

THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

Survival of the Most Cooperative



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Scientists, however, are learning that cooperation among animals is more often the rule. Researchers studied seven pairs of unrelated capuchin monkeys in the lab to see if they would cooperate. The monkey pairs were then placed in an enclosure, one on each side of a mesh screen. Two clear bowls of apple slices were placed on trays designed to be accessible to the monkeys when they pulled on a bar.

However, the acquired food would be given only to one of the monkeys. When the bar was set so that both monkeys had to pull on it to get the food, the monkey that received the food shared with his helper. When the bar was set so that one monkey could access the apple slices, he generally didn't share. Clearly, the monkey who came into control of the food with help, felt that it was his duty to reward his helper. Instead of talking about "survival of the fittest," one researcher spoke about the "deep evolutionary roots of cooperation." Unfortunately for evolutionary scientists, real science very often gives good evidence that contradicts the theory of evolution, but we seldom hear of this.

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