



# GUARDIANSHIP REPORT

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# DEAR GUARDIAN

We are very happy to present our quarterly update about **Jackie**, sharing exciting news about recent developments at our sanctuary.

As the rainy season comes to a close, we are charging full steam ahead! We have started with the maintenance and rehabilitation of all the enclosures, and we will soon begin to revitalize a significant forest enclosure named "Rosalind Enclosure," which has been closed for an extended period. This new space is much needed due to the many rescued baby chimpanzees we have recently welcomed. This expansion allows the "teenagers" from Mortes' group to move into a forest enclosure. Currently, they reside in an introductory area with limited natural surroundings. Meanwhile, the babies who have already acclimated to living in a large group can now take over Mortes' previous living space.



During the rainy season, we also prepared for the most significant global fundraiser for apes: **Giving Day for Apes**.

Giving Day for Apes is an annual global contest in which 38 ape sanctuaries compete in a friendly manner to raise funds and win additional prizes. With an influx of new arrivals – 10 babies in the last 12 months – we needed your support more than ever.

The contest turned out to be an incredible journey and it felt amazing to see so many Tacugama friends join in. Your energy kept us going!

We raised a total amount of 30,212 USD. And additionally we are very honored and proud to share that we won the prize for best storytelling in Africa this year!

**Thank you for being an essential part of our mission.**



# JACKIE

Jackie is still a young chimp that is in the process of developing essential life skills that would be vital to her survival in a large group.

Thankfully, she is faring well in B group and nurturing a friendly relationship with her new pal, Dama. They spend nearly all their time together, playing, grooming each other, and just relaxing in the sun on sunny days; where you see Jackie, you're also bound to see Dama close by.

Since the reintegration of the leading males in the group, social life for those that remain is much more relaxed, affording them more time to enjoy exploring the enclosure and forage leaves and roots as a natural diet.

As a team, Jackie and Dama habitually share their food with each other, whether it was given to them by the care staff or they foraged it from nature themselves.

Jackie and Dama sleep together and always listen to the care staff, especially when it's time to return to the dens in the evening. Bananas are her favorite food, and she is eating quite well.



JACKIE





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