

At Chimp Haven, we believe we're not that different, humans and chimpanzees. As our closest living relatives, chimps share more than 98 percent of our genetic blueprint, and it doesn't take long to see that they have all the personalities, emotions, relationships, dramas and joys that we do!

Meet some of the unique chimps at the sanctuary! Think about what makes each an individual and how you may relate to some of their traits.



Marie

Sweet Marie is a loyal friend to the end – her caring nature has been known to win over chimps with a tough exterior. While she's naturally a bit reserved, if someone is messing with her buddies they better watch out! When she's not showering her besties with affection, Marie enjoys spending quiet time outside.



Riley

Riley is a rambunctious youngster who knows just what he wants out of life: To be in charge! But the strong female leaders in his group would tell you he's still got a ways to go. He's always on the lookout for his next prank victim (usually one of his aunties). Don't let his mischievous personality fool you, though — he can be very sweet when he wants to be. Once, when an older member of his group was on the outs with some of his groupmates, Riley made sure to check in with him and bring him food. He just might make a good alpha one day...when he grows up!



Twyla

Twyla is a great friend to everyone in her group – even those chimps who some might find it difficult to get along with. She's especially fond of her buddy, Juan. Her friendships with groupmates have really encouraged Twyla to blossom. Where she used to be timid about exploring new play yards, she's recently decided that if her friends can be brave, so can she. There's nothing like a great group of friends to help build your confidence for adventure!



Crystal

Crystal is a smart girl who loves to exercise with her favorite caregiver, Robyn. Robyn and Crystal meet nearly every day to go on walks around the perimeter of Crystal's play yard. They both look forward to their time spent together. In fact, Crystal loves their exercise sessions so much, she's lost more than 60 pounds since the two of them began their "walking club!"



Hope

Hope has alopecia, which is likely genetic. It does not slow her down at all, but she does receive extra fluids during the summer and ointments during physical exams to keep her feeling good! The first time Hope was introduced to her new pals, it was clear she was going to be Miss Popularity, making friends quickly and putting the whole crew at ease. She's also a bit of a ham and loves fishing for attention from the care staff. On a nice day, you can find Hope sunbathing on her favorite platform, forever "working on her tan."

Now that you've met some of the chimps think of a time when you related to one of their personalities. A situation at school, at home or even an interaction with a friend! Write a few sentences to describe it. Remember that chimps have feelings and needs just like you do! They are all different and they are all special.
