

**PRESERVE THE CHIMPS**  
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We caught the tail end of another television program (Dhaktari?) recently just in time to see a beautiful, distressed damsel giving cardiac massage to a moribund lion. In the jungle setting there, assisting her and manning a handy anesthesia machine that was hooked to an endotracheal tube, were two chimpanzees. One jittered excitedly on the sidelines; the other was busy pumping the respirator bag.

The lion (Clarence?) was not responding, and the desperate, young lady, communicating by two-way radio to a medically oriented group elsewhere, was told to prepare an adrenalin syringe for direct injection into the heart. As she had to leave her patient to do this, she turned over the closed chest resuscitation to the bag pumping chimp while the jittering onlooker took on the bag and oxygen supply. After a few more anxious minutes, Clarence responded and began to breathe on his own. A happy ending followed.

Now that modern medicine has penetrated the African jungles, it should be a simple matter to go on to greater advances like setting up an organ bank. There should be enough native kidneys available from some of those cook ins so that some reverse transplants to chimpanzees with renal disease can be performed. Such valuable medical helpers deserve preservation.

Although it may aggravate the drain of brainpower from Africa, it is rumored that Anesthesia Associates has already contracted the two chimps with an offer to join the local group.