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Grants

If anyone is a professional grant-writer, or knows someone who is who is willing to donate their time to help us, please let us know. Also, if anyone knows of an organization that may be likely to give us some grant money, please let us know that. We need money to upgrade our facilities for the monkeys. Many enclosures are close to ten years old now and the welds get old and can break. We also need money for enrichment and repairs. So, donations and ideas for grant opportunities will be greatly appreciated!

A funny thing happened during work this morning -- **by Linda Barcklay**



"The culprit".... sitting in time-out!

It began early, my luck. Not always good. As I fed the two geriatric monkeys this morning, I noticed them both outdoors soaking up the early sun. I looked ahead across the pasture to the caging where some of the BIG primates are living, I saw a big red monkey butt with no bars in front of it. Needless to say, my heart skipped a beat. I went out as fast as I could under the scary circumstances and my poor heart--to see which monkey was sitting on top of a cage. I was fortunate it was Bert, a not too aggressive monkey. I turned around and headed back to the care building for some bananas.

Arriving out in a field with a loose 35 pound male rhesus macaque, took all my courage but I went anyway in spite of my shaky legs. I carefully went to the lock out area where Bert was sitting watching me and unlocked the door. I threw two bananas in and stepped back into the bushes to see if my luck was going to hold out. Bert started down, started in and then backed out. I hardly dare breath! Then, he walked confidently in and I rushed to shut the door. What a relief.

As I did a check on where he had escaped, all the doors were shut and locked but after all the heavy rains we have had, the dirt had washed away enough to allow Bert to dig an exit hole. This will teach me to be more aware.

I am getting too old for this much excitement!!

Best to all my supporters,

Linda