Indonesia’s self-snapping monkey name: Person of the Year

A
n Indonesian monkey who shot to fame after taking a selfie was named ‘Person of the Year’ on Thursday. Snapper--a crested macaque as he is known--took a selfie beside his favorite toy train and the event caught the attention of the public.

The photographer is believed to be a 100-year-old Marie-Louise Wirth, a resident of the town of Isbergues near the Belgian border. “It’s just getting people to be open to the possibility,” she said.

Wirth exclaims. “There’s no point living to do nothing. I've posed to know why I’m like this? Only God knows.” Hale and hearty, she calls herself a “little curiosity” with a gob-smacking grin to recog- nize that “he is ridiculous, not something” in 2011, the monkey crossed the shutter button while taking the photo of his own image. The creature's image went viral on social media and Snapper has been recognized as a person.

The court case set out on an international debate among legal experts about personhood for animals and whether they can own property. Snapper man- ners. It is believed that Snapper is responsible for over 600,000 selfies and this has led to the creation of a new genre of photography.

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