

Dear Tacugama Guardian,

We are here for another month to tell you a little bit more about your Guardianship chimp Jackson!

In particular, about chimp **personality**, it can help us to better understand why individuals may respond differently when they face similar conditions so that we can act in the best way to improve their wellbeing.



Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary has been rescuing, caring and resocializing orphaned chimpanzees confiscated from the illegal wildlife trade, providing refuge in socially rich and naturalized environments. The arrivals are mainly chimpanzees rescued from the bushmeat and pet trade, often linked to early maternal separation, social isolation, with lack of previous social and cognitive stimulation.

Jackson is one of these orphans, he arrived at Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary at 1,5 years old. The early years of development are a vulnerable stage where early life stress can shape brain development leading to adverse cognitive and emotional consequences that are reflected in their personality.

But, what does **personality** mean?

Personality consists of between-individual differences in behaviour that are consistent across contexts and time.

A researcher is currently at the sanctuary studying the personalities of the chimpanzees we are housing. She is using a human personality questionnaire, adapted for chimpanzees.

Below is the list of personality traits she has found that characterise our guardianships:

ANIMAL	FACTOR PERSONALITY
Flavour	<i>Extraversion – Anxiety</i>
Jackie	<i>Restraint</i>
Caesar	<i>Restraint</i>
Fifo	<i>Restraint</i>
Tom	<i>Anxiety</i>
Celia	<i>Extraversion</i>
Woron	<i>Restraint</i>
Sonia	<i>Extraversion</i>
Jackson	<i>Extraversion</i>
Mortes	<i>Extraversion</i>
Somebody	<i>Extraversion</i>
Someone	<i>Extraversion</i>
Perry	<i>Restraint</i>

The personality factor that characterises Jackson is **extraversion**, that includes traits such as warmth, liveliness, and social boldness defining the sociability and affiliative social bonding of the chimpanzee with other members of the group.



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With love,

Tacugama Team