

Boys Will Be Boys

Research by and for adolescent males of all ages and sexes

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In-Depth Findings

“Colorectal Foreign Bodies,” D.L. Clarke, I. Buccimazza, F.A. Anderson and S.R. Thomson, *Colorectal Disease*, vol. 7, no 1, January 2005, pp. 98-103. The authors, who are at the Nelson R. Mandela School of Medicine, University of Kwazulu Natal, Durban, South Africa, update -- with photographs -- the work of 1995 Ig Nobel Medicine Prize winners D.B. Busch and J.R. Starling:



Objective: A pictorial review of colorectal foreign bodies and their extraction.

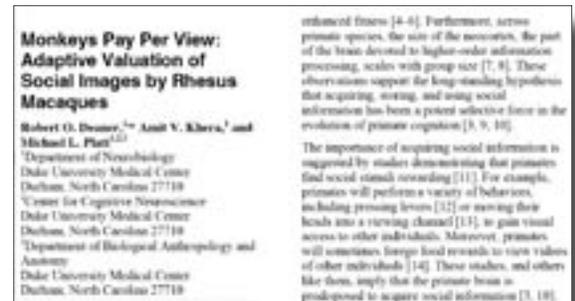
Methods: A prospective data-base and photographic record of patients who presented with retained colorectal foreign bodies at our institution has been maintained since 1995. ... The foreign bodies included a penknife, an aerosol

deodorant spray can, a blue plastic tumbler, a plastic bag containing two bank-notes and some marijuana, a plastic packet containing fish hooks, a penlight torch, a broomstick, a battery powered vibrator, a primus stove, a cap of an aerosol can, a piece of wire, a piece of hosepipe wrapped with wire and an iron bar. They entered the alimentary tract for a variety of reasons...

Monkeys Value Porn

“Monkeys Pay Per View: Adaptive Valuation of Social Images by Rhesus Macaques,” Robert O. Deaner, Amit V. Khera, and Michael L. Platt, *Current Biology*, vol. 15, no. 6, published online January 27, 2005. (Thanks to Bruce Williams for bringing this to our attention.) The authors, who are at Duke University, explain that:

Here, we show that monkeys differentially value the opportunity to acquire visual information about particular classes of social images. Male rhesus macaques [paid something of value] for the opportunity to view female perinea and the faces of high-status monkeys but required fluid overpayment to view the faces of low-status monkeys.



Cold Comfort Astern

“Frostbite of the Gluteal Region,” S.M. Azad, K. Allison, N. Khwaja and N. Moiemmen, *Burns*, vol. 29, no. 7, November 2003, pp. 739-44. (Thanks to New Scientist for bringing this to our attention.)



Tooth-Brushing Epilepsy with Ictal Orgasms

“Tooth-Brushing Epilepsy with Ictal Orgasms,” Y.C. Chuang, et al., *Seizure*, vol. 13, no. 3, April 2004, pp. 179-82. (Thanks to Dieter Menne for bringing this to our attention.) The authors, who are at the Chang Gung Memorial Hospital-Kaohsiung in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, state the case plainly:

We report a 41-year-old woman with complex reflex epilepsy in which seizures were induced exclusively by the act of tooth brushing. ... We suggest that tooth-brushing epilepsy, especially with sexual ictal manifestations, may provide insight into the cerebral pathophysiology at the right temporolimbic structure.