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### CHIMP HAVEN SEASONS

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As seasons change throughout this year, more than 50 new retirees will join the more than 200 chimps who reside at the sanctuary. We have already started planning their cross-country journey and are excited to welcome them to their forever home. Soon they too will watch the seasons change and enjoy their new lives as retired chimpanzees.

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Kelsey is a pretty 28-year-old. She likes to hang out and relax on shelves high off the ground. When she first arrived at Chimp Haven, she wasn’t a big fan of fruits and vegetables. Now, she’s starting to show interest in the fresh produce that she receives daily.

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