

Black Pine Animal Sanctuary

Animal Facts

Breed: RHESUS MACAQUE MONKEY

Names / Sex / Age:

Yoda	Male	16
Hannah	Female	14

Previous Home: Private homes.

Native to: Asia

Size: 13 to 22 pounds. Body is about 20" long, with a tail 10" long.

Life Expectancy: 30 years

Diet: Fruits, vegetables, cookies, monkey biscuits, crackers, cooked meats.

Facts:

- Females mature at 3, males at 4 years of age.
- Gestation is 4 to 6 months, usually giving birth to one baby.
- They are "old world" monkeys, which means they have food pouches in their jowls in which they can store food and they have snouts instead of flatter human like noses.
- Males become aggressive at maturity, with large canine fangs
- They are one of the most intelligent of monkeys
- Use in research has led to the discovery of the RH factor in blood
- This species of monkey was sent into space in 1959 for Project Mercury
- They are considered sacred by Hindus, so nothing is done to control populations
- Wild monkeys often steal clothes hanging out to dry, plants, or whatever is not bolted to the ground.

Personal History:

Yoda was a baby when he arrived at Black Pine. Once he became mature he was moved from inside the park founder's private home into a habitat and 'free contact' was discontinued. Hannah was a pet that lived with several families before she came to Black Pine. She was babied at the first home, started biting at her second home, and was ultimately displaced from her last private home because she became very protective of her primary caregiver and would not allow anyone else to approach her, or her caregiver without becoming extremely aggressive. She was, upon arrival at the park, somewhat socially inept but by being housed with Yoda has stabilized and seems content.

Although early in Yoda's life, the park's founder (Karen Hoag) had a strong bond with him, in his adulthood no one really does. He has become more and more aggressive as he has aged. Hannah is somewhat less comfortable around people, and slow in building trust with anyone. She has historically favored males to females.

Before Yoda and Hannah were housed together, Hannah always had a lot of babies (stuffed

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animals). She would sit and rock with them, similar to how an emotionally disturbed child may behave. She stopped the rocking behavior once the two were housed together and allowed to form a social bond.

Hannah suffers from allergies and exhibits symptoms that include her red color and itching. Consultations continue to treat her symptoms, though multiple attempted solutions have not helped.