

*Dear Lord,*

*I am writing to ask, do you let monkeys in heaven?*

*I hear that there are trees in heaven. If I am allowed in heaven, can I climb trees? I have never been allowed to climb a tree. I have been serving mankind.*

*If I am allowed in heaven, will my mother be in heaven too? The reason I ask, dear God, I was forcefully taken from my mother as an infant, to serve man kind. Just once I would like to cling to her, tell her I missed her*

*I have been a helping hands monkey all my life. If I am allowed in heaven God, will I be able to take the battery pack off my back, will I be allowed to take the shock mechanism off my tail, I am told it is for positive reinforcement, to better serve mankind. Will I get my teeth back? They were extracted to better serve mankind. Will I be free to be what I was born to be - a wild animal?*

*Will I still be called a hellion, destructive, aggressive and not what was expected of me when I was serving mankind?*

*I have been a research monkey all my life, and suffered great loneliness, pain and then death in a cold, stainless steel cage.*

*I was serving mankind.*

*I have been a pet monkey all my life. I have been neglected, abused, tortured, fed the wrong diet, kept in a small cage and have been denied the company of my own species all my life.*

*I was serving mankind.*

*--- Linda Barcklay for all the suffering primates ---*