

Capuchin monkeys can tell when they are being ripped off!



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Five pairs of female capuchin monkeys were tested. Each pair of monkeys were placed in side by side cages, and trained to exchange a granite token for a slice of cucumber. It has been previously established that Capuchin monkeys engage in a lot of social sharing behavior.

When both monkeys were given a cucumber slice after handing over the token, they completed the trade 95% of the time. But when one was given the tastier grape for the same amount of work, the rate of cooperation from the other monkey fell to 60%, with the cheated primate sometimes throwing the token, refusing the cucumber or giving the cucumber to the other monkey. And when one didn't have to do anything to get a grape, the other made the trade for the cucumber only 20% of the time.

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Experimental unit _____

Response variable _____

Factor _____

Treatments _____

Randomization _____

Result _____