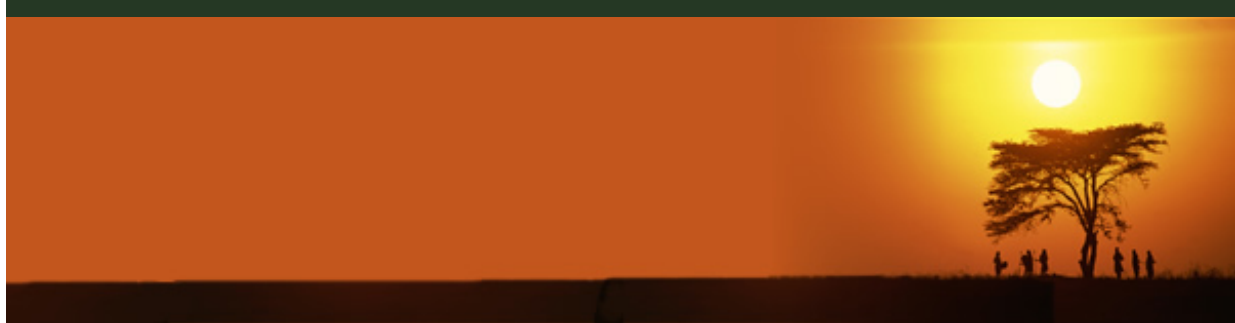




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Fred's Ultrasound at Sarasota's WSVC

Everybody loves Fred, seen here with LCF Director of Research and Operations at West Coast Veterinary Center in Sarasota. Fred seems to enjoy this kind of 'thermo-regulation!' Last week Fred had an appointment for an ultra sound and some other tests to diagnose renal disease.

Fred's diagnosis is CRF (Chronic Renal Failure) with Polycystic Renal Disease. He is azotemic, anemic due to renal failure, and thin. Fred is about 23 years old. He is the oldest lemur at LCF, and we know there is a lot of LEMUR LOVE out there for him! Care of aging lemurs is important at LCF because, as part of a captive population, our lemurs can live to an old age, like Fred.

CRF is a common ailment of age in captive animals, lemurs, and primates. It is common in cats, so all of us cat lovers might

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be familiar with it.

An ultrasound image of his left kidney is posted on our Facebook pages, along with some photos of Fred's ultrasound procedure. [CLICK HERE to see more about Fred's trip to the clinic.](#)

Right now Fred is living comfortably with his group in one of our enclosures. This allows us to control the temperature for him (He has trouble 'thermo-regulating') and monitor his medical condition. He is on a special diet that includes low protein and lots of potassium foods and medicine to increase kidney function.

Fred has a good appetite now, and because he has lost most of his teeth, (that's why his tongue is sticking out) we soak his chow and make mashed sweet potatoes for him along with his

bananas! In addition to diet, environment controls, and several medications, Fred has frequent weight checks and blood work as needed. And LCF staff monitors his behavior and comfort closely. Big thanks to West Coast Veterinary Center for Fred's excellent care.

(Fred loved it when we took his radio collar off and we were able to give him some neck scratches while under the effects anesthesia. Anesthesia can make you feel cold, and holding him is one of the best ways to keep him warm.)



Alison Grand, Ph.D. Joins the LCF Team

We are thrilled to welcome Alison Grand to the LCF team! Alison will join us in Myakka City as Animal Care Manger. She comes to us from Disney's Animal Kingdom where she was a Research Fellow.

At Animal Kingdom Alison conducted behavioral research projects with a variety of species. While at Disney she developed, implemented, and evaluated conservation programs in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Other major projects included developing and evaluating conservation education programs, gorilla behavior monitoring, turtle cognition, and elephant hormones and behavior.

Alison holds a BA in Psychology from University of the South, and an MS in Neuroscience and doctorate degree in

Neuroscience and Behavior from the University of Georgia.

After completing her doctorate degree Alison conducted research for an NIMH grant at Emory University. She was a post doctoral Scholar at UCLA where she conducted and supervised research at the UCLA/Wake Forest University Vervet Research colony.

'I am proud to be joining an organization that is dedicated to saving some of the world's most endangered primates, and believe that LCF's exceptional animal care, research, and comprehensive conservation program are critical to ensuring a bright future for lemurs.'

Welcome Alison!

Did you see us in *SRQ*?

SRQ, Sarasota's Premier Magazine, sent a reporter to write about LCF. The article appeared in the December issue 'Creature Feature!' We hosted Puneet Sandhu at the reserve and enjoyed reading her impressions about the lemurs and unique environment at the reserve:

'THE GRASS IS TALL. THE INSECTS PLENTIFUL and the forests devoid of human life. As the sun contemplates setting, a sudden uproar of shrieks, caws, growls and grunts breaks the still air, then dies quickly. The calls come not from birds, dogs and pigs, as those who hear the sounds might suspect, but from six varieties of the same animal-lemurs. The Lemur Conservation Foundation [LCF] in Myakka City prides itself on providing as natural a habitat for these endangered primates as is beneficial. In the forests on the grounds, free-ranging lemurs forage on oaks, pines and other Florida natives or play hopscotch in the forest canopy imitated by trees linked with fire hose, one of the few man-made objects interjected into the natural setting.'

"Many zoos, aquariums and parks like this are entertainment



first and then it's education and conservation," says Lee Nesler, CEO and executive director of the foundation. "Our focus comes out in a different way; it is conservation, education and research first."

Thanks to Puneet and SRQ for the great article!

Her Name is...(drum roll please...)

LUCY! LCF fans Love Lucy! Thanks to all of our voters, and for the terrific write in suggestions, from the romantic Clair de Lune to 'Miss Sassy Pants!'

Almost everybody who voted for the name Lucy mentioned



another famous red head named Lucy, well known and appreciated for her comic antics...

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