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MXP is a fun DVD that will make you go ape this winter

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MXP is a fun winter time family DVD or video. I give it 5 bananas, a must have DVD for your library collection.

The best acting in this movie is from the snowboarding Chimpanzee named

“Jack” who truly snowboards black diamond runs and hits big air and rides across picnic tables. How does he do it, he’s our JACK!

He is one awesome chimp and this is the best snowboarding chimpanzee movie yet! (It may be the only one, but that is besides the point because “Jack” rips on the snow and down a stair case).

Here is the plot of the movie:

Jack is back, and this time it’s on the slopes after having many other exciting adventures in other movies.

This movie is from the creators of “Air Bud” and features a primate gone wild on the winter slopes of Colorado - with monkey business antics, hip lingo and gnarly snowboarding.

The story begins with Jack having been forced to give up skateboarding (MVP2, Most Vertical Primate) and hockey (MVP, Most Valuable Primate).

Jack’s “guardian-human mother” decides to surprise her chimp family with a vacation to south of the border, Mexico.

These chimps can actually leave the states because these chimpanzees all have their own



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American passports - how cool is that?

They even signed them, in monkey-handwriting.

However, while at the airport, Jack is accidentally mistaken for a sombrero-wearing child, and gets on a plane to Colorado, stranded with a group of school kids with his same height.

He is now on his own, all alone. It’s sad but true!

Arriving in Blackbrush, Colorado, where winter snow brings out the frost in “Jack” (get it? Jack Frost, baby). Jack is soon found and taken in by two snowboarding brothers, and a good thing, otherwise the hairy little guy would of been a popsicle in the morning.

He does get a taste of Mexico in Colorado as he hides in a fake palm tree in a Mex- Tex restaurant.

Jack learns to snowboard by borrowing some winter clothes and snowboarding equipment.

We have to say “borrowing” because this is a family film, but the little guy actual took them without permission from the back of a van.

He soon hits the slopes and makes simian shreddin’ history.

But that’s not all, there’s your two bumbling gangster wannabes, who recognize Jack from a skateboarding magazine and try to snatch him for extortion money.

Jack, being both clearly beyond the IQ of the kidnapers, and being even more of a match on snow, proves that a chimp on a snowboard rules.

This is a fun winter movie that the whole family can enjoy especially if you have little hairy ones or not so hairy snowboarders around.

Don’t expect much from the human actors in this movie because there is no acting from them.

They are just trying to survive.

The real talent comes from actual live snowboarding from the chimp that would make Warren Miller proud. But he isn’t because he didn’t make this movie.

Buy this DVD or video for the fun watch and also you will be doing a good thing for our fellow members of evolution because part of the purchase money goes to PACT (People and Chimps Together) a wonderful organization helping chimps in the USA (the ones without passports).

So pick up a few or a dozen of these movie DVDs and give them out as gifts or charge them to your rich relatives.

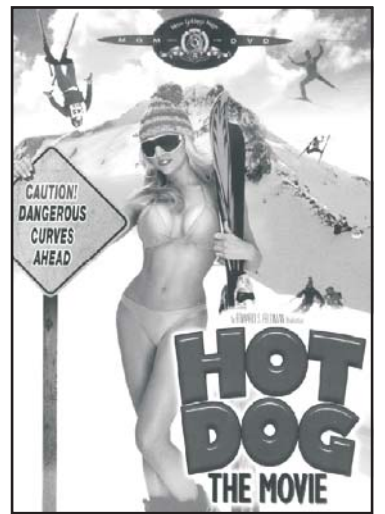
So see how chimps can ride and how people can’t act in this wonderful movie from Disney.

‘Hot Dog’ is also a fun ski flick (but not for kids)

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Where MXP is a great film for the whole family, another notable wintertime entry - for adults - is 1984’s “Hot Dog: The Movie.”

Despite some adult content



(nudity, language), “Hot Dog” is both funny and entertaining - with lots of good skiing action.

The plot centers around Harkin Banks (Patrick Houser), a naive farm boy from Idaho, who travels to Squaw Valley to compete in the Freestyle World Championships.

He joins US team leader Dan O’Callahan (David Naughton), Squirrel Murphy (Frank Koppala) and Kendo Yamamoto (James Saito) in a prank-filled war on skis against an arrogant Austrian champion named Rudi Garmisch (John Reger) and his band of followers.

After Garmisch wins the championship over the film’s hero Harkin, in an obvious pre-arranged outcome by the judges, the two sides square off in a “Chinese Downhill” to decide who is actually better.

The rules of a Chinese Downhill? There are none.

What ensues is an “anything goes” battle from the top of the mountain to see who is actually king of the hill.

It’s a fun romp that will leave you laughing.