

AUGUST CHARITIES

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The first recipient for the month of August was **The Orangutan Project**. The Orangutan Project (TOP) is the world's foremost not-for-profit organisation, supporting orangutan conservation, rainforest protection, local community partnerships and the rehabilitation and reintroduction of displaced orangutans back to the wild, in order to save the two orangutan species from extinction.

TOP is a non-partisan organisation that collaborates with several orangutan conservation projects, as well as providing habitat protection through its own programs to deter wildlife poaching, illegal logging and land clearing in Indonesia.

We are super excited to announce that the total amount raised this month has allowed us to adopt 5 beautiful orangutans for a full year! Meaning this time next year we will again adopt all 5 of these beautiful animals to ensure all of their food, water, medicine, veterinary help, forest training school and shelter demands are met. If you would like to adopt an Orangutan, please visit www.orangutan.org.au. Listed below are the Orangutans we have been fortunate enough to adopt with your help:



Chocolate

Sex: Male

Approximate Date Birth: June 2010

Arrival Date: 17 June 2012

Care Centre: Batu Mbelin Quarantine Centre

Physical Condition: Healthy

Bio

Chocolate was confiscated from villagers in Southwest Aceh. He was very thin, with dry skin and dull, wiry hair. By chance, his confiscation coincided with the presence of a film crew from NBC in the USA, and Paul Hilton, a well known photographer based in Hong Kong, so the whole process was well documented. Both were in the area covering a spate of recent fires in the nearby Tripa peat swamp forests, from where Chocolate without doubt originates. He was named Chocolate, as someone stopped at a roadside store to buy some chocolate, and was then informed during discussions with locals about an orangutan for sale, hence the name...



Bunga

Rehabilitation Centre: Orangutan Emergency Centre, Ketapang, West Kalimantan

Arrival Date: November 2009

Approximate Date of Birth: 2007

Sex: Female

Physical Condition: Healthy

Bio

Bunga arrived at the centre in West Kalimantan in November 2009. She was about 2½ years old. Her story is similar to that of many other rescued orangutans: a family phoned the centre and asked the rescue team to go and pick her up from their house. They claimed to have found Bunga three months earlier and had decided to keep her. They kept her in a cage in the garden of the house but apparently occasionally let her out. When she was first rescued, she was rather cautious and rarely left her caregiver's side. However she gradually became increasingly independent and made a friend for life in Cindy, a female of Bunga's age who was rescued in February 2010. The two girls are both competent climbers and spend most of their time not far apart from each other.



Monti

Rehabilitation Centre: Orangutan Emergency Centre, Ketapang, West Kalimantan

Arrival Date: November 2009

Approximate Date of Birth: September 2009

Sex: Female

Physical Condition: Healthy

Bio

Monti is one of the younger members of the center's orangutan family. She arrived at the centre at the end of November 2009. It had taken our rescue team several days to track her down after forestry officers had alerted us to her existence.

We were told that Monti was being kept by a family in a remote rural location. When we found them they claimed that the tiny orangutan had been found alone in the jungle and they had taken her in: but in reality we know that an orangutan baby is never left alone by its mother and some one must have killed Monti's mother to get to her.



Seroja

Sex: Female

Approximate Date of Birth: August 2010

Arrival Date: 13 August 2011

Care Centre: Batu Mbelin Quarantine Centre

Physical Condition: Healthy

Bio

Seroja was confiscated from a military officer in Kutacane, south-east Aceh in August 2011 by the Ministry of Forestry. Her owner said that he bought Seroja from a villager who took her from the forest around south-east Aceh amidst the devastating destruction of the rainforest. Seroja has a scar on her lip- quite possibly from her illegal capture where her mother was most likely killed. Seroja was very weak, dirty and inactive when she was confiscated. She is now housed at the Batu Mbelin Quarantine Centre and is much healthier and has an excellent appetite.

After receiving medication and intensive care upon arriving at Batu Mbelin, Seroja is now a healthy orangutan. Her appetite is excellent and she eats a variety of foods. Her weight increased from 1.3 kg to 8kg in one year.

Seroja was scared of the other orangutans at first and also did not do anything by herself- she would wait for a technician to help her. However she has now become more self sufficient and plays with the other orangutans. Seroja has become fast friends with a young male named Septian and they play and feed together. Seroja is becoming more confident and has developed new skills. She will pile up leaves to use as a nest and will sometimes sleep in the hammock with Septian.



Dora

Rehabilitation Centre: Bukit Tigapuluh Sumatran orangutan Release Centre

Arrival Date: 2011 at Batu Mbelin Care Centre

Approximate Date of Birth: 2008

Sex: Female

Physical Condition: Healthy

Bio

Dora was confiscated from a Buddhist monastery in North Sumatra in 2011 when she was three years old. She is originally from Kuala Simpang, Aceh. She was taken to the Batu Mbelin Orangutan Quarantine Centre and weighed approximately 8kg. Dora settled in well at the quarantine centre. She was energetic, had a good appetite and was interested in the other orangutans as well as the technicians since she was used to human company. Dora put on weight and her hair became darker during her time at Batu Mbelin.

Dora was transferred to the orangutan reintroduction centre in Bukit Tigapuluh (BTP) in April 2013. She is being trained for release back into the wild. Dora is housed in socialisation cages at BTP. The orangutans are given many feeds and enrichment to undertake during the day to keep them mentally and physically active.

Dora is going very well at her regular forest school training sessions in the BTP forest. She is very active and energetic and searches for forest food. Dora is also friendly and playful with the other orangutans. She watches the other orangutans very closely and learns new forest skills from them. It is hoped that Dora will continue to excel at forest school so she can be released in the future.



Our second recipient for the month of August is the **Act for Kids** charity who prevent and treat child abuse and negligence. Here is a bit of info on the charity, and what they do.

About us

History:

Established as the Abused Child Trust in 1988, we have grown from just one part-time therapist to a team of almost 200. Our services have expanded to include intensive therapy, support for vulnerable families at risk, special workshops to empower kids to speak out and safe houses in remote Indigenous communities.

In 2008, at the ripe old age of 20, we changed our name to Act for Kids to better reflect our broader range of services, and to share a positive call to action to our communities.

We've been busy and haven't stopped to fully document our history, to celebrate our 25th birthday we're capturing all the milestones and stories – we'll share it with you soon.

Our mission - To prevent and treat child abuse and neglect

Our vision - All kids have a safe and happy childhood, free from abuse and neglect

Our values - We are a respectful, ethical team that is caring, courageous and collaborative

Team:

Our dedicated, caring team of experts are a bit shy – we're coaxing them in for interviews and photos and we'll have more to share soon.

Thanks again for allowing us with your help, to make a difference this month.

Much Love - Teatox Australia XXX