CHIMP HAVEN Chronicle

Chimp Haven Celebrates its 20th Anniversary

Chimp Haven will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a 1920s-inspired gala, A Pant Hoot Affair, November 7 at Sam's Town Hotel & Casino in Shreveport, La.

All are invited to put on their best 1920s-inspired or cocktail attire and dance the night away to the sounds of New Orleans jazz band, Meschiya Lake & The Little Big Horns. Guests can also bid on fabulous auction items and enjoy a great dinner.

We look forward to celebrating our supporters who have helped us reach this great milestone and raising critical funds for our cherished chimpanzees. This is an event you do not want to miss!

Visit chimphaven.org for ticket and sponsorship information.

My commitment to the chimpanzees

I want to help provide care for more than 195 retired chimpanzees!

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Thank you! Please return this form with your tax-deductible gift in the enclosed reply envelope.

To make a gift right now, visit chimphaven.org.

A large group of males enjoy the newly constructed open-air corral.

A YEAR WORTH CELEBRATING

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Through your generosity, we’ve also completed construction on the sanctuary’s largest open-air corral. The spacious area now houses 11 male chimpanzees who are able to roam, run and relax throughout 15,000 square feet of green grass, growing trees and multi-level structures.

We believe this to be the largest all-male social group in captivity. A preliminary observation study has started to gather the differences between all-male and male-female social groups. The findings will help with future introductions and creating the best environment for chimpanzees who will soon call Chimp Haven home.

Lastly, we can’t forget the great achievement of having captive chimpanzees join their wild counterparts as an endangered species, a designation by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This milestone puts us one step closer to ending research on chimpanzees, owning and selling them as pets and trafficking from their natural habits in Africa.

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As we continue making room for new chimps, we also work tirelessly to secure funds for their ongoing care. They are depending on us. We can’t do this alone. Can we count on you?
VET DIARIES:

Caring for a growing chimpanzee colony can be tricky. With illnesses ranging from the common cold to heart disease, our retirees require expert care and Chimp Haven has just the right veterinary team for the job. Led by Dr. Raven Jackson-Jewett, this team of four uses their 30 years of collective experience to provide the best care for each of their patients. Thanks to donors like you the team can meet the unique needs of every chimp. Here are a few special cases your support has helped them with:

**Thundarr**

Thundarr, a 33-year-old male, was diagnosed as a pre-diabetic after several years of retirement here. An overweight chimp, he spent most of his day inactive. To prevent the onset of Type 2 diabetes, he was placed on Chimp Haven’s ‘Biggest Loser’ exercise program. Thundarr worked with a trainer one day per week for 15 to 30 minutes walking, squatting and climbing. To date, he has lost a total of 70 pounds.

**Kasey**

Kasey, a 27-year-old chimp, is the alpha male of his social group. Recently, a lower ranking male began to challenge Kasey, hoping to move up in the group’s rankings. This common behavior has caused Kasey to have several wounds that require special vet attention. Using positive reinforcement training, he has learned to present his injuries for exam, cleaning and laser therapy. This combination is helping Kasey heal faster as he continues leading his social group.

**Bambi**

Bambi is a 40-year-old female with alopecia, a condition that causes the complete loss of hair on the body. Although vet staff was unaware of her condition before she arrived, they accepted the challenge of ensuring her skin remains healthy. Bambi receives lukewarm towel baths during her physical examinations and is given blankets soaked in moisturizer that she has learned to use to protect her skin. She also spends lots of time indoors and in the shade.

**Jerry Allen**

When Jerry Allen came to Chimp Haven in 2011, he arrived with several large tumors in his mouth. To offer him a better quality of life, Dr. Jackson-Jewett worked with a maxillofacial surgeon to remove the tumors. The surgery was a complete success. Once Jerry Allen was added back in his social group, female chimps seemed stunned at the difference. In a heartbeat he became a lady’s man.

**Lives You’ve Touched**

They have the best care because of you . . .
**CHIMPANZEE Discovery Days**

Visit Chimp Haven on Chimpanzee Discovery Days

**Admission:**
- Adults (13 years and older) $10
- Children (6-12 years) $5
- Children (5 years and younger) Free

For more information, visit chimphaven.org.

**2015 Fall Dates**
- September 19: 9 a.m. – noon
- October 17: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Fall Festival)
- November 21: 9 a.m. – noon

Looking for a more in-depth learning experience after Chimpanzee Discovery Days? Consider Chimp Chat & Chew.

Enjoy a staff-driven lecture, lunch and behind-the-scenes tour. Reservations are required and seating fills quickly.

**Admission:**
- Adults $50
- Children $25

(not suitable for children under 10)

For more information or to register, please call 318.925.9575.

**2015 Fall Dates**
- September 19: noon – 2 p.m.
- October 17: noon – 2 p.m.
- November 21: noon – 2 p.m.
- November 24: 9 – 11 a.m. (Morning Edition)

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