

## = My Gym Partner 's a Monkey =

My Gym Partner 's a Monkey is an American animated television series that was created by Tim Cahill and Julie McNally Cahill and produced by Cartoon Network Studios . It premiered on Cartoon Network on December 26 , 2005 . The story revolves around Adam Lyon , a human who , after a clerical error listed his surname as " Lion , " is forced to transfer to Charles Darwin Middle School , a school for local anthropomorphic zoo animals , where he is partnered with Jake Spidermonkey in gym , and quickly becomes best friends with him .

The series aired 96 episodes , a special , and a feature film during its run . The series ended its 4 @-@ season run on November 27 , 2008 . On April 27 , 2012 , this series returned to Cartoon Network to show reruns on the revived block , Cartoon Planet . Two DVD volumes have been released in 2007 and 2008 . The first season was recently put on Netflix , along with other Cartoon Network shows , where it is in its original widescreen format , while the second season is cropped to full screen format .

My Gym Partner 's a Monkey was a ratings success for Cartoon Network , gaining millions of viewers . The series was met with generally positive reviews from critics . It was nominated for four Annie Awards and won an Emmy Award .

## = = Overview = =

A boy named Adam is transferred to a middle school established for anthropomorphic zoo animals due to a spelling error making his surname " Lion " . There , he is befriended by a mischievous , eccentric spider monkey named Jake , hence the title of the series , along with a sassy toucan named Lupe , a giraffe named Ingrid , who is infatuated with Adam , the intelligent , wise gorilla Windsor , and Slips the easygoing python . In spite of his usual kindness and fondness for his friends , Adam despises being banished to Charles Darwin Middle School because of something beyond his control and longs for his previous human middle school .

Usually , the episodes are focused on Adam 's experiences at Charles Darwin Middle School due to his inability to fit in with his anthropomorphic schoolmates , the challenges that he must face ( such as the presumed stupidity of his peers , being schooled in subjects of use only to animals , the introductions of new students of odd , dangerous , or fictional species to the school or the misadventures that Adam stumbles into with them , or the common effects of adolescence as they are experienced by zoo animals ) .

## = = Characters = =

Adam Lyon ( voiced by Nika Futterman ) is a 12 @-@ year @-@ old human boy who was transferred from Chester Arthur Middle School to Charles Darwin Middle School ( CDMS ) by an accidental misspelling of his last name from " Lyon " to " Lion " . As the series title suggests , in gym class , Adam was paired up with Jake Spidermonkey and the two become best friends . Jake 's plans have them getting involved in situations which end up with him and Adam in trouble . Adam , being physically weak , is often preyed upon by the other animal students . His personality is downtrodden , due to being in an animal school and he also has a reputation of complaining about his daily experiences at the school . Adam can be arrogant and strong @-@ willed at times . Outside of school , he is often seen with a human girl named Kerry , with whom he has a secret crush . His efforts to impress her end up with Adam 's embarrassment . Towards the middle of the series , Adam seems to be on the borderline of sanity . Throughout the series , he is a big fan of his favorite superhero , Captain Clowny , despite the time he didn 't get a Captain Clowny action figure for his birthday after making a wish on a star that he would when he was little . He eagerly hopes to attend a clown @-@ based summer day @-@ camp and his college of choice is Clown College , as seen on his resume in the episode " My Feral Lyon " .

Jacob P. " Jake " Spidermonkey ( voiced by Tom Kenny ) , as his last name implies , is a spider monkey who quickly became Adam 's best friend . He is often very possessive of Adam and hates

not having him around regularly . Jake is emotional and goofy , who takes to heart some of Adam 's comments and actions , leading to some overly @-@ dramatic and exaggerated reactions . He can be lazy and selfish , but at the same time , he is also fairly sensible . A running gag in the series is his obsession with the well @-@ being of his butt , which he made grow so large that it blocked out the sun in one episode . Along with the majority of the other animal students , Jake lives close enough to the school that he can see it from where he lives . Jake is often depicted as unintelligent . Jake has an older brother who looks like a taller , more stretched @-@ out version of Jake .

Windsor Gorilla ( voiced by Rick Gomez ) is a highly intelligent Western lowland gorilla , who serves as the anti @-@ bully at the school and often gives confusing wisdom to people . He speaks in a soft @-@ spoken and nearly monotonous manner , often stringing together technical words as a matter of his normal speech . When he talks , only the side of his mouth closest to the camera moves and the rest of his mouth remains closed . He is usually seen with Slips and is generally shown to be the leader of the two . Windsor tends to relate with Adam 's troubles better than the rest of the school , having a good grasp of both human and animal worlds , although he occasionally gives in to his animal instincts as well . Windsor has an older brother in high school who plays for his school 's football team .

Slips Python ( voiced by Rick Gomez ) is an easy @-@ going , street @-@ talking green tree python . He is an underachiever and excessive daydreamer whose gullibility allows him to believe anything he hears , which makes him a constant source of misinformation . As a snake , he has no limbs , yet wears a T @-@ shirt ( why is never explained ) . Slips has an older sister in high school who , despite being a girl , looks like an older version of Slips with a deep voice . He is usually seen with his best friend Windsor .

Guadalupe " Lupe " Toucan ( voiced by Grey DeLisle ) is a female Keel @-@ billed toucan , who is loud @-@ mouthed , acerbic , dominating and materialistic , although she considers herself to be mild @-@ tempered and low maintenance . Her best friend is Ingrid , who she dominates more than anyone else . Lupe loves popular culture , such as celebrities and fashion , though not being fond of clumsy toucan celebrity Kiki BonBeaky ( despite this , she said later on that she was one of Kiki 's biggest fans ) . She does not like milk . She speaks with a somewhat exaggerated , but fake , Chicano dialect and is known to have some issues involving what she sees as her overly large beak . Lupe has an elder sister who is in high school . She has a boyfriend named Corey Vulture , who is seen in the episode " Lupe in Love " .

Ingrid Giraffe ( voiced by Grey DeLisle ) is a female Masai giraffe and the tallest student in CDMS . Her towering height only adds to her feelings of insecurity , as she tries desperately to blend into the background . She is often seen with her neck going up then heading down on the screen in an exaggerated hunch , since it is very long and is often seen from the neck down . Lupe , Ingrid 's best friend , often hushes her when she gives advice and basically runs the whole " friendship " . Ingrid has a crush on Adam Lyon , of which he is mostly unaware , or is actively frightened by her advances . She is also considered to be the weakest in the group .

Principal Poncherello Pegone Pixiefrog ( voiced by Maurice LaMarche ) , as his last name implies , is a Pixie Frog and the CDMS principal . As a strict , but fair , administrator , he runs a tight ship , which is somewhat remarkable , considering he could easily be squashed underfoot by most of his students and the rest of the faculty ; for instance , when he was forced to watch the cheerleading practice , he ended up being crushed under LaTanya Hippo 's foot with the weight of the entire team . Principal Pixiefrog always dodges lawsuits , is terrified of lawyers and is scared when anyone in the school could get sued ( he is shown to have Liticaphobia ) . He talks similarly to Windsor , only moving part of his mouth , but his voice is much louder . Adam always asks him if anything bothers him , this frog principal will always help him to see . It is also revealed that Principal Pixiefrog has a mother , who bothers him .

Mrs. Geraldine Sharon Warthog ( voiced by Grey DeLisle ) is Principal Pixiefrog 's assistant ; she does all of the filing and is a warthog . Ironically , she never works . Completely fed up with her job and her employer , she always has an air of complete exasperation about her . Her voice is identical to that of Nurse Gazelle .

Nurse Gazelle ( voiced by Grey DeLisle ) is a female gazelle who serves as the school nurse of

CDMS . She has blond hair and blue eyes . She also claims to have a brain the size of a soy nut , and that it 's really tiny and dry . An interesting note is that she can 't tell between a mirror 's reflection and the animal looking into the mirror or the difference between two slightly similar but not identical animals . Surprisingly , when Adam and Jake created nasty clones of themselves , she was able to differentiate them just before Principal Pixiefrog , who was with her , did . She is a nurse who specializes in injection . She 's also a cosmetologist .

Virgil " Bull " Sharkowski ( voiced by Phil LaMarr ) is a bull shark who enjoys beating up smaller kids and stealing their lunches . His intimidating presence , however , is offset by a high @-@ pitched , squeaky voice that sometimes lessens the impact of his verbal threats . Despite being a bully , he also has a soft humane side that he does not usually realize he is revealing . Due to Bull being a water creature , he wears water @-@ filled headphones over his gills to help him breathe ; when he talks , he will stop as his gills suck up the water with a loud noise . Bull has a big sister , Euripedes , who graduated CDMS prior to the beginning of the show and left a lasting impression in the school , a fact that has caused Bull to develop an inferiority complex at the mere mention of her name ( despite the fact she is not only half Bull 's size , but bullies via feminine taunts instead of physical abuse ) .

Henry Armadillo ( voiced by Tom Kenny ) is an armadillo who speaks in a thick southern drawl .

Coach Tiffany Gills ( voiced by Brian Doyle @-@ Murray ) is a female goldfish . Coach Gills is the school 's tiny , deep @-@ voiced PE and health teacher who instructs her students from inside her fishbowl . She often pesters Adam when he does not perform as well as his fellow students . In " Le Switcheroo " , she and Adam trade roles for a day . After experiencing some trouble , they later reconciled . She has mentioned several times in the series that she has no friends . She once had a crush on Mr. Cheetah , an athletic individual who plans to succeed her and Principal Pixiefrog in their careers . Ironically , though she is a fish , she apparently cannot swim .

Miss Chameleon ( voiced by Nika Futterman ) is a female chameleon who is the drama instructor and art teacher . As expected from a drama teacher , she is a drama queen , who speaks overly melodramatically and will often have stereotypical horror music playing when on @-@ scene . She can blend into her surroundings and turn invisible , although in reality , that is a popular misconception about chameleons . She holds class while perched on a twig located under a warming lamp .

Dickie Sugarjumper ( voiced by Tom Kenny ) is an Australian @-@ American sugar glider . He made a successful career as a writer for the school 's greatest class clowns . His catch phrase is " Hello ! How 's your trousers ? "

Endugu Elephant ( voiced by Phil LaMarr ) is a Jamaican @-@ American African elephant .

Kerry ( voiced by Cree Summer ) An African @-@ American girl attending Chester Arthur Middle School who Adam has a secret crush on .

= = Broadcast history = =

After a pilot airing on December 26 , 2005 , the series began its regular run with a two @-@ episode premiere on Cartoon Network 's " Fridays " block on February 24 , 2006 . The My Gym Partner 's a Monkey @-@ based television film The Big Field Trip aired on January 14 , 2007 , as part of season 3 . A special episode , " That Darn Platypus " , aired on Cartoon Network on May 18 , 2007 , as part of Cartoon Network Invaded , a mini @-@ series that aired 5 specials of different series from May 4 to May 28 , 2007 . The series ended its 4 season @-@ run on November 27 , 2008 , with the episode " A Thanksgiving Carol " . Reruns of the series are shown on the revived block Cartoon Planet since April 27 , 2012 . In Latin America currently airs on Tooncast since 2013 .

= = Reception = =

My Gym Partner 's a Monkey was a ratings success for Cartoon Network . On the series ' Cartoon Network " Fridays " block two @-@ episode premiere at 9 : 00 and 9 : 30 P.M. EST , the first episode was seen by 1 @.@ 2 million and the second by 1 @.@ 3 million children ages 2 ? 11 ,

according to preliminary data from Nielsen Media Research . The 9 : 30 P.M. telecast ranked as the # 1 telecast on all television , broadcast and cable , with both boys 6 ? 11 and boys 2 ? 11 in the time period . The series went on top the Fridays block ratings , gaining millions of viewers .

My Gym Partner 's a Monkey received generally positive reviews from critics . William Barker of Web Wombat gave the King of the Jungle DVD a positive review , awarding it with a score of 70 % , saying : " With an original ? dare I say unique ? ? premise , My Gym Partner 's a Monkey makes for a somewhat refreshing change from super heroes and mutants , and the cut @-@ out animation style is captivating , though far from novel . It 's not the most impressive cartoon show I 've ever seen , but it 's quite cute and fairly amusing ? even for the older primates among us . " Larisa Wiseman of Common Sense Media awarded the series three out of five stars , saying : " It 's difficult to tell what age group the show 's producers were aiming at ? the animation style and slapstick by themselves would seem to appeal mainly to grade @-@ schoolers , while the jokes and life lessons are definitely aimed at the tween set . The sly humor may even give some adults the occasional laugh @-@ out @-@ loud moment . Overall , My Gym Partner 's a Monkey is commendable for its effort to include a subtle message in each episode . Younger viewers will probably find Jake 's sometimes @-@ annoying goofiness amusing , and will definitely find the story lines entertaining . "

= = = Awards and nominations = = =

= = DVD releases = =

Two DVD volumes of the series have been released in Region 4 . The first , My Gym Partner 's a Monkey ? King of the Jungle ( featuring 6 episodes , a total of 150 minutes ) , was released on April 4 , 2007 , and the second , My Gym Partner 's a Monkey ? Monkey Business ( featuring 7 episodes , a total of 154 minutes ) , on January 23 , 2008 . Both are available for purchase on Amazon.com. There have been no further volumes released . All the seasons are available for purchase on the iTunes Store .

= = Rerun = =

The show reruns in India on channel Cartoon Network by the name " Samsher Sikandar Chuddie Buddie " .