



SMALL CASE STUDY

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Gorillas Go Green

At the Granby Zoo, Montreal, Canada, an environmental expert was recently called in to examine a variety of cleaning and maintenance issues.

One particular problem they wanted examined involved the zoo's gorillas. The animals appeared to be very sensitive to chemicals—including cleaning chemicals.

Wondering why this was happening, zoo personnel watched the gorillas very closely. They discovered what they thought was causing the problem—the gorillas would touch surfaces cleaned with traditional cleaning products, as well as other chemicals, and then lick their paws.

Realizing they could not stop the gorillas from licking their paws, the environmental specialist suggested that the zoo try using Green cleaning products to clean all areas used by the gorillas.

“The cleaning chemicals the zoo had been using were specially designed for cleaning animal facilities,” says Yves LaFrance, corporate accounts manager with LaRose, the zoo’s provider of cleaning chemicals and products.

“However, they were traditional chemicals, not environmentally preferable.”

At LaFrance’s urging, the zoo decided to try Enviro-Solutions’ ES64—a certified-Green general-purpose disinfectant—to see if the gorillas’ sensitivities declined and help protect the health of the animals. “Sure enough, within a relatively short time, the problems disappeared,” LaFrance says.

Because of the success, the entire zoo has now transferred to certified-Green cleaning chemicals manufactured by Enviro-Solutions. The products are used in all of the animal

cages, work areas, and medical facilities. They are also used in the zoo's offices and public areas.

“I guess this just proves it,” says LaFrance. “Environmentally preferable cleaning products are safer and healthier—for people and animals too.”

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