



ESPERANZA VERDE

nature conservation - Peru



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A new update from Esperanza Verde. A lot of time has passed and we have achieved many things in this beautiful setting in the Peruvian jungle.

The Latest News!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

For once we had a few months without any new animals, which gave us time to improve many things for the resident animals as well as for the volunteers. Many enrichment activities were created for the animals and several volunteers helped to get the general management better organized, e.g. improved protocols for the bodega, updated the volunteer manual and much much more. Esperanza Verde has been growing, especially in the last two years, so it has been good to have this down time to reflect and make improvements. We are now ready for what 2017 brings us!

We again have very good news as The Susy Utzinger Stiftung has provided further funding for our project. Lauren Young has now officially become part of the big family and has taken on the role as our communications manager based in the UK. And to keep us up to date with modern times we now have INSTAGRAM!

Read on to find out what else has been going on at Esperanza Verde!

What has been built?

Rimaq Cage - spider monkey enclosure

After a lot of material and work hours Douwe has, with the help of the local workers and some volunteers, finished the spider monkey enclosure, named Rimaq cage. It took a few days before they were comfortable with all the new changes but Rimaq and Lucio can now enjoy their new spacious living area! Thank you again to all the donators from the Dutch Society 'Stichting Esperanza Verde', and Floortje Dessing and her team!

Zambo Cage

Old LUCA-cage is still standing. The plan to tear it down (as we mentioned in the last newsletter) and build a new one got stalled since we were in need of a new cage for Zambo (the young male tayra).



Zambo on a walk, and Zambo's new enclosure



Spider monkeys and their new enclosure

Zambo has been with us for quite a while now and recuperated well after a long period of treatment in our clinic. With his recovery it was time for him to move to an outside cage to give him a bit more exposure to the jungle and to make it easier to take him out on walks. We still have high hopes for releasing Zambo in the future, but till then we enjoy taking him on long walks during the day.

The Zambo cage is constructed of tough material, and has two compartments, so it can be used in the future for animals we cannot have contact with, or that we need more distance from





Enrico, painting the kitchen

whilst working with them. Hopefully with this distance, Zambo will become a wild tayra just like our old tayra Pepe, who we successfully released using similar techniques some years ago. Since Zambo is the first one residing in this cage it will be named Zambo cage in his honour.

Smaller but important jobs

As life has been a bit quieter here recently, a lot of small jobs were completed here at Esperanza Verde. Lately a lot of steps have been repaired and also new ones set in place. There is some new beautiful artwork in the kitchen, painted by our friend from Italy, Enrico. The cabin for long-term volunteers also has a beautiful painting on the outside by Marie Gadaud from France.

Paths have also needed to be raked more regularly to avoid them getting too muddy and to be able to spot snakes, especially now with rain season is on its way!

Esperanza Verde is as always growing bigger and bigger, so enrichment for animals and maintenance has become a big part of the daily work. These small jobs are just as important, both in order for everything to run smoothly and to make everyone's stay here more enjoyable!

The Clinic, in future will be named the "SUST Animal Orphan Hospital"

Thanks to the Susy Utzinger Stiftung in Switzerland we now have funding for the monthly running costs for the clinic, for which we are so grateful. Thank you Susy Utzinger for being there, again, for us! We are so happy with the clinic, of which the construction was also financed by the Susy Utzinger Stiftung.

We have already achieved many successes here. It has not only helped the new arrivals, but also our resident animals can now receive more adequate and better treatment.



Olivia working in the SUST Animal Orphan Hospital

New Animals

In this newsletter we will introduce you to the 19 new animals we received in the last 6 months.

As we place all news about individual animals on the monthly updates on our website, we will only give details here about some animals. If you want to find out about a specific animal check: www.esperanzaverdeperu.com/blog

From private persons we received the following (4 in total):

- 1 baby male collared peccary, Timo.
- 1 blue headed parrot, Dario, he needed treatment for a cough in the SUST Animal Orphan Hospital, and once better, joined to the non-flying group of parakeets.
- 1 Mealy Amazon, Rhaegar, handed over by the owner of a hardware store the town of Curimana. After quarantine and adaptation period, he was introduced to the other parrots in the aviary.
- 1 yellow footed tortoise, recently caught at a plantation. We kept it a few days for surveillance before his release in Selva Dormida.



Rescued Anteater, who was released shortly after





Timo, the baby male collared peccary, was given to us by a local from a nearby village. He was only about one week old when he came to us. He is now almost 2 months and stays in the enclosure at the house of Olivia and Douwe, together with Ringo, the young male deer. In the beginning he was fed milk from a bottle every three hours (not a lot of sleep those first weeks for the family!) but is now down to getting milk three times a day and stays outside with the red brocket deer, Ringo. He eats well and is growing fast. One of the volunteers visits every day to walk him over to Xena enclosure where our other peccaries, Quinthisha & Kohana (both females), live. We hope that by doing this they will form a bond and in the near future hopefully he can join them in their enclosure.



Timo, baby male collared peccary

Found were the following animals (5 in total):

- 3 baby south American coatis, Vasari, Nola and Chuni.
- 1 yellow footed tortoise, later released.
- 1 swallow-wing, Rosalinda.

Vasari, Nola and Chuni, one male and two female baby south American coatis, all three are the offspring of one of our older coatis, Sultana, born at Esperanza Verde in August. **Sultana**, the mother was unfortunately found dead one day, most likely killed by a bypassing dog when she tried to defend her babies.

Since all three of the baby coatis still needed milk and were too young to be without their mother, Douwe managed to catch them and bring them up to the SUST Animal Orphan Hospital where they spent the first few weeks.

It took some time to get them used to the diet we prescribed, but eventually they all started eating solid food and gained enough weight to be put in an outside cage! Once in La Sapa cage, they got a chance to get familiar with the other coatis and after a week, **Saya**, the other released adult female was brought in to join them. They already knew each other from when they were with their mother and so we hoped Saya would adopt them and mother them further after their release. It's always a risk to introduce animals to one another but this time it went just as we hoped and now Vasari, Nola and Chuni are part of our outside group of coatis and are seen running around in the trees and growing bigger every day!

Rosalinda, swallow-wing, was kept up in the SUST Animal Orphan Hospital when she first arrived as she was very young and needed to be handfed regularly. Volunteers caught crickets up at the plantation and fed them to her, together with a specialised mix of other solid foods like egg and other proteins. Now grown up, she doesn't need the same sort of attention. However we still catch crickets daily for her, to keep the variety in her diet and to ensure she continues to grow. Rosalinda now lives together with the non-releasable parakeets (among them Picor with the broken beak) in Casa cage.

From the Ministry of Fauna and Flora we received the following animals:



Panchita, brown capuchin, receiving a medical check

Region Ucayali (7 in total):

- 1 adult female brown capuchin monkey, Panchita.
- 1 tamandua (anteater), who after a check-up and a snack on a termite nest foraged by volunteers, it was deemed healthy and released the same night.
- 5 baby cobalt-winged parakeets, The Daltons. After being hand-fed at the clinic and learning to fly, they are now together with the group of non-flying parakeets to learn to be independent and wild.

Panchita, brown capuchin, was estimated at about six years old (about the same as our other female Mica) and had been kept as a pet her entire life. Her owner handed her over to the ministry after she had bitten their daughter, a common occurrence when keeping monkeys as pets.





After her quarantine period she was brought to an outside cage to get acquainted with the outside monkey group. As she was weary of us, we had good hopes she might become a real monkey after all these years of being part of a human-family. She was seen being visited by Jordi, our adult male capuchin, who hung on to the mesh of her cage, and we hoped that this was a good sign for when we later introduced her to the outside group. After several weeks she was released. Unfortunately she did not show interest in the others, and only the younger capuchins, like Khali (a young male) came close. Having an adult individual, who spent their entire life as a pet and therefore having nearly no natural instincts, join an already functioning group can be really hard on both the group, the individual and also the volunteers and other people involved, and unfortunately this time it did not work out. Despite our best efforts to keep a close eye on her, after a few days she roamed too far and has not been seen again. She has spent her entire life with a family and learned nothing about the jungle. The risk of her being caught, either by humans or a dangerous animal is very possible, but we continue to hope for the best. Her being a capuchin, the smartest monkeys in Southern-America, gives her a chance out there in the jungle.

Region San Martin (3 in total):

- 1 baby female two toed sloth, Lulu.
- 2 baby woolly monkeys, female Samara and male Pashko.

Lulu, the baby two toed sloth, has stolen the hearts of everyone. The first few days were tough as we had to establish a feeding routine but after the initial struggles she has taken to life at EV well. Our volunteers bottle feed her milk and take her on walks to find her favourite leaves twice a day. So far Lulu is enjoying all the attention except for some grumpy moments when she does not want to be disturbed and tries to fight off our volunteers. We are just thankful those claws move slowly!

We are trying to incorporate more and more solids into her food, but except for the leaves all the vegetables get steamed. We hope that she one day will have the same success as Elmo, our other two toed sloth that was successfully released back into the wild.

The baby woolly monkeys, female Samara and male Pashko, both arrived in poor condition. Samara with bad skin problems and underweight, and Pashko had lost fur where a rope had been attached around his hip. Both were initially kept in the SUST Animal Orphan Hospital for treatment.

They were both given baths to clean up their skin and fur. At first Samara's tail became bald after losing all the bad fur but she now has a nice, furry tail since it has all grown back! She also gained a lot of weight and so did Pashko. After the initial quarantine period, we moved them to an outside cage where they instantly were visited by all the outside monkeys. After several weeks we opened the doors and let them out. The two woolly babies have adapted well to our other baby monkey group and once again Willow has taken on the roll as father to little Pashko.

How are all the 'old' animals?

Rincay, (male tapir) and Pepito (yellow footed tortoise), both do well. Pepito had an identification chip inserted and had some minor treatment for his skin, but after that he was put back into Rincay's cage. Rincay had one accident with **Pauki, an oropendola**, who was probably trying to catch flies but happened to poke him in the eye with his beak. His eye was found swollen and red but after some treatment with eye drops, Rincay's eye is now back to normal.



Pashko having a bath



Douwe and Lauren, washing Pashko



Rescued baby coati exploring



Rescued baby coati



Kila in her enclosure



Visit from the local school





Rimaq in transport to the new enclosure

Rimaq & Lucio, both male black-faced black spider monkeys, are now residing in their new cage named Rimaq! Lucio was walked over to the new cage on a leash by Douwe. Rimaq was instead transported in a special cage (built specifically for the task) and with the help of Geiler & Douwe, he joined Lucio. They now have a lot of new toys to play with and a lot more space to be able to move around freely. It's not freedom but it's a vast improvement from their old cage, which was not designed for them!

Yanay, the female black-faced black spider monkey, was freely living at Esperanza Verde. However she has now joined the two males in their cage as we believe she is in heat. She is still a bit weary of the males but she knows them from before, so we hope they can find love together!

Elmo (male two-toed sloth), is barely seen anymore and seems to enjoy his life in the trees. The few times we have seen him he seems to be doing well! Good luck Elmo!

Kiko, male kinkajou, got introduced to Kila, female kinkajou, and it all went well. Often they are seen sleeping together in their sleeping box. After some time together in the Tiliku cage (the release cage near the managers house) a hatch was opened and they were both let out. Heartbreakingly, once again Kiko got attacked by a wild male Kinkajou. Olivia even had to rescue him from the little river by their house! Even though it was not as bad as last time he was attacked earlier this year, he still needed some treatment, so they were both put back together in their cage. This again demonstrates how hard it is to release animals that have been taken out of the wild and raised as pets!

However here at EV we never give up! After a short recovery period they were let out again, and so far it has been going well. One night the wild male was spotted in the cage with them, so either they have finally found friendship or Kiko has just smartened up and submitted. Either way, we hope they all find a way to live peacefully now outside. If this attempt had failed the only other option would have been for them to live in an enclosure their entire life, but touch wood, that won't be the case! Rehabilitation and release is a long process in which we all can learn a lot, and animals often tend to surprise us in every outcome.



Churi, aracari



Parakeet flyers being released

The parakeets (white-winged, cobalt-winged and white-eyed parakeets, including also one tui-parakeet) all got divided into flyers and non-flyers twice in the last 6 months! At the moment from the original 800 parakeets confiscated by the ministry about two years ago, we now have 66 left in Araña cage. The flyers are being released now from the IGOR-cage by opening a hatch during day in order for them to fly out.

Churi, many-banded aracari, has been moved around a bit in last few months as we wanted to try to introduce him to different birds in order to free up a cage. We tried it with some parakeets but Churi just went for them, then when we tried with the two new festive amazons Dali and Kipa, they went after Churi. Then tried him in the big aviary, but he got so spooked by all the Amazons and big macaws, we removed him after just a few hours. So finally we gave in to the idea that he will have to be on his own again. But everyone loves him, so he is never short of attention and he is kept entertained by new enrichment created by our volunteers.

Takiri, male paca, now lives in the MOMO-cage (the enclosure surrounding the cabin). Volunteers spread his food around the cage once it is dark and Takiri comes out of the burrow he made himself. He might at some point release himself as he has recently started to dig holes under the fence. This however was anticipated and as he has a very good chance of survival on the outside, we hope one day he will venture out.





Tupak and Pauki (toucan and oropendola) have both left us. Tupak was the first, as at first she would go away for some days and then return. Slowly her periods of absence became longer, and at some points we only could hear her in the distance. We think she finally joined the wild group.

Pauki, had a similar story. To begin with he showed up every day at the volunteer kitchen and ate from the monkey table. On occasion we saw him with some wild oropendolas, and then not long later he was no longer seen. Of course we can't say for sure what he is up to, but we definitely hope he is doing well!

Shakalaka, speckled chakalaka, hasn't been seen for a long time. After letting her roam around more freely and not keeping such a close eye on her, she would often be heard communicating with other chakalakas in the late afternoons and early mornings. Hopefully she joined them up there in the trees!



Released capuchins, Chaira & Axira

Since the last newsletter we've had a few additions to our outside monkey group, but you'll find you recognize most of them:

- 6 brown capuchin monkeys: Mica, Nikita, Jordi, Nera, Cinty and Khali.
- 2 white-fronted capuchin monkeys: Chaira and Xira.
- 7 woolly monkeys: Nakoya, Kamari, Willow, Chiquita, Lupa and new; Samara and Pashko.
 - 4+ squirrel monkeys: Camila and Silvana (both pregnant!), Louie and Leo plus the wild ones that have joined the group.
 - 1 night monkey, Sira.
 - 8 + wild group of saddleback tamarins (with baby!).



Wild tamarin with baby

Camila (female adult squirrel monkey), is staying more and more in the trees except for a few occasions where she has jumped on volunteers. Other than that she is often spotted with a big belly! She was spotted in August mating with another wild squirrel monkey so we expect her to be due in January. But she is not the only one, Silvana, another squirrel monkey, has also been spotted with a big belly. We're all looking forward to the new generation! As Camila and Silvana were both released from EV, it is so rewarding for us to see them now contributing to the wild population!

The saddleback tamarins, are a group of about eight individuals and are seen jumping on to the monkey tables almost daily. Although it is hard for us to recognize him, we do think Shambito, our released male saddleback tamarin, is still with them. One of the females recently gave birth, this time to just one baby, instead of the usual twins. Another nice sight here at Esperanza Verde!

The group of capuchins, Mica, Jordi, Nikita, Nera (brown capuchins), Chaira, Axira (white-fronted capuchins) are going on with their life as usual. Axira, previously Xira, got her name changed since the last update as volunteers found it hard to remember with such similar names like Xira and Sira.

Mica (female capuchin) thanks to her hormonal implant, now stays away from everyone and is seen spending more and more time with Jordi (male capuchin). We hope she will stay close to Jordi and who knows she might too show up with a nice big belly next year!

Our three elder woolly monkeys, Kamari, Willow and Nakoya are doing well. Kamari and Willow are showing off regularly and are becoming real machos! Kamari seems to be smitten with Yanay, and while she now is in the enclosure with Lucio and Rimaq,



Willow with Pashko on his back





Iain and Lulu, the sloth

he spends a lot of time hanging around near the enclosure just to be with her. Willow has once again taken on the role as a father, he relinquished little Lupa and is now seen regularly carrying the new baby Pashko.

Baby monkeys, Khali (male brown capuchin), Cinty (female brown capuchin), Samara, Chiquita, Lupa (female woolly monkeys) and Pashko (male woolly monkey), are now all eating from the two monkey tables. Quite a big step for them all! Besides from Cinty who at one point was found with a big wound on her arm (which was treated and healed quickly), they have all been doing fine. Khali even sleeps outside now the entire night through. It took a few trying nights for the volunteers, where he hung on the mesh window of the kitchen for hours, before he finally joined the others in the trees. Samara and Pashko have done well becoming a part of the group. As the babies also are being fed milk less every day (everyone except Pashko), and are no longer get fed from a plate, it now gives us the opportunity to have less contact with them. Hopefully our older monkeys can encourage them to spend more time in the trees too! Lupa, Chiquita and Cinty are already masters at this but Khali is often down on the ground and seen playing with the boots of volunteers and following them along wherever they walk. He is one of the youngest so has plenty of time to learn!

Sira, female night monkey, is now more independent; she does not need milk anymore, and sleeps in a specially made box. This box enables her, and only her, to go into the cage and eat/sleep whenever she wants, but is then still able to be outside all night. It is working well for her and she is sometimes seen peeking out from the monkey t-shirt covering her box when someone walks by.

Recently she was found vomiting and was taken to the SUST Animal Orphan Hospital for a check-up. She was dewormed and she seemed already a bit better the next day. But we have to keep a close eye on her as we could not determine exactly what caused this.



Sira, female night monkey

Animals we have had to say goodbye to

Unfortunately not all stories have a happy ending. Among others we had to say goodbye to the following:



Dali, festive amazon

Sultana, South American coati, who was likely killed by a passing dog whilst defending her three babies. She was found dead by the riverbank a few days later. On the bright side her babies are doing well thanks to the quick thinking of Douwe and the care of our volunteers.

Dali, a festive amazon, was unfortunately killed by a falling branch. He was one of the tamest birds in Pichu cage, and the volunteers really miss his friendly chirps whilst they are cleaning the cage and feeding all the birds. Perhaps most sadly, he left his dear friend Kipa without her partner.

6 Parakeets, unfortunately having the amount of parakeets we have makes it hard to keep an eye on every individual. We've had six parakeets pass away, four out of these parakeets were found dead after we'd released them. Most likely these were the more tame ones of the group and perhaps came too close to the monkeys or simply don't know how to handle life outside of the cage. Another reminder of the lasting impact the pet trade has on our ability to rehabilitate these animals.





Family Life

After having had a very busy year, we enjoyed our stay in Holland in August very much. We could all relax, see our family and friends, and thanks to Lauren and Iain who ran Esperanza Verde while we were absent, we did not have to worry about back home. They were supported by veterinarian Isabelle from Holland, who also did a great job, and as ever a great group of volunteers.

Lodewijk (Olivia's brother) and his wife Anne, organized a great party in Holland with help of many friends. We were reunited with many old friends and family and met many new friends. It was an unforgettable evening. Thank you for making that happen, we loved every bit of it.

Marlon started reading and writing, and is enjoying it. He has little patience and easily distracted, but as long as he enjoys it we try not to push him to hard. We suppose that, as soon as it hits him he can really read, he will start on the huge collection of books his sister has collected over the years!

Kayla had a rough start at the beginning of the school year, but as always she is a tough cookie, she made it all work and is doing fine again. Next year she will start secondary school, together with her best friends here in Bello Horizonte. For some time we have considered letting her go to Pucallpa to go to a better school, but as she is still so young, we decided to wait at least another year. We will make it work somehow. We are not sure how the school here will be in the upcoming year, but we suppose it will not be that different to before. We prepared her for a tough year as she will have to do some school work as well at home, so



Timo, baby peccary, and Tara, puppy

she will be at least able to enter a school in Pucallpa in the future. Thanks to several persons from Holland (some who have also been helping out as volunteers) we have been provided with a lot of school materials and great advice to work with.

The family has recently got a new member. Having left Yara behind as the volunteer dog, for a while we wanted a young dog, to raise here as our guard dog. Until now we never succeeded in finding the right one, but then on a trip to Lima, we did! Her name is Tara (a goddess in Hinduism and meaning 'star'). She is said to be a mix of German shepherd and golden retriever, but we will see. She is now around 10 weeks old and of course very cute!

We enjoyed having a bit of a quiet year; fewer animal arrivals meant we could get things better organized. Olivia was able to let go of some of her workload thanks to the continued support of Lauren and Philipp. And Alex, who started out as volunteer, came back long-term, and is now assisting Olivia in everything. She is doing a great job helping to manage Esperanza Verde!

Douwe, as always, keeps his hands busy; he has three workers under his wing, oversees all the construction projects, land management and plantations. Often volunteers can join in with this side of the work we do and work closely with Douwe and the team. For many, the construction side provides countless new experiences and the opportunity to learn new skills. And although perhaps not such an obvious part of the work here at Esperanza Verde, it is vital to keep the project running!

Volunteers and Work

Once again thanks to the Dutch TV program Floortje, Esperanza Verde has received a lot of attention in The Netherlands and with that we have had a lot of great volunteers who decided to come help us out!

The variety of volunteers has been great and every new one comes with their own skills, traditions and culture and (perhaps the most important) new recipes!



Visiting Apenheul in Holland





Volunteer trip to the Regalia waterfall

We were visited by Karl Nuss, a veterinarian from Germany, who has helped us with advice from afar during the last few years, e.g. with the treatment of Rincay's (the male tapir) hoofs. We were very happy to have him here for a visit and he helped us out in many ways. Rabito, our resident male red brocket deer, has been head butting volunteers, and as he is non-releasable, we decide to castrate him to see if we can temper his behaviour. Karl performed a amazing job in this. Thank you, Karl, for all your help and advice.

Not only did Esperanza Verde grow in the number of animals we have received over the years, it also grew in terms of the people and the organization itself. Lauren, who was already managing the Facebook page from the UK, is now our official communications manager. In this role she continues to promote our work via social media but perhaps most importantly is responsible for coordinating the volunteers prior to their arrival here.

In the last years we have had several long-term volunteers who could take a lot of workload off us in terms of general management. Alex from Sweden has already undertaken this role for 5 months from off August 2016, and will stay with us for a long time still into 2017. She is really a great asset for Esperanza Verde, good with people and animals, and it is great to work with her.

In these last months, we have had different groups, and all special in their way. Overall we can say everyone was passionate about the work we do here and were committed to helping animals, even though not many new arrived! But people chipped in everywhere they could, not only improving ways of life for the animals, but also improving things for the people. It is not always easy to work and live 24/7 with about 10 others in one house, sharing bedrooms, bathrooms, and the kitchen etc. It takes a huge effort on everyone's part, and we are grateful that we continue to be surrounded by such great people who are willing to make this sacrifice and take on the challenge of life in the jungle! With your help we can continue to care for these animals in need.



Annette feeding Timo, baby peccary

Selva Dormida, The Sleeping Forest



Pre-camping in the the forest

As we have had a long dry season, reforestation has been put on hold somewhat. Now with the rainy season finally on its way we have recently obtained many seedlings of Mahogany and other wood trees, as well as some fruit trees. Douwe started with planting fruit trees in the first year (2010), of which some are now starting to bear the first fruits. For some wood species, like Mahogany and cedar it can take years before they bare seeds, but some of the ones we've planted are already growing beautifully.

Since we dismantled the old tree nursery due to it having been (almost fully) torn apart by monkeys, there is now the need for a new storage building and so we are now looking in to building a new one. For the moment we now obtain either seedlings from local trees or buy seedlings from an organization in Pucallpa. We keep them on a distance from the rescue centre itself so that no animal can disturb them and we replant them as soon as possible.

Esperanza Verde now owns 180 hectares and by replanting seedlings in the areas previously lost to farming we are continuously working towards our goal of preserving Selva Dormida. By investing in land we can protect parts of this rainforest and provide a safe environment for those animals we are lucky enough to release back into the wild.





Future plans and how you can help

Deer enclosure

Our two red brocket deers, Rabito and Ringo, are growing up fast. Right now they are separated, with Ringo living over at the family's house within the enclosure surrounding, and Rabito in the garden of the SUST Animal Orphan Hospital. To bring them together we will need an enclosure big enough and we hope we will be able to start this in 2017.

Guest House

Since the project is growing we've noticed the need for accommodation for guests who are visiting. We get visited by veterinarians, researchers, people from the Ministry of Flora and Fauna, but also receive more personal visits for the family. We will begin to look for a way to fund a small house (like the long-term volunteer cabin) so visitors will have a private place to stay whilst here and not put an extra strain on the volunteers living accommodations. To lower the transport costs, we are planning to combine an order for material for the other project, the storage building. As we still have some wood left over from the construction of the manager house, we hope we will be able to finalize the construction of this house as well in 2017.



Enrico's painting in the kitchen

And more.

Of course we also have plans for an even bigger project, such as a quarantine enclosure, but this will take more planning and time. We hope we can start the preparations in 2017.

If you want to learn something about constructing houses and cages, building a clinic, taking care of different species of animals, living in the jungle, seeing some wildlife, etc., come and help out or spread the word. If you like animals, enjoy a simpler lifestyle, and you're not afraid of getting a bit dirty sometimes, come and help out! You don't need any special skills, just your willpower and enthusiasm is enough.

You can also help us in other ways:



Karl Nuss operating on Rabito

Donating, not only for special projects, but also for general caretaking. We always need funding for feeding and maintenance.

Linking our web page to yours and mentioning us in blogs. Or inviting people to like our facebook page www.facebook.com/esperanzaverdeperu or our instagram page <http://instagram.com/esperanzaverdeperu>

Spreading the word around to people who might be interested in volunteering, or handing out the flyers to people interested in coming to help out, e.g. at universities, schools, or among friends. They are available on the website of the German association: <http://www.esperanzaverdeperu.de/>

all other volunteers.

Become member of the German or Swiss association, and join the reunions to meet

Organizing a fundraising event at your school, work, with friends, or any other activity to raise money (e.g. for a specific project). You can always write to us if you need more information or photos to help you with this.

As always we are looking for someone or perhaps a group of friends who would be willing to help finance the yearly salary (or part of it) for Machico for 2017. As always he is a great asset to Esperanza Verde and knows this area and its fauna and flora very well. He often takes volunteers on forest walks so they can gain knowledge as well!





Thank you!

Esperanza Verde would not be possible without all the help we have been receiving, physically, morally and financially.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have stayed with us and helped us in everything:

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