

## THE MONKEY AND THE LEOPARD

By Mary Pannese

It was a pleasant sunny day, at the Staten Island Zoo. Mary the Monkey, a volunteer photographer and reporter for the Daily Zoo Newspaper, was walking around the Zoo grounds, looking for any animals to interview. She had her camera around her neck, and a pad and a pen in her pocket.

Mary the Monkey saw a family of Leopards walking.

“Good morning, Monkey, how are you today?” said the Leopard.

“I am fine, thank you, Leopard. How are you today?” asked Mary the Monkey.

“I am fine too, thank you, Monkey. My name is Lele Leopard and this is my family: my wife Leona, our children Lei and Lana Leopard. What is your name Monkey?” said Lele the Leopard.

“My name is Mary,” Monkey said. “I am from The Daily Zoo News. And I am writing a story about the Staten Island Zoo. May I please ask you some questions and take your photos?”

“Yes, of course,” said Lele.

Mary the Monkey asked the Leopard family what they like about the Zoo. The Leopard family members each told Mary the Monkey what they like about the Zoo. Mary the Monkey wrote down what they said.

“Would you like to join us for lunch at the picnic area? Lele the Leopard asked Mary. “I am going to the Lifestyles Zoo cafe to put in our lunch order.”



Lele, his family, and Mary sat at a picnic table. They said a prayer and had lunch. The Leopard family had rare steaks and waters. The Monkey had a banana and water.

After they ate their food, they cleaned up after

themselves. Lele and Leona watched their cubs playing catch the ball with the Monkey. They had a nice day out. They said their goodbyes to each other.

The next week, Monkey went to the Staten Island Zoo with the Daily Zoo newspaper copies with the photos and stories of the Leopard family. In fact, the Leopard's family, the other Animals and the staff at the Lifestyles Zoo Cafe were very happy to see the article and the photos.

“Monkey, you did a great job,” said Lele.

“Thank you. Here are the copies we made for you,” said Mary.

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