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Brother Marmosets Consigned to Shelf

Two of the smallest monkeys in the world have been presented to the Philadelphia zoo by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Shannon. Although fully grown the monkeys can sit in the palm of one's hand without crowding. They are marmosets, brought by the Shannons' son, Ralph, a merchant seaman, from Brazil.

The marmosets, both males, lived with the Shannons for several months. Never confined to a cage, they slept in a warm box at night and during the day ran about as they pleased.

Welcome Visits

They are vegetarians as well as insectarians. Some of the neighbors welcomed visits from the tiny animals but others resented intrusions in carefully-tended victory gardens.

The monkeys were placed on exhibition in the small mammal house after completing their quarantine.

All newly-arrived apes and monkeys are segregated at the zoo to be sure they are in perfect health and free from tuberculosis.

In this way the zoo has established a record for disease-free monkeys in the last 10 years and has had more births than deaths each year among the simians.

New Domicile at Zoo Greets Barnegat Pete

Barnegat Pete has come to live at the Philadelphia zoo. Since babyhood this eight-year-old white-tailed buck has been a house pet, sleeping on a bed, eating the same menu as his owners, and taking walks on a leash.

In a forest fire near Barnegat, New Jersey, Pete's mother was killed and he was found by Raymond Beckett who took the baby home and raised it on a bottle. Neighbors soon became accustomed to seeing a deer walking on a leash, but visitors were amazed to find such an animal as a house pet. As a consequence, Barnegat Pete has been photographed and publicized almost as much as a movie star.

Too Much Care

While he was loved and petted by all the family, his particular mistress was Magdalene who, as a young girl at the same time he was small, fed, cared for, and exercised him.

Recently she joined the WAVES and with Mr. Beckett in the Seabees and the son of the family in the Navy, Mrs. Beckett found the care of a full-grown deer too much. So Barnegat Pete was taken to the zoo and placed in a large cage in the ostrich and kangaroo house. There he made friends with his new keeper and visitors.

Numerous New Varieties Inhabitants at Bronx

A pair of the smallest owls in the world, less than twice as long as the common hummingbirds, was put on exhibition at the Bronx zoo, the first of their kind ever exhibited there.

In nearby cages are several specimens of the smallest hummingbird in the United States, the diminutive calliope of the southwest, which is only two and three-quarters inches long and does not weigh as much as a one-cent piece.

By coincidence, most of the birds and animals the Bronx zoo has acquired recently have been either naturally tiny, or are babies. The sensation is a baby sea lion which began swimming lessons in its outdoor pool while its father and mother swam nervously alongside.

Close to Home

When they are absent it generally paddles in the shallow places and when it goes under water it stays close to the underwater concrete steps so it can get up on dry land quickly. It gurgles and blows very much like a human baby in a bathtub.

The world's smallest owls, which live in a hollow stump in the Jewel room of the zoo's bird house, are Whitney's elf owls of the desert areas of the southwest.

Only five and one-tenth inches long, they are owl-like in appearance, with large fierce eyes set in a fluffy mass of brown and gray feathers. In their native deserts they live mostly on grasshoppers and beetles and are adroit in catching them on the wing. They nest in giant cactus plants, usually taking over the deserted nesting holes of woodpeckers.

The zoo has on exhibition five species of hummingbirds. They include the comparatively gigantic broad-tailed hummingbird which is four inches long, and four smaller species—the Calliope, Costa's, Anna's and the black-chinned. Bodies of all are green-gold-blue iridescent, with throats and "whiskers" of purple, rose or red.

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Mice are members of the order rodentia, and possess some of the same characteristics as rats, squirrels, beavers, hares and porcupines, most notable being the two incisors which grow continually and the lack of canine teeth.

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