

5 YEAR SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2003-2008

■ **CHIMP HAVEN SELECTED TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE THE NATIONAL CHIMPANZEE SANCTUARY.** Through the Chimpanzee Health Improvement, Maintenance and Protection Act, Chimp Haven was chosen as the nonprofit entity to oversee the retirement of hundreds of research chimpanzees. This is the first time that a laboratory species was guaranteed lifetime care after serving in medical research. Private donations are matched by federal dollars to provide the best in housing and care. In 2007, Chimp Haven, key representatives and supporters were successful in amending the original CHIMP Act to ensure permanent retirement for all those deserving chimpanzees.

■ **RETIREMENT OF 152 CHIMPANZEES FROM BIOMEDICAL AND BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH SINCE APRIL, 2005!** These lucky chimpanzees have found a wonderful home at Chimp Haven, after decades in research laboratories. Most chimpanzees are elderly, have chronic health conditions (heart disease, kidney disease, liver disease, diabetes, behavioral pathologies, ambulatory problems, arthritis) or extensive research histories (HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, Kuru, STLV-1, ALS, Creutzfeld-Jacob disease, Alzheimers, etc.).

■ **CREATION OF A UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT.** Designed specifically for the well-being of chimpanzees, Chimp Haven offers a world-class facility built to last, yet at an incredibly cost-effective value. A variety of indoor and outdoor housing areas provide options to meet the needs of each chimpanzee. Veterinary, husbandry, enrichment and administrative areas ensure the support for their proper care.

■ **ORGANIZATIONAL START-UP AND REFINEMENT.** Almost overnight, Chimp Haven went from having no employees to an entire staff with expertise in everything from animal care to computer networking. An extensive employee training program was developed, and has served as a model for other organizations. Implementation and refinement of standard operating procedures and policies, as well as an emphasis on teamwork and dedication, have resulted in an exceptional and well-trained staff.

■ **IMPROVED PHYSICAL HEALTH.** Most chimpanzees have measurable improvement of fat/muscle ratio, hair condition, skin condition, mobility and even slowed disease progression in some cases. Stanley had a large lump on his neck, which has almost completely disappeared. Gwennie was obese and very arthritic, but the open spaces encouraging activity and joint care has led to significant weight loss and improved mobility.

■ **IMPROVEMENT IN BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL SKILLS.** Social housing in larger, more species-typical groups, expansive environments, enrichment, and good relationships with care staff have helped the chimpanzees learn appropriate social behavior and coping mechanisms. The incidence of abnormal behavior has also drastically reduced upon retirement at the sanctuary. Puddin' arrived as an obese male with a history of aggression and single housing, but has lost weight and is now a critical member of his group of 18.

■ **INCREDIBLE SUCCESS IN SOCIAL GROUP FORMATIONS.** All of Chimp Haven's residents live in social groups. Chimpanzees naturally live in large social groups, but can be highly reactive and sometimes aggressive. We have had unprecedented success in creating some of the largest captive chimpanzee groups in the world, allowing the chimpanzees to develop friendships and experience the rich complexity of chimpanzee social

life. Our success is due to the exceptional facilities allowing space for the display of natural behaviors and spacing patterns, as well as the expertise of our behavioral staff in orchestrating chimpanzee introductions. Aggression and wounding rates are lower than other published sources.

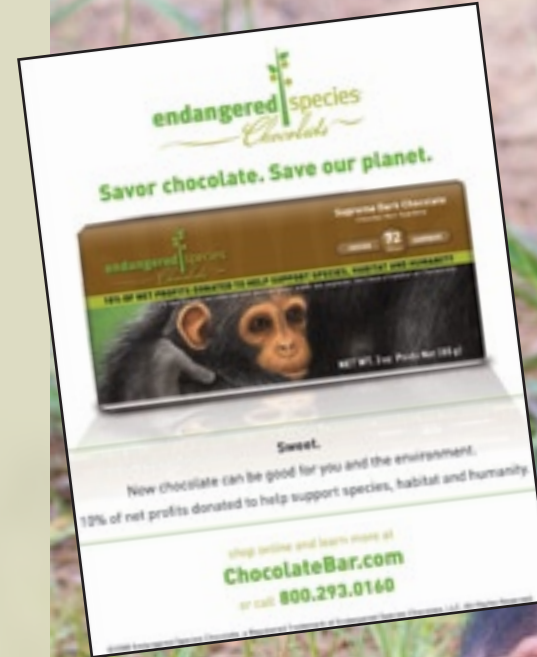
■ **EMERGENCE OF BEHAVIORS TYPICAL OF WILD CHIMPANZEES.** Four and five acre forested habitats offer the chimpanzees opportunities to exhibit natural behaviors. We have observed the chimpanzees making nests of natural vegetation, climbing trees, foraging, using tools to dig, fishing for termites and ants, eating sap, and patrolling their boundaries. Similar options for tool-use, nest-building and foraging are available to the chimpanzees in other areas as well.

■ **A SANCTUARY WITH HIGH STANDARDS AND EXTENSIVE OVERSIGHT.** Chimp Haven serves as a model sanctuary, and as such has implemented extensive standards of animal care and met or exceeded all regulatory requirements and inspections (e.g., USDA and the Animal Welfare Act, OLAW, PHS). Of significance is that in less than one year of opening, Chimp Haven acquired full accreditation from AAALAC, International – with commendations for our administrative commitment and organization, well qualified staff, facilities, psychological well-being program, and veterinary care and husbandry programs.

■ **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY.** Chimp Haven has instituted rigorous financial standards, which have resulted in 6 clean audits with no management reports. The Board of Directors is closely involved with the financial management of the organization and long-range planning. With overages in the second phase of construction after hurricanes hit the region, and inadequate private funding to cover \$1 million in debt, the Board made strategic organizational changes which have resulted in stability. Private donations have increased by 40% since 2005 and long-term plans have been adopted to ensure continued growth and debt reduction.

■ **EDUCATIONAL COMMITMENT.** Chimp Haven's mission includes educating the public about chimpanzees in captivity and in the wild to encourage their concern for chimpanzees and our natural world. Chimpanzee Discovery Days are held seven days each year and visitors can view the chimpanzees in the two forested habitats (where chimpanzees can choose to be seen or not) and experience a number of educational booths, talks and displays by staff and volunteers. In-school programs, internships, collaborative projects and the creation of educational materials have greatly increased in the past year with the addition of education staff and expansion of our volunteer program.

■ **UNDERSTANDING CHIMPANZEES AND IMPROVING WELFARE.** Students and staff regularly observe the chimpanzees to understand how the chimpanzees use the forest, the behavioral changes evident in the chimpanzees after arrival, the process of introductions, use of various enrichment devices and nesting material. 31 visiting students, interns and scientists have observed the sanctuary chimpanzees. Chimp Haven only allows noninvasive observations that do not impact the natural social groups – biomedical research is prohibited. We have made 9 presentations at professional meetings, sharing our knowledge with others in order to improve the lives of all captive chimpanzees.



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“New
C.A.R.E.
chimpanzee -
Tracy!”

Tracy is the youngest chimpanzee at Chimp Haven, a surprise bundle of joy born to Teresa on January 8, 2007. Tracy is enjoying growing up in a lush forest environment learning to be a chimpanzee from her mother, Conan her father, and many other chimpanzees like Sara and Lolita. She is already developing behaviors typical of wild chimpanzees, like climbing trees, eating vegetation, and making nests.

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Chimpanzees
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2008 CHIMPANZEE DISCOVERY DAY SCHEDULE

There are only four more Chimpanzee Discovery Days left in 2008! Don't miss your chance to see the chimpanzees in their natural forested habitat.

June 14	9 a.m. until noon
September 13	9 a.m. until noon
October 11	9 a.m. until noon
November 8	9 a.m. until noon

Chimp Haven is located 22 miles southwest of Shreveport in the Eddie D. Jones Nature Park off LA-789.

For detailed directions to Chimp Haven, please visit our website at www.chimphaven.org or call the Chimp Haven Hot Line 318.925.5630.

CHIMP HAVEN'S 2007 ANNUAL REPORT IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

SPECIAL EDITION: Meet the C.A.R.E. Chimpanzees

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SPONSOR A SPECIAL CHIMPANZEE! OUR C.A.R.E. SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE NOW!

Focusing solely on the welfare of chimpanzees, Chimp Haven provides for the retirement of these deserving individuals and assures that their social, long-term care and health needs are met in a safe and enriching environment. The positive outcome for the current chimpanzee residents is proof that the Chimp Haven concept is successful, cost-effective and life-changing.

CHIMP HAVEN - A COMMITMENT OF THE HEART!

This commitment to provide a humane natural environment for the lifetime care of chimpanzees no longer needed in medical research, entertainment or as pets comes with a price. It costs roughly \$15 or more a day to properly care for a chimpanzee. Some chimpanzees have greater needs, some less. Donations play a key role in how many chimpanzees we can retire and rescue each year. As a result, we are seeking sponsors for the C.A.R.E.* chimpanzees featured in this newsletter.

BECOME A C.A.R.E. SPONSOR AND "VIRTUALLY ADOPT" A CHIMPANZEE!

As a C.A.R.E. sponsor, you may send a monthly, quarterly or annual gift to help provide the finest care, housing and enrichment for the current chimpanzee residents and make it possible for Chimp Haven to provide a permanent home to even more research and rescue chimpanzees. In return, you will receive photos, updates about your sponsored chimpanzee and a beautiful sponsorship certificate. Krewe membership (recurring credit card giving) is also available.

A C.A.R.E. SPONSORSHIP ALSO MAKES A WONDERFUL GIFT FOR SOMEONE YOU KNOW!

Do you have a friend, co-worker or family member who loves animals? Give that special person a unique gift - a C.A.R.E. Chimpanzee Sponsorship! We will send an official certificate of sponsorship, photos and chimpanzee profile with a note acknowledging the gift sponsorship you have donated.

** The Chimpanzee Annual Resource Enhancement Program (C.A.R.E.) is Chimp Haven's Annual Fund. C.A.R.E. sponsorships are good for a period of one year. Your tax deductible C.A.R.E. gifts are unrestricted and go to the areas of greatest need within the sanctuary. Chimpanzees remain in the care and custody of Chimp Haven.*

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Bob is often found travelling along the forest edges by himself. Bob seems to live in his own little world and his group mates accept him for who he is.



Ellie is a beautiful female that likes to spend time indoors with her friends. Ellie can often be found lounging in the chutes and relaxing.



Jeff is a very handsome young male who is one of the leaders of his group. Jeff is very vigilant when he patrols the perimeter of his forest home and was one of the first males in his group to climb a tree.



Les is very unique in both looks and behavior. Les often greets people by making a sound like a duck quack. Les is very energetic and playful.



Midget is a peace keeper who also loves attention. Midget gets along very well with both chimpanzees and people and will often say hello with a noisy and boisterous greeting.



Sheena is a large female chimpanzee who isn't afraid of anyone or anything. Sheena is hearing impaired but you would never know it by her behavior or that of the other chimpanzees.



Conan is very vocal, asking for his share of all the treats. Conan is large but is also gentle and seems unaware of his own strength.



Gay is a curious female that is also a bit of an introvert. Gay enjoys painting and doesn't often go along with the crowd but chooses to go off on her own.



Jerry is an older male that is somewhat timid and shy although one of the females is his constant companion. Although Jerry appears to be old, he is young in spirit.



Lolita is the oldest female in her group and often spends time in the forest sampling the tasty leaves. Lolita comforts many of the younger chimpanzees in her group with her calm manner.



Puddin' loves frozen treats. Puddin' likes to spend time by himself and he often sucks his thumb when he's falling asleep. Puddin' enjoys walking around the habitat when people visit.



Teresa is very outgoing and is often found in the forest with her friends. Teresa loves food and juice and will often demand that the carestaff give her more than her fair share.



Debbie is an older female who doesn't seem to care what others think. Debbie likes to nest with soft velvety material and has a very distinctive voice.



Grandpa looks older than his years but gives the impression of a kind elderly gentleman. Grandpa still loves the ladies and is often found in their company.



Kasey is a large male chimpanzee who is the boss of his group. Kasey likes to use the tires in his area as a place to rest and relax while keeping a close watch over other members of his group.



Mason is a handsome male who loves attention whether it's good or bad. He will often pick on the female chimpanzees in his group. Mason makes very loud food barks when he's given a favorite food like trail mix.



Rita is an older female with a lot of attitude. Rita knows that she is retired, she enjoys nesting in soft blankets and spending time with her friends.



Tracy is the youngest chimpanzee at Chimp Haven and is learning from all of her older companions. Tracy is playful and full of the mischievousness of youth.



Derma is very athletic and can often be seen running or climbing trees in the forest. Derma spends more time than the other chimpanzees eating leaves and other vegetation.



Gwennie is a large and lovely female who is gentle and kind to those she comes in contact with. Gwennie loves to lay on her back soaking in the sunshine.



Kevin is very unusual looking with a very light face and many freckles. Kevin is sweet and kind and loves being in the forest every day.



Merv is very playful and enjoys games of chase. Merv will often search out his human companions for a game or some attention. Merv is learning to enjoy his forest home.



Sara loves to eat - anything and everything. Sara is also very protective of her group mates and will be the first on the scene if something doesn't seem right.



Verana has an endearing smile and attitude. Verana is one of the first chimpanzees that has been using tools to fish for ants and termites in her forest home.