All of Chimp Haven’s residents live in social groups. Chimpanzees naturally form social units called communities, each containing a family nucleus of close relatives. Puddin’ arrived as an obese male with a history of aggressive behaviors, but has become a leader in his group of 18.

Most chimpanzees were obtained from 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, Alzheimer’s, etc.).

In 2007, Chimp Haven, key representatives and supporters were successful in passing the Chimpanzee Health Improvement, Maintenance and Protection Act, 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 removed from biomedical research.

**Incredible Success in Social Group Formation.** Chimp Haven is creating large social groups consisting of at least 15 chimpanzees, including both males and females. Large chimpanzee groups are the norm in the wild, and groups of 15 or more allow more complex social interactions to take place. Larger groups also allow for more comprehensive veterinary care.

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Reaching out to the world of chimpanzees, Chimpanzee provides for the retirement of these deserving individuals and assess that their unique, long-term care and individual needs can be met in a safe and nurturing environment. This positive outcome for the chimpanzee resident is proof that the Chimpanzee 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 with pets is unique. Chimpanzees live in a natural, geographically correct, care of chimpanzees.

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