



Steve Bloom

[WORLDWIDE]

FAMILY ALBUM

WHEN IT'S POURING WITH RAIN, it's only natural to take shelter, and where better to do it than in the loving embrace of your family?

Just like us, baby animals get the support and love they need from their families. That's the message of a new book for children by animal photographer Steve Bloom, who has travelled to every continent, including Antarctica, to capture pictures of animals interacting with their families.

Pictures of baby bears, apes, giraffes, hippos and big cats are the focus of Bloom's *My Favourite Animal Families*, which is aimed at kids between the ages of seven and 11 but will no doubt be just as enjoyable for adults. One shot shows a chimpanzee holding hands with its mother while another shows pandas rubbing their noses together with affection.

"I want to take kids reading this book into another world, but also to demonstrate that animals, like us, are sentient beings.

"A good example where this worked very well is the baby elephant. Humans don't like being lashed by the rain and the calf shows clearly here that elephants don't like it either. This little one was happy to shelter under its mother."

Sarah Warwick

My Favourite Animal Families by Steve Bloom is out now (Thames & Hudson). Signed copies can be ordered from www.stevebloomshop.com

[LONDON]

THE POSHEST FOOD VAN IN TOWN

BRINGING A NEW MEANING TO MEALS ON WHEELS, this month's London Restaurant Festival (4-18 October) will see the launch of Street Kitchen [www.streetkitchen.co.uk], a moveable gourmet experience.

Run by chefs Jur Tanaka and Mark Jankel (pictured), the pop-up kitchen will take to the streets in a New York-style Airstream van offering British smoked salmon or tiramisu with amaretto ice cream for as little as £4.50.

"Street Kitchen is designed to push the boundaries of the style and quality of British street food," says Tanaka. "We are ready to show the public just how good street food can be."

South London's secret supper club, Savoy Truffle [www.savoytrufflesupperclub.com], will also make an appearance at the festival, popping up at a secret venue. SW www.visitlondon.com/londonrestaurantfestival

