REELTIME ANIMAL RESCUE'S

COMPASSION EDUCATION: CONNECT & INSPIRE PRESENTER





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My name is Amy Kerwin, and my journey into primate advocacy began over 20 years ago when I was working in a biomedical research lab. What I witnessed there changed the course of my life. I knew I had to be part of the solution, to help monkeys retire to loving, enriched environments after their years of service in laboratories. That vision became Primates Incorporated, a nonprofit sanctuary I founded to give monkeys from research facilities and the pet trade a chance to live out their lives with dignity, care, and freedom.

Since officially opening our sanctuary in 2018, we've been contacted to help over 100 monkeys. We are still small, currently home to 11 incredible monkey residents, but we're growing every day. When we can't take a monkey in ourselves, we work to help place them in other reputable sanctuaries. This network of care is vital, and it's a reminder of how many animals are still waiting for a second chance.

Providing lifelong care for monkeys is a serious responsibility. It requires specialized staff, individualized enrichment, and a deep understanding of each animal's needs and personality. One thing I'm especially proud of is our behavioral program, which ensures each monkey is displaying natural behaviors and thriving socially. We monitor their interactions closely to encourage positive socialization and prevent stress, because every monkey deserves a peaceful and stimulating environment.

Right now, we're working hard to expand our sanctuary to help more monkeys in need. Every day, I'm inspired by the resilience of the monkeys we serve, and driven by the belief that they deserve so much more than a life behind bars. At Primates Incorporated, we're doing everything we can to make that belief a reality.