Wildlife Rescue Fund

CHIMPANZEE IN NEED

WILDLIFE WAYSTATION RELOCATION
AN UNPRECEDENTED NEED FOR RESCUE

When a large sanctuary closes suddenly, where can the animals go?

The Wildlife Waystation, a sanctuary located in Southern California that was the first of its kind, caring for thousands of animals over a period of more than 40 years, closed its doors in 2019. This closure left hundreds of exotic and domestic animals in need of new homes. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife responded immediately, providing much needed supplies and security, and helping to rehome almost all of the 480 animals… but 42 chimpanzees remained.

The North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance has determined that though there are reputable and experienced sanctuaries willing to assist in this unique rescue effort, such facilities cannot accept more chimpanzees without building to accommodate them. Though the cost and time needed to build new facilities for the chimpanzees varies by sanctuary, construction of the chimpanzees’ new long-term facilities will cost approximately $6,900,000.

Funds are needed immediately, because the longer it takes for the sanctuaries to start building, the longer the chimpanzees remain at Wildlife Waystation. Expenses related to their current care are $130,000 per month.

WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

Chimpanzees were sent to the Wildlife Waystation after being used in a number of industries, including biomedical research, film and television, and living in human homes as privately owned primate “pets.”

These chimpanzees spent decades of their lives meeting the needs of humans, and now it’s time we take care of them. You can sponsor transportation and one year of care for a chimpanzee in sanctuary for $25,000.

Honey B (left) was born at the Laboratory for Experimental Medicine and Surgery in Primates. Along with 30 other young chimpanzees, she arrived at Wildlife Waystation in 1996. She now has a new permanent home at Chimpanzee Sanctuary Northwest in Washington State.
While one elderly chimpanzee, Chuckles, has passed away since Wildlife Waystation closed its doors, experts assembled by NAPSA have been hard at work seeking solutions for the remaining 41 chimps. This means:

- Finding them permanent new homes at reputable sanctuaries and ensuring they experience minimal disruption to their social groups
- Ensuring adequate funding to care for the chimps remaining at Wildlife Waystation while they await transportation to their new sanctuary homes.

We have a plan for each and every one of the Wildlife Waystation chimps (several of whom are already enjoying their new homes) but we’ll need your help to finish this work.

Saved!

- Mave, Honey B, and Willy B were transported to Chimpanzee Sanctuary Northwest in August 2019
- Mighty Fine, Norma, and Selena moved to Primarily Primates in December 2019
- Billie, Suzy, and Eli were sent to zoos accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums in February 2020

We need your help!

- $500,000 + 1 month of construction = Jake, Cayleb, and Jeter can go to Primarily Primates
- $2,000,000 + 5-7 months = Jeff, Ernesta, Magic, Shake, and Vanilla can reunite with the others at Primarily Primates
- $2,000,000 + 7 months = Cy, Dora, Gordo, Lucky, Rayne, and Terry can also join the crew at Primarily Primates
- $800,000 + 9 months = Billy, Ewok, Josh, Maude, Mystery, Sabina, and ShaSha can go to Center for Great Apes
- $800,000 + 6 months = Axil, Buster, Connor, December, Denise, Inky, Mocha, and Tequila can head to Chimpanzee Sanctuary Northwest
- $800,000 = Alyse, Amber, and Mousse can move to Chimp Haven

plus...

- $1,500,000 = 1 year of chimpanzee care for those remaining at Wildlife Waystation at a total rate of $130,000 per month.
- $950,000 = one year of transportation and care expenses for all 38 chimpanzees going to primate sanctuaries at the rate of $25,000 per chimpanzee.

Note: Individual placement decisions are subject to change based on the needs of the chimpanzees and sanctuaries.
Chimpanzees are highly intelligent primates with memories, preferences, and intricate social lives. Like humans, they respond uniquely to circumstances. They have long life-spans, often living over fifty years in captivity. In order to ensure their mental and physical well-being, care for chimpanzees cannot be one-size-fits-all.

Primate sanctuaries have decades of expertise in the care and rehabilitation of chimpanzees who have suffered traumas before arriving to sanctuary. Reputable sanctuaries are overseen by autonomous agencies that ensure the strength of the organization and the welfare of the animals.

Your help will ensure that the Wildlife Waystation chimpanzees are rehomed at trusted chimpanzee sanctuaries that keep the interests of the animals as their top priority.

The sanctuaries participating in this rescue effort are non-profit organizations that are not normally open to the public, and do not permit public contact with the animals. They do not remove the animals or exhibit them in any way, and do not breed or sell animals. Such sanctuaries are focused only on providing enriched, lifetime care to needy animals. This is what the Wildlife Waystation chimpanzees need and deserve.

Sanctuary is...

the promise of a better tomorrow, where the individual needs of animals are the number one priority.

Mighty Fine (right) is enjoying his new sanctuary home at Primarily Primates in Texas. He is one of nine chimpanzees who has been successfully moved from Wildlife Waystation. There are 32 more chimpanzees waiting for their new start.
Each has a unique history and personality.

Jeff was the first chimpanzee at Wildlife Waystation, arriving in 1985. He was discarded from the entertainment industry and lived alone for a number of years. Chimpanzees raised as entertainers often have difficulty socializing with other chimps, but Jeff became the calm and friendly leader of a group as more chimpanzees found their way to Wildlife Waystation. At 44, Jeff is the oldest remaining chimpanzee at Wildlife Waystation. He is a favorite of the humans and the other four chimpanzees in his group, including his daughter Magic.

Shauri Ya Mangu, affectionately known as ShaSha, was born at Wildlife Waystation as the result of a failed vasectomy. Her mother, Alexis, had been an orphan and had no knowledge of how to care for an infant. ShaSha grew up in close contact with humans at Wildlife Waystation and loves to paint and look at books. She now lives with six other chimpanzees. Though she is the youngest in her group, she often bosses around the biggest males.

Mystery was among the 30 chimpanzees who were rescued by Wildlife Waystation in 1996 when the Laboratory for Experimental Surgery and Medicine in Primates closed and began moving all of the chimpanzees to a notorious laboratory called the Coulston Foundation. Instead of being a research subject at the Coulston Foundation, Mystery grew up living in a social group with other chimpanzees at Wildlife Waystation where he is often found snuggling with blankets and scooting around on them. He enjoys fresh fruits and vegetables, nuts and seeds, and loves the banana nut bread he gets on special occasions.
$9.7 million in donations are needed to rescue the Wildlife Waystation chimpanzees.

Planning:
Building new homes at trusted sanctuaries to house the chimpanzees will cost $6.9 million.

Current Care:
One year of care for the chimpanzees still living at Wildlife Waystation will cost $1.5 million.

Future Care:
One year of care for the chimpanzees at their new homes will cost $950,000.

Learn more and donate: primatesanctuaries.org/chimpanzees-in-need

A collaboration between Santa Monica-based non-profit 7th Generation Advisors and Oakland-based North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance has established a special Wildlife Rescue Fund to accept tax-deductible donations to support the care of the chimpanzees and ensure their brighter future.

7th Generation Advisors is serving as the fiscal sponsor for this effort. Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent provided by state and federal law. No goods or services will be provided to donors in return for contributions.

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The North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance is a coalition of nine of the leading primate sanctuaries on the continent who care for over 830 rescued and retired nonhuman primates, and is a fiscally sponsored project of Community Initiatives, an Oakland, CA-based 501c3.
FAQS

Q | Why isn’t Wildlife Waystation paying for the chimpanzees remaining onsite?
A | The organization closed their doors and surrendered their wildlife permits because they were unable to continue responsibly caring for their large population of animals. California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is temporarily covering the monthly expenses of keeping the sanctuary open, though they will not be able to do this long-term. The expenses for salaries for critical animal care staff, insurance, property taxes, food, water, site security, fuel, vehicle repair, utilities, and more will total $1.5M each year. Many of these costs are currently being covered by CDFW, but resources are quickly diminishing.

Q | Why can’t the chimpanzees stay at Wildlife Waystation under new ownership?
A | In its current state, the property is generally unsuitable for housing exotic animals. There are a number of difficulties inherent in the sanctuary location, including a lack of a water source and a high risk of wildfire danger. The struggle to mitigate such hurdles partly contributed to the closure of the sanctuary, and it would be difficult to find a new owner who would have the experience or ability to overcome this sufficiently and provide a stable home for the animals.

Q | How soon must the chimpanzees leave Wildlife Waystation?
A | The chimpanzees should be moved as quickly as possible. The sooner the chimpanzees can be transported to their permanent sanctuary homes, the sooner they will be able to enjoy enriched life in more expansive enclosures.

Q | Are the chimpanzees in danger of being euthanized if funds aren’t raised quickly enough?
A | Chimpanzees are an endangered species and it is illegal to euthanize them without a medical need. CDFW and NAPSA are committed to avoiding euthanizing the Wildlife Waystation chimpanzees.

Q | Why do some sanctuaries need to build first before they welcome chimpanzees?
A | When Wildlife Waystation closed, there simply was not available space for more chimps in trusted sanctuaries. Primate sanctuaries were already inundated with placement requests because chimpanzee biomedical research ended and their use in entertainment and the pet trade has dwindled. There are still hundreds of chimpanzees waiting to leave the labs and arrive at sanctuaries. Reputable sanctuaries will not accept chimpanzees without first ensuring they have sufficient space and infrastructure to meet the animals’ lifetime care needs.

Q | Can chimpanzees be sent to zoos?
A | It is important to ensure that the Wildlife Waystation chimpanzees only be sent to trusted animal care facilities. Though three Wildlife Waystation chimpanzees were able to go to zoos accredited by The Association of Zoos and Aquariums (the preeminent source of accreditation in the zoo community), there is not space for more to do the same. Funds raised by this campaign are not going to zoos, only to sanctuaries.
What if I know of a facility or private owner that can take a chimpanzee?

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The placement committee is committed to rehoming Wildlife Waystation chimps only at trusted sanctuaries with chimpanzee care experience and AZA-accredited zoos. Chimpanzees suffer when living as “pets” in private homes or at unaccredited zoo facilities, and so such placement options will not be considered.

How do we know the chimpanzees will be safe and well-cared for in the future?

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The sanctuaries who intend to welcome Wildlife Waystation chimpanzees each have many decades of experience in caring for retired chimpanzees. They are all licensed and have been accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries. These non-profit facilities are not open to the public and do not breed, exhibit, exploit, or engage in commercial trade of primates. They keep the well-being of each individual animal as their top priority.

Which sanctuaries will benefit from this fundraising?

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Only those sanctuaries taking chimpanzees from Wildlife Waystation will receive funds raised. This includes Center for Great Apes (Florida), Chimpanzee Sanctuary Northwest (Washington), Chimp Haven (Louisiana), and Primarily Primates (Texas). Funds raised for the sanctuaries will be used for enclosure construction and associated costs, as well as a contribution towards lifetime care expenses at the rate of $25,000 per chimpanzee.

Is 7th Generation Advisors charging an administrative cost to serve as the fiscal agent and process gifts?

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7GA is kindly donating their administrative and processing costs, and all funds raised will go towards the care of the Wildlife Waystation chimpanzees.

Can I designate funds for a particular sanctuary?

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Yes, you may restrict your funds to be directed towards one facility, or you can donate to the effort in general. There is a button to donate on our webpage, and you have the option to select an individual sanctuary or fund as the recipient, or to allow your donation to be used where it is needed most.

How will money be distributed to the sanctuaries?

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7GA is managing the accounting and is setting aside funds for each of the sanctuaries’ needs. Funds intended for current care expenses or construction costs will be dispersed as quickly as possible, and aftercare costs will be dispersed when the campaign concludes.

Who ensures my gift goes towards these chimpanzees?

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Written agreements between 7GA, NAPSA, CDFW, and the sanctuaries will ensure that funds collected may only be used for their intended purposes on behalf of the Wildlife Waystation chimpanzees and those caring for them.

What happens if you don’t raise the necessary funds?

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The campaign will run until the chimpanzees’ current and future needs are met. We will not rest until every one of them is relocated into their new, forever homes at reputable primate sanctuaries.

How can I stay updated on the campaign?

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Check primatesanctuaries.org/chimps-in-need for the latest updates on the campaign or follow NAPSA on Facebook at @primatesanctuary.