



Welcome to the 4th MacaqueNet newsletter, keeping you up-to-date with the database, current projects, publications & events. Newsletters will be emailed every 3 months.

We want the newsletter to reach beyond data contributors, so please spread the word. New readers can subscribe via the [website homepage](#).

## Introducing MacaqueNet Paper is Under Review

- Our paper introducing MacaqueNet is currently under review at *Journal in Animal Ecology*. You can read the manuscript [here](#).

## Collaboration Opportunities

### Parental Care Project

- Have you published or do you know of papers on allo-parental care (or lack thereof) in macaques?
- Yitzchak Ben Mocha, Michael Griesser & colleagues are building Co-BreeD, a cross-species database on the presence/absence of allo-parental care, & are looking for references on macaques.
- You can read more about the database in the [preprint](#). Your contributions will help ensure that macaques are well represented in future studies using this database.

### Primate Face Project

- Do you have frontal face photos of macaques?
- Yuri Kawaguchi is calling for photos accompanied by age/sex for individuals of any age from any species (excluding rhesus & Japanese macaques).
- Their research investigates the "babyfacedness" of faces across primate species to understand the evolutionary function of infant faces. Find out more on the [Baby Face Project](#) website.

If you would like collaborate in either project, please [email](#) us & we will provide contact details.

## Our 1st data request is underway

- Matt Silk & Nick Fountain-Jones have requested MacaqueNet data for their [study](#) looking at how social structure predicts pathogen spread.
- Thank you to all of you who gave permission for your data to be used.

*If you did not receive a data request, your data does not meet the criteria: grooming &/or body-contact data from groups of 10+ adults.*



Image of an adult long-tailed macaque interacting with an infant.  
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## Debunking Myths Around Open Science

- SORTEE (Society for Open, Reliable, & Transparent Ecology & Evolutionary Biology) have put together a blog post addressing common questions about open, big team science.
- Understandably, researchers may be hesitant to share data, due to concerns including data stealing or not having time to prepare data etc.
- The [article](#) highlights the importance of data sharing for improving accessibility & research quality, along with the processes in place to mitigate concerns & ensure appropriate data use.



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