

# My Son, the Chimp

British teacher takes him toys, watches TV and has a laugh with him

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1 **A British woman** has launched a court challenge to become the legal guardian of a 160lb chimpanzee in a test case that could confer basic rights on apes across Europe.

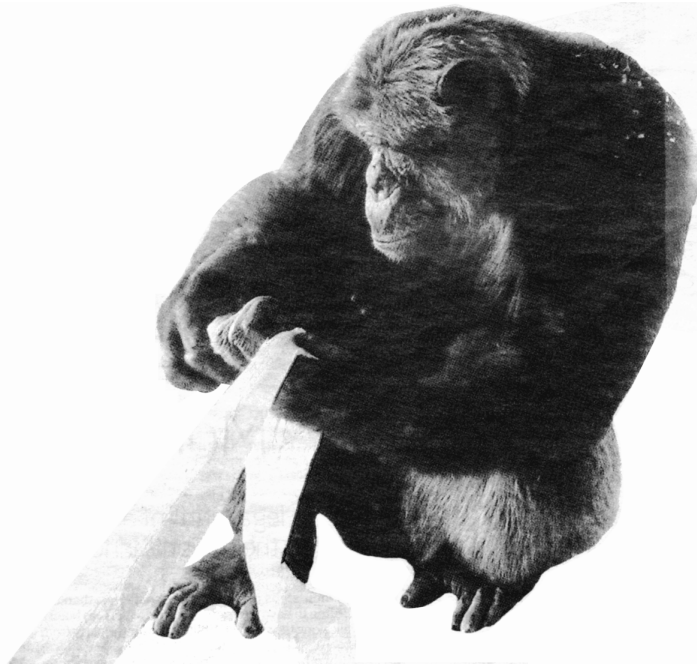
2 Paula Stibbe, 38, a teacher who lives in Vienna, has applied to the Austrian courts to take legal responsibility for a 26-year-old male

chimpanzee which, she fears, could be subjected to laboratory tests if he isn't given legal 'rights'. Animal-welfare organisations see it as a test case that would give special legal status to the great apes. It comes as Members of Parliament make a fresh attempt to ban animal testing on primates<sup>1)</sup> across Europe.

3 Ms Stibbe, who is originally from Brighton, befriended Hiasl the chimp eight years ago and now visits him every week, bringing biscuits and his favourite Viennese pastries, clothes, including Wellington boots, and art materials. The ape, which has lived in an Austrian animal sanctuary<sup>2)</sup> most of his life after being rescued by customs officials as a baby, is facing an uncertain future after the sanctuary ran out of cash.

4 Ms Stibbe, who spends hours with Hiasl each week, says she regards him as a 'friend' and is horrified about the prospect of him being transported to a laboratory. If her application to become his legal guardian is successful, she would be responsible for making decisions about his welfare.

5 She told *The Independent on Sunday* she plays hide and seek and watches wildlife programmes with him. "He likes being tickled and he likes dressing-up clothes," she said. "He is especially fond of Wellington boots.... He likes drawing with coloured chalk, mostly scribbling. He laughs a lot and is very gentle with me, even though he has the strength of seven men. He has a special greeting for me and tweaks my nose between his middle and index finger when I arrive. He enjoys watching TV, and is specially fond of wildlife documentaries. I showed



Hiasl the chimp likes 'dressing-up clothes' and enjoys watching TV

him a video of gorillas, and when two gorillas were mating he was completely fascinated by them. I want to make sure that he has a fully secure future, and does not end up in a lab abroad.”

6 Hiasl was captured as a one-year-old in Sierra Leone and smuggled to Austria, where he was bound for a vivisection lab. He was found by customs officers after surviving the journey to Europe in a box, and was taken in by the sanctuary.

7 20 he is granted basic legal rights, he could be sent abroad to a laboratory when the sanctuary closes. Paula Stibbe's case follows moves in New Zealand and Spain to give rights to great apes. These apes share about 98 per cent of their DNA with humans.

noot 1 primate = (mens)aap

noot 2 animal sanctuary = dierenopvang

1p 16 Why has Paula Stibbe 'launched a court challenge' (first sentence) according to paragraphs 1-2?

She wants to

- A be given legal permission to perform tests on a group of Austrian apes.
- B get a licence to set up a developing project for primates in Europe.
- C officially become responsible for a grown-up chimp to protect him.

1p 17 Why is there a chance that Hiasl may soon be transported elsewhere according to paragraph 3?

- A According to the rules he is no longer allowed to stay in Austria.
- B He needs a health check because of his age.
- C His behaviour is making him difficult to handle.
- D There is no money left to take care of him.

3p 18 Geef van elk van de volgende beweringen aan of deze juist of onjuist is volgens de alinea's 4 en 5.

*Omcirkel 'juist' of 'onjuist' in je uitwerkbijlage.*

- 1 Paula vergelijkt Hiasl met een lastig kind dat haar aandacht nodig heeft.
- 2 Paula doet allerlei spelletjes met Hiasl.
- 3 Paula is wel eens bang voor Hiasl omdat hij zo sterk is.
- 4 Hiasl heeft een speciale manier van afscheid nemen van Paula.
- 5 Hiasl is enorm geboeid door tv-beelden van andere apen.
- 6 Paula wil zeker weten dat Hiasl uiteindelijk naar het buitenland zal gaan.

1p 19 De rechtszaak van Paula Stibbe in Oostenrijk is niet de enige actie die op dit moment gevoerd wordt.

→ Citeer (= schrijf over uit de tekst) de zin uit de alinea's 6 of 7 waaruit dit blijkt.

*Schrijf de eerste twee en de laatste twee woorden van deze zin in je uitwerkbijlage.*

1p 20 Kies bij 20 in alinea 7 het juiste antwoord uit de gegeven mogelijkheden.

- A Although
- B Because
- C If
- D Unless

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