

#### **64. Monkey Bill (2:01)**

We had 12 or so people on the station and the monkey was a pet. A nice old pet but he got the dirty paws. We had these beautiful white buildings and he would go up on the buildings and make his tracks. Then somebody'd have to go clean it off. Our guys liked to keep the buildings really white.

If you don't want to clean the buildings, we just could get rid of the monkey. And they would say oh no no no. But anyway, the monkey was a cute little guy. He used to have a special place to sit. I forget where it was but he had his lunch too. When he was having it, somebody would give him whatever - a banana or whatever

It seemed like that was the cook's job to feed the monkey. He was in the barracks and he was in the - everything was open. He probably could go anywhere he wanted almost except I don't think I ever saw him in my CO's office.

Coast Guard units have pets. They have dogs and occasionally a cat but mostly dogs on ships and stuff. They all have a pet but then of course like at Mobile we had 'Alfred the Alligator' that wasn't really a passion.

It was nice to have the monkey probably because they did enjoy him - there's no question. I think he used to sit - when they had the movie - used to sit and watch the movie and then every once in a while he'd just get up and leave.

#### **Related Primary Leadership Principles**

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Connectivity

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