

# Chimp CHAT

NG Kids talks to Dr. Jane Goodall, to find out about her work with these awesome apes...



Dr Jane always dreamed of working with chimps...



...in amazing Africa!

with animals in Africa was always my dream. My chance came when Dr Louis Leakey, a famous archaeologist and naturalist, offered to send me on an expedition to study chimpanzees in 1960.

**NG Kids:** What's been your most exciting moment studying chimps?

**Jane:** It was when I discovered a chimp, which I named David Greybeard, hunched over a termite mound, using a stem of grass to gently pluck them out. This was the first time a scientist had seen chimps using tools to hunt for food. We

**NG Kids:** Hi Jane! You've been lucky enough to work

very closely with wild chimpanzees in Africa. Is it what you always wanted to do?

**Jane:** Goodall

Yes - working

used to think only humans did that!

**NG Kids:** Amazing! Have you ever found yourself in a dangerous situation in the African forest?

**Jane:** I've never felt threatened by the chimps I've been studying, although they can be aggressive in certain situations. It's the poisonous snakes you need to watch out for!

**NG Kids:** We'll remember that! Do you have a favourite chimp?

**Jane:** I think it has to be David Greybeard, because he was the first chimp to really trust me and let me touch him, so he's very special to me.

**NG Kids:** Why are sanctuaries like Ngamba Island so important?

**Jane:** They are safe places where rescued chimps can be cared for, slowly introduced into new family groups, and begin to live normal lives again.

**NG Kids:** Can these chimps ever be returned to the wild?

**Jane:** Yes, some can. We try and find places where the chimps will be safe if released - from poachers and from other chimps

which may be in the area.

**NG Kids:** What can NG Kids readers do to help chimps and other apes?

**Jane:** They can join our Roots & Shoots programme, which brings young people together to help protect the environment and the world's wildlife. They can find out more at [rootsnshoots.org.uk](http://rootsnshoots.org.uk)

**NG Kids:** Thanks, Jane. And thanks for everything you do to care for chimps!



The rescued chimps feel very close to Dr Jane

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