

Temple Grandin News Flash

Hi ho, Kermit the Frog here at Sesame Street News with my wife/best friend Katrina Manalo. Today, we're interviewing a very special girl who has autism, Temple Grandin. You know Temple Grandin, she doesn't talk a lot, but she can use a very special machine to squeeze animals. And as a matter fact, here comes Temple Grandin now.

"Excuse maAm, we're the co-reporters from Sesame Street News and do you mind if we ask you a few questions?" I asked Temple.

"How do you use a machine to squeeze animals?" Katrina asked. Temple showed us her latest invention: the animal squeezer. It has a massager, a lounge chair, and of course, the squeezer. Temple showed an example using a herd of cows. She put the cows on the lounge chair and gave them a squeeze with the massager. It didn't hurt the cows but it gave them a fine massage. Temple massaged the cows four legs, the back, the front, and the head. She also uses the squeezer for squeezing the udder, the udder is the underpart of the cow. She uses the udder to get milk from one of the cows and put it in a bucket.

"You see that friends, Temple is milking the cow using her squeezer." I reported.

"Amazing, hey can we try?" Katrina asked. She and I tried squeezing the udder with the squeezer. Soon every single drop of milk was in Temple's bucket. We took the milk to the milk factory where milk gets poured into cartons. The milk gets churned into this dairy machine, and then it makes other dairy products such as cheese, butter, ice cream, cream cheese, sour cream, whip cream, buttermilk, and yogurt. Then we loaded the products on a milk truck to deliver them to Sesame Street. When we return to Temple's place, Temple showed us some animals that she owns. Did you know Temple is an animal scientist, that's called a zoologist. She showed us the reptiles in terrariums like crocodiles, rattlesnakes, and lizards. She even showed us an Australian chameleon just like the one we have back at the apartment.

"Cool, hey maybe Camilla can be friends with your chameleon." thought Katrina. Temple showed us birds in birdcages like finches, sparrows, cardinals, larks, and parakeets. My favorite bird is the canary, it has yellowish-black plumage and it flies. Temple showed us some fish in her fish tank like angelfish, goldfish, striped fish, even shellfish. Katrina helped feed the fish with some fish food. Temple even showed us amphibians in terrariums like salamanders, newts, toads, and frogs.

"Hey, I'm a frog, can I live in your terrarium Temple?" I tried to get in the terrarium with the toads, newts, and salamanders. But no matter how hard I tried to squeeze myself in, I couldn't fit in there.

"That's because you're too big Kermit, besides, you've outgrown your terrarium before. Now you live with me in our apartment." Katrina helped pull me out.

"Wow Temple, your animals are very optimistic." I said. Temple signed thank you even though she has autism. Katrina and I tried signing with our hands saying you're welcome. Sometimes people are too shy when they communicate with others. But one way to show their autism is inventions like the squeezer. Working is much more important than talking. Sometimes it takes a little practice to learn how to communicate. Temple Grandin is a great inventor and a great zoologist.

"Thanks for showing us how you take care of your cows. And for showing how to milk them and deliver them all over Sesame Street. And thanks for showing us your animal tanks and your animals. I'm sure glad I don't live in a terrarium like all amphibians." I shook Temple's hand.

"Yeah, it's been a busy day for us, say, can you invent a machine to help us relax?" asked Katrina. Temple thought about it, then she got a great idea. She got some machinery, a massager, and a squeezer, and built a squeeze box. A squeeze box is a machine that squeezes you and helps you relax. Katrina and I tried it out, the massager gently massage our backs, our heads, and our whole bodies. The squeezer squeezed us very very tight.