



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

➤ EXPERIMENTS CONDUCTED ON MONKEYS (IN ITALY AND IN THE WORLD)

Every year around 10,000 primates are still used in European laboratories. Monkeys are bred for testing purposes, subjected to specific diseases and to undergo painful experiments.

Monkeys are usually taken away from their mothers a few hours after birth and are exposed, even for years, to experiments, including the following tests:

- various tests on traumatic brain injury;
- immobilization in a primate chair, an instrument that forces them to immobility;
- the bone of the skull is broken up in order to insert electrodes, to record brain activity;
- various tests on the effects of brain damage on social behaviors;
- optical experiments (eg. surgical implantation of optical spiral, an invasive device used to register eye movements);
- cognitive and stress tests;
- tests on movement disorders;
- brain cells are subjected to comparative studies (eg. marmoset monkeys compared with the brains of macaques);
- tests on anti-nerve gas;
- multiple vaccinations (eg. Aids);
- tests on Parkinson's disease;
- continuous blood sampling and surgical operations;
- experiments can be performed even without anesthesia;
- at the end of the experiments the monkeys are killed.

➤ THE RESCUE CENTERS

LAV affirms its willingness to assume the responsibility for the 16 *Macaca fascicularis*, at its own expenses and with its own resources, arranging their transportation and their stay at centers specialized in physical and psychological recovery of primates and ensuring the lifelong maintenance of all the rescued monkeys.

The following Centers have been identified:

- **Center for Protection and Research on Exotic and Wild Fauna - Monte Adone** - Sasso Marconi (Bologna) www.centrotutelafauna.org
- Association **Giardino Faunistico of Piano dell'Abatino** - Poggio San Lorenzo (Rieti) www.parcoabatino.org

Both facilities are recognized by the Italian Ministry of Health. These centers have been working for many years in the recovery and rehabilitation of many species of primates, ensuring – also with the help of specialized personnel - proper care and the satisfaction of specific needs, related to species-specific characteristics. The Center of Monte Adone, is already hosting a macaque coming from the same colony covered by the agreement that was signed today by the Municipality and the University of Modena.

➤ YURI TOWARDS THE “REUNION”

Yuri is about three and a half year-old, although his exact age is unknown. He arrived at the Center for Protection and Research on Exotic and Wild Fauna of Monte Adone (Bologna) on August 1st 2015, coming from the same breeding facility of Modena University where, at least from 2005, a research program is ongoing where macaques are used for experiments on cognitive mechanisms of the brain. After

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a long period of adaptation and sanitary controls, Yuri began a new life. At Monte Adone he was placed in the same area as Ghirda, an old red mokey arrived at the center in 2002, who practically adopted him.

Now Yuri will rejoin his group of origin and will live in the same Center, together with the other macaques, coming from Modena University, that LAV has contributed to rescue from experiments.

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