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A Barbary Macaque playing Snap on the touchscreen computer at Monkey Haven.

ENJOY A DAY OUT AT 'MONKEY UNIVERSITY'

We all know monkeys are clever – but the primates at Monkey Haven on the Isle of Wight are so smart that they're being studied by academics at the University of Portsmouth. On Saturday 28 May, you've got the chance to see them in action at the Island's primate rescue centre. A programme of activities will give you the chance to meet the researchers, keepers – and, of course, the amazing monkeys!

There will be a quiz, raffle, talks, demos and lots of games for the sanctuary's Barbary and Rhesus Macaques. These brainy monkeys share up to 93% of our DNA and research shows that they're great at recognising other monkeys' faces and playing the childhood game of Snap!

The scientists have set up a special computer for the monkeys – nicknamed the Monki. You can watch the animals playing interactive games that use touchscreen technology and taking part in other fun activities that test their decision making.

"Our aim is to learn more about how Macaques see the world and cope with its challenges", explained Dr Marine Joly, a Research Fellow from the University of Portsmouth. "Then we can make comparisons with humans, to try and understand how, and why, we all evolved as we did."

Monkey Haven's founder, Don Walser, says that the monkeys love playing all the games, which are entirely voluntary. "I just hope they don't get too over-excited," he commented. "They can show off a bit when they've got an audience, so who knows what will happen on May 28th! I just hope they don't eat the computer."

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PRIMATE RESCUE CENTRE + BIRDS OF PREY RESCUE & RELEASE PROGRAMME

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'MONKEY UNIVERSITY'

Schedule for Saturday 28 May - a day of fun at Monkey Haven with the University of Portsmouth

- 10.30am: Monkey brunch.
- 11am: 'What are monkeys?' A fun talk.
- 11.30am: Meet the owls
- 12pm: 'Clever monkeys'. A demo with the Macaques.
- 12.30pm: Monkey lunch.
- 1pm: Meet the Meerkats.
- 1.30pm: 'How primates communicate'. A fascinating talk.
- 2pm: Meet the Owls.
- 2.30pm: 'How smart are the Macaques?' An amazing demo.
- 3pm: Monkey supper.
- 3.30pm: 'Conservation'. A thought-provoking talk.
- 4pm: Reptile rendezvous.

Standard admission charges apply and your visit will help to support the work of Monkey Haven, an award-winning charity that cares for primates in need. For more info, please see monkeyhaven.org

QUICK COMPETITION

A group of monkeys is called a...?

- a) Romp
- b) Herd
- c) Pride
- d) Troop

Email your answer to hello@monkeyhaven.org with MONKEY UNIVERSITY in the subject line, or drop a postcard to Monkey Haven, Staplers Road, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 2NB. Monkey Haven will draw out a correct entry at random on Friday 27 May – and give away a family ticket to Monkey Haven to the winner. Good luck!

PRESS INFORMATION

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