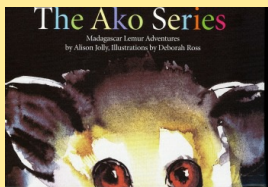




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Remembering Catie Homan

Late in May Catie Homan died in a tragic auto accident in Portsmouth, UK, where she was conducting research and working toward a doctorate degree. Her contribution to LCF is deeply appreciated and we are very proud to be part of her personal, professional, and academic legacy.

Mark Homan, Caitie's father and her mother Lynn, with their son Ben and his fiancée Jenn, visited LCF last week for a reception in her honor.

'Caitie was a very special person and her legacy will live on since she chose to be an organ donor and she was able to conserve the life of 6 individuals in her passing. Below is the information about the organs and how they helped other people at their time of need.'

LCF Executive Director & CEO Lee Nesler

Six patients benefitted from her organs.

1. Caitie's kidney and pancreas went to a woman in her 30's who is doing well and is home already. She had been waiting on a transplant list since 2/ 2012.
2. Her other kidney went to a man in his 30's who is discharged from hospital and is doing well.
3. One liver lobe was donated to a young baby boy. At the last update the



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liver was not working fully yet, but still hope that it will.

4. Another liver lobe to a lady in her 20's who has moved from ICU to a general ward. She is doing well and had been waiting 78 days for an organ.

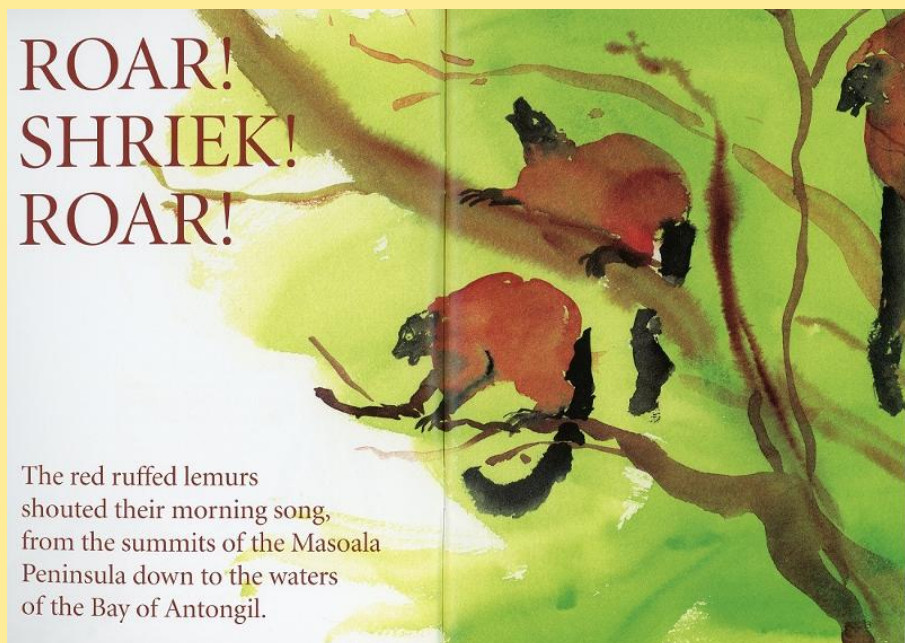
5. Caitie's heart went to a man in his 60's. He has been transferred from ICU to a general ward.

He received this transplant after waiting since February 2013.

6. Her lungs went to a lady in her teens, also out of ICU and who had been waiting since 3/5/13.

'Mark and Lynn Homan said they've taken some comfort in the fact that their daughter's legacy will continue through scholarships, in knowing six medical patients have benefitted from her organs and in the overwhelming support shown by friends, family and colleagues in Canton, the UK and elsewhere. '

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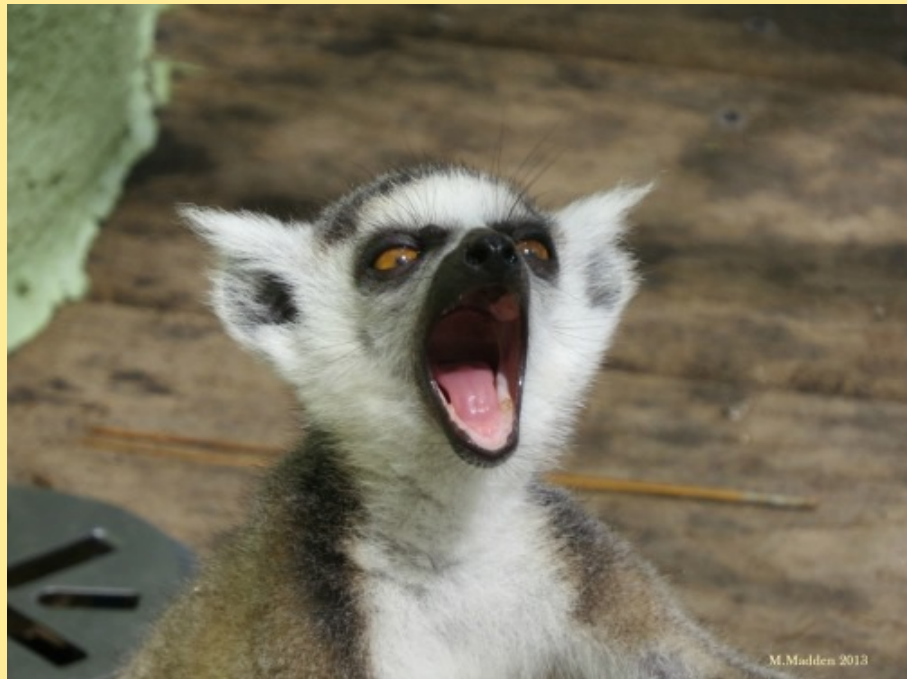
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'Furry And Fuzzy The Red Ruffed Lemur Twins' is one of the six books in 'The Ako Series, Madagascar Lemur Adventures'

We want to share a "Peek Inside" of Furry and Fuzzy, The Red Ruffed Lemur Twins this week in honor of Caitie. Caitie's love for red ruffed lemur is well known at LCF. She contributed dozens of images to our photo library, documenting these amazing animals at the LCF reserve for us to enjoy and study.

The Ako Series books are written by Dr. Alison Jolly and illustrated by Deborah Ross. The stories are written especially for children 4 to 10 years old, but everyone who loves lemurs will enjoy these books! They are dramatic, exciting, and beautifully illustrated. Each story in the six book set is about a species of lemur and their habitat in Madagascar.

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Do Lemurs Have Personalities?

An interesting article in National Geographic shows current research suggests they have consistent personality traits and that the traits can be inherited:

'Lemurs have identifiable personality traits that are consistent from situation to situation, and those tendencies may have evolutionary implications, according to a new study conducted at the Duke Lemur Center. Ecologist Jennifer Verdolin tested captive gray mouse lemurs, small, large-eyed primates native to Madagascar's forests, to see how they reacted to unfamiliar objects and foods.

She placed items such as a tiny chair, a wooden ladybug, and a stuffed toy frog, as well as new foods such as mango and papaya, into the animals' enclosures. After classifying individual lemurs' reactions, she monitored how agitated they became during routine handling for cage cleaning and health measurements.

Bolder lemurs—those who spent more time interacting with the new objects—were less likely to urinate, defecate, bite, or otherwise protest when handled, compared with their counterparts who had avoided the unfamiliar objects. (The study didn't find a measurable difference in their reactions to the new foods, perhaps a sign that the lemurs did not perceive them as unusual.)

Verdolin explained that these protest reactions likely reflect fear, and that the bolder lemurs responded with more confidence in the stressful situations. Bold lemurs may be more likely than shy ones to adapt to uncertain or changing environmental conditions, and boldness and shyness may run in families.

"There's actually evidence of heritability in these traits," Verdolin explained, which would have implications for the evolution of the species."

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GOT SPIDERS? Here's a nontoxic way to keep them out of your house!

Many people are not big fans of spiders. As it turns out spiders aren't big fans of peppermint! Armed with this knowledge and a spray bottle means no more expensive treatments that are toxic for families and pets. Here is an easy, cheap, nontoxic, eco-friendly, and enjoyable way to prevent arachnids from entering your home: Add 10 to 15 drops of peppermint essential oil into a spray bottle with 8 to 12 ounces of water and spray around door frames and windows.

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