bay, who during her 18 years in BallenIsles, devoted herself to the rescue and rehabilitation of animals in need. When she expressed a desire to “retire,” several friends stepped in to continue her work and expand her mission. In January 2014, the BallenIsles Wildlife Foundation was born. Word of our mission drew other like-minded volunteers. In addition, we reached out to other communities and organizations with similar interests. BIWF is extremely gratified by the support from other organizations such as the Admiral’s Cove and Ibis Wildlife Foundations, Arthur R. Marshall Foundation for The Everglades, Busch Wildlife Sanctuary, Florida Fish and Wildlife, Furry Friends, Animal Hero Kids, Caring Fields, The Humane Society of the Treasure Coast and Peggy Adams.

## Foundation Goals

- ◆ Educate and inform BallenIsles residents about various wildlife and animal matters.
- ◆ Establish working relationships with wildlife and rescue organizations.
- ◆ Assist with injured animals, stray animals and lost pets found in BallenIsles.
- ◆ Provide financial support to nonprofit agencies that assist BIWF with its wildlife and animal concerns.
- ◆ Humanely trap and neuter feral cats found in BallenIsles to avoid overpopulation.

BIWF is a member of:

- ◆ Busch Wildlife Sanctuary
- ◆ Audubon Society of the Everglades
- ◆ National Wildlife Federation



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# In the Spotlight

## Lucy Keshavarz



Lucy Keshavarz is an artist and has lived in BallenIsles with her husband Maziar for 10 years. When they first moved to St. James, their high-school aged children, Amir and Jila, resided with them. Happily, both children are well on their way in life: Amir, a civil engineer, works for his Father's firm and Jila is in NYC getting her Masters in Landscape Architecture. Although the entire family loves animals, because of allergies they have never had pets. However, Lucy finds great enjoyment during her morning walks meeting and greeting her neighbors' pets. It was during one of those walks several years ago that little Miss Roxie introduced Lucy to her mom Diane Mittenenthal. The three have become good friends and are often seen together in the morning with Tommy St. James, the famous neighborhood cat, tagging along.

Lucy is a multigenerational native Floridian who grew up in Titusville during the "race to the moon." She developed a deep respect for "old Florida" as well as for the scientifically sophisticated and global world that was expanding before her. Soon after completing her BFA at Florida Atlantic University, she married Maziar. In 1987, pregnant with their first child, Lucy

assisted Maziar with opening Keshavarz & Associates, Inc., a consulting civil engineering and survey firm in West Palm Beach. Several years after the birth of their second child, Lucy had the good fortune to work with various local performing arts organizations and manage the GardensArt program in the City of Palm Beach Gardens.

In 1999, Lucy founded Art & Culture Group, Inc., to assist organizations and individuals in the area of arts and cultural programming and design. Her artistic journey has allowed her to work in many facets of arts administration and embrace numerous art forms. In the last several years, she has combined her love of science with her public artwork through the practice of Ecological Art (EcoArt).

Lucy is very proud of the two EcoArt projects completed in 2013: Babbling Brook in Westgate Community Redevelopment Agency located next to PB International Airport and Old Dixie EcoWalk at Seabourn Cove in Boynton Beach. Babbling Brook increases stormwater quality and reforests a large dry detention basin with over 70 native species that provide food and shelter for migrating birds. Babbling Brook was created in collaboration with Keshavarz & Associates engineers. Old Dixie EcoWalk reforests a quarter mile utility easement with over 60 native plant species that are especially important to native butterfly species. The art elements explain the history of the site, reconnect pedestrians to nature and science, and offer places for contemplation and rest. Lucy

collaborated with three scientists on this project.

The science behind these projects indicates the dire need for us to plant Florida native plant species in our urban areas if we wish to maintain the "Paradise" we all love. "Whether in the studio, creating public art, or consulting on an arts project, I am driven and most satisfied when my work can positively illuminate and bring solutions to serious issues. I see the connection between humankind and (our) nature, and observe how far we have drifted away to the point of disconnect. I believe through nurturing our environment, we can bring about balance and are in fact nurturing ourselves. I rely on science and connecting with others in the applied science fields for both inspiration and collaboration."

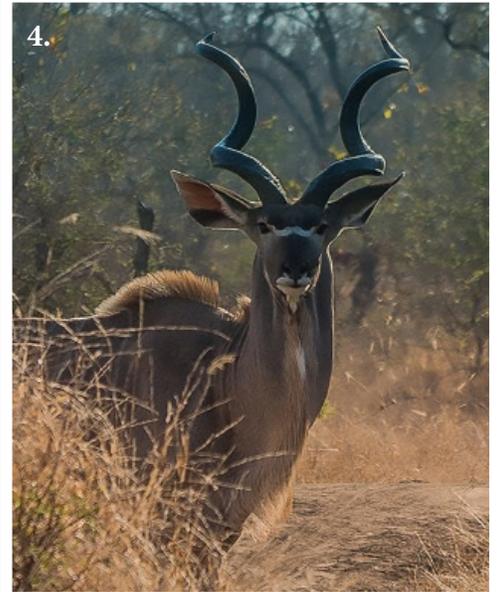
Lucy is a dedicated member of the BallenIsles Wildlife Foundation and the author of the "Growing Green" articles found in Nature Matters every month.

For information please check out Lucy's website [www.ArtCultureGroup.com](http://www.ArtCultureGroup.com). ■



Looking from east corner of Babbling Brook, built in a 125' x 500' dry detention basin in Westgate Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA).

# Outside the Gates



1. Lioness with cubs in Mala Mala Game Reserve in South Africa. Photograph by Mary Kirby.

2. Horseshoe crabs on the beach in Maryland. Photograph by Stephanie Collins

3. Cape Buffalo in Africa. Photograph by Ellen and Richard Krantz.

4. Spiral horned antelope in Mala Mala Game Reserve in South Africa. Photograph by Mary Kirby.

5. Dwarf mongoose in Vumbura Game Reserve. Photograph by Mary Kirby.

6. Zebras in South Africa. Photograph by Mary Kirby.

# Wood Storks



Wood Storks are tall, white denizens of freshwater or brackish wetlands and swamps. They can be identified by

their long legs, featherless heads, and prominent bills. They are 40 to 45 inches tall with a wingspan of 58 to 71 inches. Males weigh an average of 7 lbs. and females about 5 lbs. In flight, the trailing edges of the wings and tail are black.

These waders feed on minnows in shallow water by using their bills to perform a rare and effective fishing technique. The stork opens its bill and sticks it into the water, then waits for the touch of an unfortunate fish that wanders too close. When it feels a fish, the stork can snap its bill shut in as little as 25 milliseconds, an incredibly quick reaction time matched by few other vertebrates. The storks prefer to employ this technique in isolated pools created by tides or falling freshwater levels where fish congregate en masse. In some areas, such as Florida, breeding begins with the dry season that produces these optimal fishing conditions. Although Wood Storks eat small fish, they eat a lot of them. An average nesting pair, with two fledglings, can eat over 400 pounds of fish during a single breeding season.

Wood Storks are social animals. They feed in flocks and nest in large

rookeries, sometimes several pairs to a single tree. Females lay two to five eggs, which both sexes incubate for about one month. Young Wood Storks fledge about two months after hatching. Depending on water conditions and location, Wood Storks begin nesting as early as November or as late as May. Wood Storks begin moving into the vicinity of the colony several weeks before nesting begins. Many birds gather in extreme south west Florida prior to moving into some of the south Florida colonies. In some years, no nesting is attempted or colonies are abandoned partway through the season. Generally, for nesting to be successful in south Florida, colonies must begin forming between November and January. North of Lake Okeechobee, nesting usually



Photograph by Marge Barham

does not begin until March, and in extreme north Florida and Georgia nesting begins in April or May. Some late nestings may be renesting attempts following earlier failures.

It takes about 130 to 150 days to complete the reproductive cycle, so Wood Storks spend about a third of the year in breeding-related activities.

Some large colonies may be active for 8 or 9 months out of the year if birds are in different stages of their cycle. The only period during which nesting activity is rare in Florida is September and October.

Wood Storks breed in the southeastern United States and are the only stork to breed in the U.S. They also breed in Central and South America from Mexico to Argentina. After a successful three-decade conservation effort resulting in an increased population in the southeastern United States, the Wood Stork was removed from the endangered species list and upgraded to “threatened” by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service on June 26, 2014. While habitat loss and degradation continue to occur

throughout the range of the U.S. breeding population of Wood Storks, ongoing protection of natural wetlands through partnerships and focused management of public lands are conservation priorities contributing to the species’ recovery.

The Wood Stork is an excellent flier. It soars thousands of feet in the air with its legs and neck outstretched riding along

on air currents. They sometimes perform rolls and dives in flight. In flight, the Wood Stork can be recognized by its size, contrasting white and black plumage, and its habit of flying with neck and legs extended. Keep an eye out for them, soaring, in our Florida skies. ■

# Growing Green

## Honeysuckle Vine

By Lucy Keshavarez



Photograph by Suzanne Dingwell

*Lonicera sempervirens* (common name is Coral Honeysuckle) is a highly ornamental native twining vine. The foliage is a glossy, dark green on the top side of the leaf with a silvery green underneath. The coral to bright red trumpet-shaped flowers are 2 inches long and grow in clusters. Here in south Florida, *L. sempervirens* blooms nearly year round, most heavily during spring and summer. The trumpet-shaped flowers are a favorite nectar plant for hummingbirds and many types of butterflies. The flowers give way to bright red berries in the fall, which along with providing a lovely color display can also bring different

types of birds to your garden such as thrushes, orioles, mockingbirds, and catbirds.

*Lonicera sempervirens* will grow well in full sun to part shady; however full sun will produce more flowers.

This plant does best in well-drained soils with moderately dry conditions and is drought tolerant. *L. sempervirens* is easy to grow and can be used as a ground cover or to cover a trellis or arbor. One of my favorite ways is to plant it next to a Sabal Palm and allow the vine to grow up the palm tree. It is a “well-behaved” vine and can be “trained” and

is certainly not as aggressive as many other vines. Depending on where it is growing, once established it may need a light trim every few months or an occasional hard pruning.

Like most of our Florida native plants, little to no fertilizer is needed, but in the home landscape *Lonicera sempervirens* will benefit from an early spring application of a slow release fertilizer with low NPK (Nitrogen, Phosphorous, and Potassium) numbers.

While I always advise using the scientific name when purchasing native plants, **it is especially important with *Lonicera sempervirens***. The common names of “Coral Honeysuckle” and “Trumpet Honeysuckle” are quite often confused with the common names of other more aggressive or non-native varieties. ■



Photograph by Suzanne Dingwell

# Going Going Gone?

By Charles Beren

To paraphrase Pete Seeger's inspirational song, "Where Have all the Flower's Gone?"--Where have all the birds gone?

If you have lived BallenIsles for more than a decade, you surely have noticed the absence of birds from our community. Our first home in Sunset Cove had striking views of the large open lake behind our home. We loved watching literally hundreds of birds sweeping down out of the sky to feed and bathe. The species were varied and the flocks were large. We saw storks, pelicans, great blue herons, Ibis, spoonbills, cranes, ospreys, eagles, ducks, and limpkins among others around our lakes. During the winter months migrating birds crowded our trees, lakes, and sky. As golfers we also watched all kinds of birds nesting and breeding on the various protected islands on the South and East courses.

We have a bird feeder adjacent to our rear patio facing one of the lakes in Laguna. Since installing it a few weeks ago we have not seen one bird take advantage of it. Not only have the sightings of birds diminished, some species seem to have disappeared entirely. So I was not totally surprised when I read a small piece in the November issue of Time magazine noting the decrease in bird populations in recent years. However, what is terribly shocking is the sheer numbers of birds that have disappeared from our planet FOREVER.

The decline in the bird population over the last 30 years across 25 countries in Europe has exceeded more than 421 million. To make matters worse, the bird population in the United States has dropped by 40% in the last 20 years. To put this in a mathematical perspective, can you imagine the entire population of Mexico, Canada, and the United States vanishing in one generation?

According to Birdlife International ([www.birdlife.org](http://www.birdlife.org)) dramatic population declines are largely attributed to the loss of valuable habitats such as grasslands, forests, and wetlands through a range of threats including infrastructure and housing development, energy

development (e.g. mining or drilling for fossil fuels), and the spread and intensification of agriculture. Climate change is also a significant threat partly due to the progressively earlier thawing of the permafrost areas, which leads to changes in our environment ([www.climate.audubon.org](http://www.climate.audubon.org)).

Even though the trend seems irreversible, there are ways in which humans may be able to help create a more bird friendly environment.

- By committing to creating safe spaces for birds in our home and community by using fewer pesticides, letting dead trees stand, installing bird baths, and converting lawns and gardens to native plants.
- By supporting policies that lower emissions. Urge leaders at the local, state, and national levels to enact policies that lower greenhouse gas emissions and support clean energy. Renewable portfolio standards, energy efficiency targets, and other proactive measures reduce emissions and will limit the effects of global warming on birds.
- And, of course, by supporting such organizations as the Audubon Society ([www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org)), The Nature Conservancy ([www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org)), and naturally our own BallenIsles Wildlife Foundation ([www.ballenisleswildlifefoundation.org](http://www.ballenisleswildlifefoundation.org)).

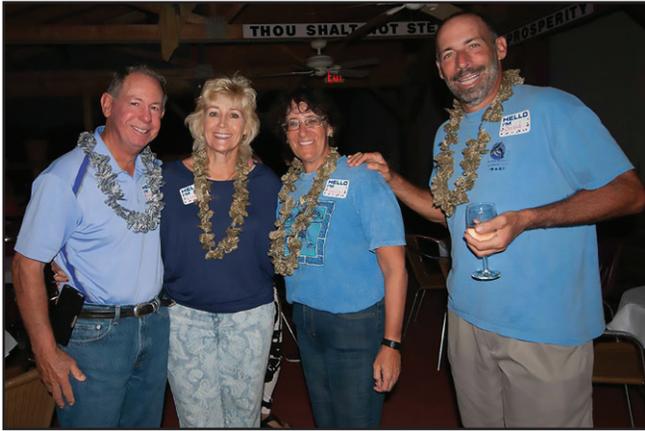
We've been treated to viewing wonderful photos of birds seen in BallenIsles thanks to resident photographers like Rodney



Photograph by Marge Barham

Cole and members of our Photography Club who capture them in their native habitat. Many of these photos can be seen on display at our clubhouse as well as on the BallenIsles Wildlife Foundation's web site and in the various issues of this magazine. I only hope that in the future we will not have to rely on seeing birds and wildlife in photographs instead of being able to see them in the wild. ■

# A WILD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL



From Left to Right: Jack Doser, Linda Doser, Leslie Fagenson and David Scherer

On a beautiful autumn evening, the BallenIsles Wildlife Foundation entertained guests at its first fundraiser of the year at the Jupiter Lane Bowling Alley. Board member Sylvana Klein greeted guests at the patio entrance, bestowing an animal-print lei on each neck. The safari theme was immediately evident as tiki lights illuminated the way to the patio, where the guests socialized and were



Busch Wildlife Resident Pablo the screech owl

treated to a sumptuous dinner buffet. The patio was beautifully decorated in zebra- and tiger-striped balloons hanging from the rafters. Miniature rubber critters such as gators, elephants, turtles, and giraffes decked each table.

In the far corner of the patio, Kim Lloyd, Education Director of Busch Wildlife Sanctuary, introduced the guests to some of the sanctuary's more social ambassadors. Thirty-year old Pablo, a longtime screech owl denizen of the Sanctuary, charmed everyone. His petite stature and enormous eyes had everyone taking "selfies" with him. Another sanctuary diplomat was Parker, a 3-year old skunk now safely descended, resting comfortably in Kim's arms. Suzy, an ingenious Everglades rat snake, slipped herself through the loops of Kim's jeans, creating the latest fashion statement - a live snakeskin belt.

The board of directors of BIWF created a lively early evening party for everyone - even those not tossing orange balls down the lanes. There were over 40 intrepid bowlers and 20 "cheerleaders." The sports genes of bowlers Marvin Guerra, Mike Stillman, Leslie Fagenson, Sylvana

Klein, and David Scherer were evident as they gave everyone a bravura performance on the alley. Esther Stillman cut an elegant figure as she deftly rolled her strikes and spares while looking fashionable in bi-color bowling shoes.



Kim Lloyd, Educational Director of Busch Wildlife Sanctuary

The BIWF board and committee members did a terrific job of raising over \$600 in the 50-50 raffle, which was won by VintageIsle resident Renee Locker. Special thanks to friends of BIWF Arlene Loveman, Barbara Goldstein, and Bob Goldstein for helping to sell raffle tickets and tee shirts during the event.

The proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the education and rescue programs of BIWF. ■



Marvin Guerra likely bowling another strike

# KIDS' NEST

## How Much Do You Know About Chimpanzees?

Chimpanzees are one of our closest living relatives. Humans and chimpanzees share 95 to 98 % of the same DNA!

Chimpanzees make and use tools. They use more tools for more purposes than any other creature except human beings.

Chimpanzees develop lifelong family bonds, particularly between mother and child. Mothers and dependent young (up to age 7 or so) are always together.

Chimpanzees can currently be found in 21 African countries. The greatest concentration of chimpanzees is in the rain forests of what used to be the equatorial forest belt.

Chimpanzees are omnivores, which means they eat fruits, nuts, seeds, blossoms, and leaves, as well as many kinds of insects and occasionally medium-sized animals.

Chimpanzees communicate in many ways, most notably through sounds and calls. They also communicate with each other through touch, facial expressions, and body language.

Chimpanzees are knuckle walkers, which means they walk on all fours using their knuckles for support when they are on the ground or even when they are up in trees.

Chimpanzee habitat is rapidly disappearing as human activity increases in the areas where chimpanzees live. Some of the causes for habitat loss include the conversion of land into agriculture, competition for natural resources such as firewood, commercial logging and mining.

Chimpanzees can catch and be infected with a number of human diseases.

Chimpanzees are endangered. At the turn of the 20th century, they numbered between 1 and 2 million. Now there are estimated to be fewer than 300,000 chimpanzees remaining in the wild.

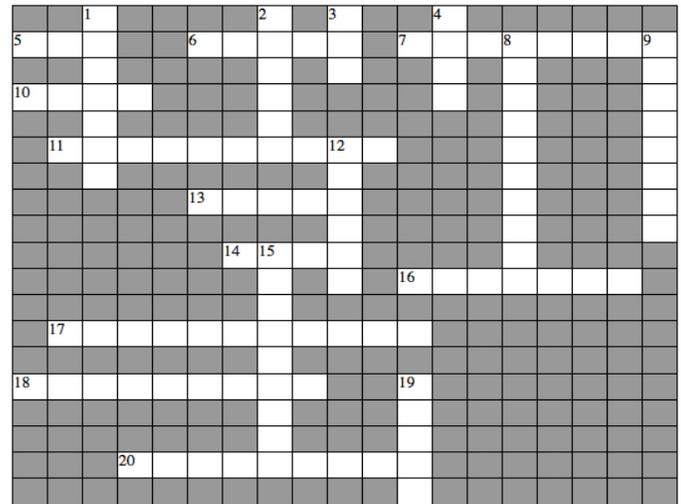
## Fun Facts About Chimpanzees

- In captivity, chimpanzees can be taught human sign languages such as ASL (American Sign Language).
- Scientists have only recently been able to determine chimpanzee paternity through analyzing DNA in chimpanzee scat (AKA poop).
- Chimpanzees sometimes get bored and will make up games to amuse themselves.
- Chimpanzees communicate physically in ways similar to humans—by kissing, embracing, patting on the back, touching hands, tickling, etc. And they even laugh when they play.
- Chimpanzees have opposable thumbs and big toes, which enable them to have a precision grip on just about anything.
- Infant chimpanzees have a white tail tuft that disappears by early adulthood.
- As a rite of passage, almost every young chimpanzee gets lost from his or her mother at some point during exploration.
- Chimpanzees are not always graceful.
- Each night, chimpanzees make “nests” to sleep in and they never sleep in the same nest twice. The nests are made out of leaves, branches and other materials. Sometimes they even make a pillow out of the softest leaves.
- Some chimpanzees, like Golden and Glitter, have Facebook pages. They are the oldest known set of Chimpanzee twins.
- On an average, chimpanzees sleep up to 9.7 hours each day.
- Chimpanzees cannot swim.
- Chimpanzees have no tail.

Answer Key: ACROSS: 5 DNA; 6 tools; 7 facebook; 10 swim; 11 rainforest; 13 white; 14 mother; 3 ASL; 4 tail; 8 endangered; 9 knuckles; 12 sleepy; 15 omnivores; 19 games  
poop; 16 bedding; 17 communicate; 18 infection; 20 opposable. DOWN: 1 habitat; 2

## Are You a Chimp Champ?

(All answers can be found in the Chimp Facts on this page and the Answer Key is located at the bottom left of this page.)



### ACROSS

- humans and chimps share
- make them and use them
- Golden and Glitter
- help save me. I don't know how to
- most are found here
- here today, gone tomorrow - what color?
- parental link
- leaves and branches
- sounds, call, touch, faces, movement
- sometimes comes from humans
- get a grip

### DOWN

- disappearing homes
- companion for first seven years
- often how captive chimps communicate
- whoops! I am missing something most animals have
- almost gone
- walking tools
- which one of the seven dwarfs would I be named after?
- any diet will do
- product of creativity

# Helping Those Who Can't Help Themselves

BIWF is proud to announce the adoption of our new family member, Pumpkin, who resides at "Save the Chimps" in Fort Pierce, FL.

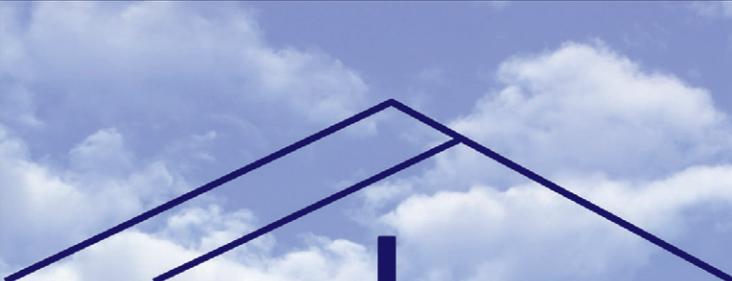
Pumpkin was born in 1986 in a now defunct laboratory known as LEMSIP, the Laboratory for Experimental Medicine and Surgery in Primates in New York State. He was allowed to stay with his mother, known only as "CH-136," for two years, after which for the next 8 years he was anesthetized with Ketamine 180 times and had his liver biopsied at least 23 times. When he was 5, he began self-mutilating, creating wounds on his abdomen, side, and legs. Just before he turned 10, he was sent to the Coulston Foundation, a research laboratory in New Mexico that had a poor record of animal care, where ironically his life improved a bit. He was even allowed to go outdoors for the first time in his life. However, he continued to self-mutilate.



Pumpkin (aka Mr. P), a Scorpio, is now 28 years old. "Save the Chimps" rescued him from the Coulston Foundation in 2002 at age 16. For a while, he continued to self-mutilate when stressed or bored, but thanks to the attentive care of his veterinarians and caregivers, he hasn't engaged in this behavior for some time.

Because of his years of confinement, Pumpkin prefers to stay indoors, often with his longtime friend O'Dell. Recently, he has started going outside more frequently to explore and lounge. Occasionally he is spotted on the grass browsing for nuts and seeds. He loves basketballs (often carrying one wherever he goes) and wading pools and filling the wading pool with basketballs! He also loves peanuts and sunflower seeds. He is a fan of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, which he loves to wash down with Gatorade! He is cautious and amiable, extremely handsome, and has a kind and gentle soul.

Save the Chimps is closed to the public except for two Member Days each year. Please consider visiting Pumpkin and all the other chimps at Save the Chimps on their upcoming Member Day on Sunday, February 28, 2015. For details, check their website at [www.savethechimps.org](http://www.savethechimps.org).



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## Meet Wiley

Wiley, Julie and Gary Widett's beloved cat, originally belonged to their daughter Lauren. In 2005, when Wiley was two, he came to Florida to live with Julie and Gary. He quick-ly adapted to the South Florida lifestyle, chasing lizards around the lanai, lounging in the sun, and watching CNBC, activities he still enjoys. Wiley is a very social (and spoiled!) cat and always greets visitors at the Widett's front door.

Wiley's story began in 2003 when Lauren volunteered at the Cleveland Animal Shelter where volunteers walked dogs, fed the animals, and spent time with the kittens. One curious kitten delighted in bringing toys to Lauren. Soon she and the kitten were playing fetch. "Smitten with the kitten," Lauren adopted him, naming him Wiley (the shelter was on Wiley Ave.) Two years later, Lauren relocated and could not take Wiley. So Wiley took a vacation to BallenIsles to live with Julie and Gary. Loving the Florida warmth and sunshine, Wiley decided to stay. Although he still remembers Lauren, 11-year-old Wiley will live out his life in BallenIsles with Julie and Gary Widett as a happy, well-loved cat.

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