



Fauna

Newton



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April 5, 2000 - July 1, 2024

With a heavy heart we share with you the news of Newton's passing. He died peacefully on the evening of July 1, 2024. During his last month of life his vision and hearing had become drastically compromised so caregivers

were by his side all day and during his final moments. We are so grateful that he had developed relationships with his caregivers, allowing them to groom him and offer him reassurance and comfort.

Newton was spunky and eccentric. He walked in a robust manner, knocking over toys in his path. He has beautiful, with wispy hairs on his cheeks. Newton loved exploring his numerous enclosures and digging in the dirt outside. He would always go for enrichment first over anything, even food! He loved to tear things apart to discover what was inside.

Newton had been used in biomedical research. He was sentenced to be disposed of when he was 4 years old because he was no longer useful for a research study. They suspected he had glaucoma and thus could not be used for their eye research at Queens University in Ontario. He came to Fauna in February 2005. When Fauna was originally approached by Queens to take Newton, we didn't feel it would be okay for him to come alone. Fauna had a conversation with Queens about retiring a group of female monkeys from a study that was to be terminated indefinitely. We were misled by the lab and they only spared one other monkey, Darla, who came with Newton in 2005. Over the years we reached out many times to the lab to try to retire Darla's friends to Fauna, but sadly it never worked. Darla died in May 2022 and since then Newton became closer with his human caregivers.

Newton was the last monkey at Fauna. Over the years Fauna served 6 monkeys: Newton and Darla, and Theo from biomedical research; Pogie, Eugene, and Sophie from the pet trade. We continue to care for five chimpanzees, Sue Ellen, Binky, Maya, Tatu, and Loulis.

Thousands of monkeys continue to be used in biomedical research and are in the pet trade. It is vital to continue the push to end these practices.

Please consider a donation in memory of Newton and to continue Fauna's work to advocate for primates in captivity.

Donate in Newton's memory.

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- For information on The Captive Primate Welfare Act in the US see [here](#).
- To learn about the use of monkeys in Canadian research see [here](#).

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