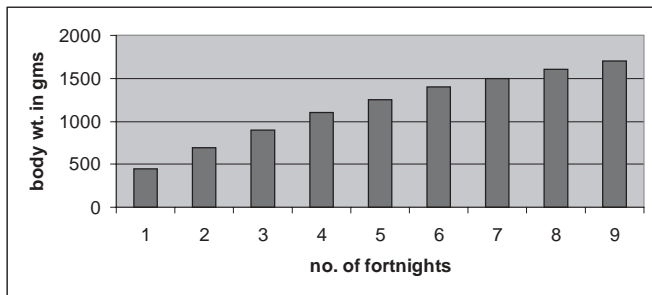


Table 2. Recorded weight gain over time								
At birth (5 days)	1 st FN *	2 nd FN	3d FN	4 th FN	5 th FN	6 th FN	7 th FN	8 th FN
450 gm	700gm	900gm	1100gm	1250gm	1400gm	1500gm	1600gm	1700gm

* Fortnight

Figure 1: Increase in body weight in relation to the number of days in the stump-tailed macaque.



- Provision of external aids such as clothes, toys etc. will be helpful for rearing the young one. It is also observed that young macaques raised in isolation are under stress and turn out to be violent adults having no sense of belonging in a family group. However, this human attachment may result in permanent loss of its ability to adapt itself in the wild. But

it was the only alternative available to save the life of the STM in this case.

- Personal foster care and emotional support is extremely important especially for primate babies, as they are extremely dependant on their mothers for food and also for their survival as well as their eventual development into healthy and happy animals.

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A rare incidence of Feral Dogs chasing a female Blue Bull in the sea beach of Saurashtra

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It was 10th April, 2005, 10.45am. We were moving along the sea coast of Saurashtra (Near Kuchudi village) and approaching the beach. We were surprised on seeing the head of a blue bull in the beach (only we could see the head portion). We started thinking what the animal may do in the sea. All our imagination came to an end when we got nearer and saw the blue bull (it was a female one) fighting with three feral dogs. The blue bull was inside the water at a distance of within 2m and the feral dogs were chasing it from its front and sides, attacking the head and thigh of the animal more vigorously. The blue bull was also fighting with hissing sounds. We then chased away the dogs and came from the site to a distance of 10m to facilitate the blue bull to escape. We could not move far away as the feral dogs came again by moving far. But the blue bull didn't move from the water. We repeated the same thing two times, but without any result. Then we left the thing to go as natural and moved away.

After some times we saw the feral dogs attacking the blue bull and the fight was going on. Then the blue bull entered the seawater more deep, to a distance of about 15m and started swimming inside the sea. Many times it dipped in the water more than 2-3 minutes and we thought that it must have gone. The feral dogs were following the blue bull on the beach paralleled. About half an hour the blue bull again came near the beach, but the dogs immediately started attacking inside the water. This time one dog hangs in air biting the snout of the blue bull and the blue bull throw it away. After 5-7 minutes fight the blue bull again entered the sea deep and started swimming inside the water as it did earlier. The dogs were following it as previous. This time we also moved far away from the site letting the natural phenomena to happen as in nature. The dogs must have chased the blue bull from near by area in to the sea and they must have well experienced with this type of predation. We were remembering the sighting, but missing a shot of this rare sighting as no roll was left in our camera at that moment.

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