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*Dr. Jane Goodall with orphan chimpanzees at the Ngamba Island Sanctuary. Dr. Goodall does not handle wild chimpanzees.  
Photo: Science Museum of Minnesota*

## I REMEMBER SUSIE

*Taken from a story by Colonel Joseph M. Kiefer, Ret.*

I never expected to find myself in Liberia and I certainly never expected to meet a young girl named Susie that became my friend as well as a friend of my fellow soldiers. It was 1942 and I found myself far away from home with a lot of young men during WWII building roads, bridges and docks in West Africa. One of the young men rescued a little female chimpanzee that became our mascot. Her name was Susie and she quickly stole our hearts, boosted our morale, and astounded us with her inventive, imaginative and exploratory mind. Susie tested our endurance by constantly getting into trouble like the time we discovered a room on fire, with Susie sitting there calmly on one end of a fiercely burning bed with three lit cigarettes in her mouth and a Zippo lighter lying beside her. When scolded for her pyromania, she screamed and protested indignantly, mostly we knew because we had hurt her feelings.

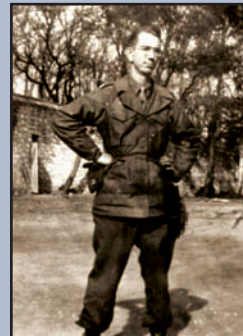
One morning to our surprise we discovered Susie missing. We learned from French villagers that Susie had joined a British Army signal unit heading for the front lines. Frantic, one of the men sought to find Susie and learned that she had found a home in the Marseille Zoo. One of our officers, Levi took a leave to visit Susie at the zoo with a large bag of dried fruit along with candy bars and packs of gum. "The keeper warned Levi that the chimpanzee was 'Tres ferocious' but Levi convinced him to allow his entrance to the cage. Entering the cage, it was instant recognition and a joyful reunion."

Years later I learned of an extraordinary scientist, named Dr. Jane Goodall that studied chimpanzees. Dr. Goodall's studies confirmed my feelings that Susie was very intelligent but should never be a pet. I have since learned so much more about chimpanzees from Dr. Goodall's work that has helped me to understand this "gum-chewing, candy-stealing, footlocker-raiding" chimpanzee though saved by the efforts of soldiers was meant for a life in the wild.

For the complete story of Susie, visit [www.chimpanzoo.org](http://www.chimpanzoo.org)



*Susie*

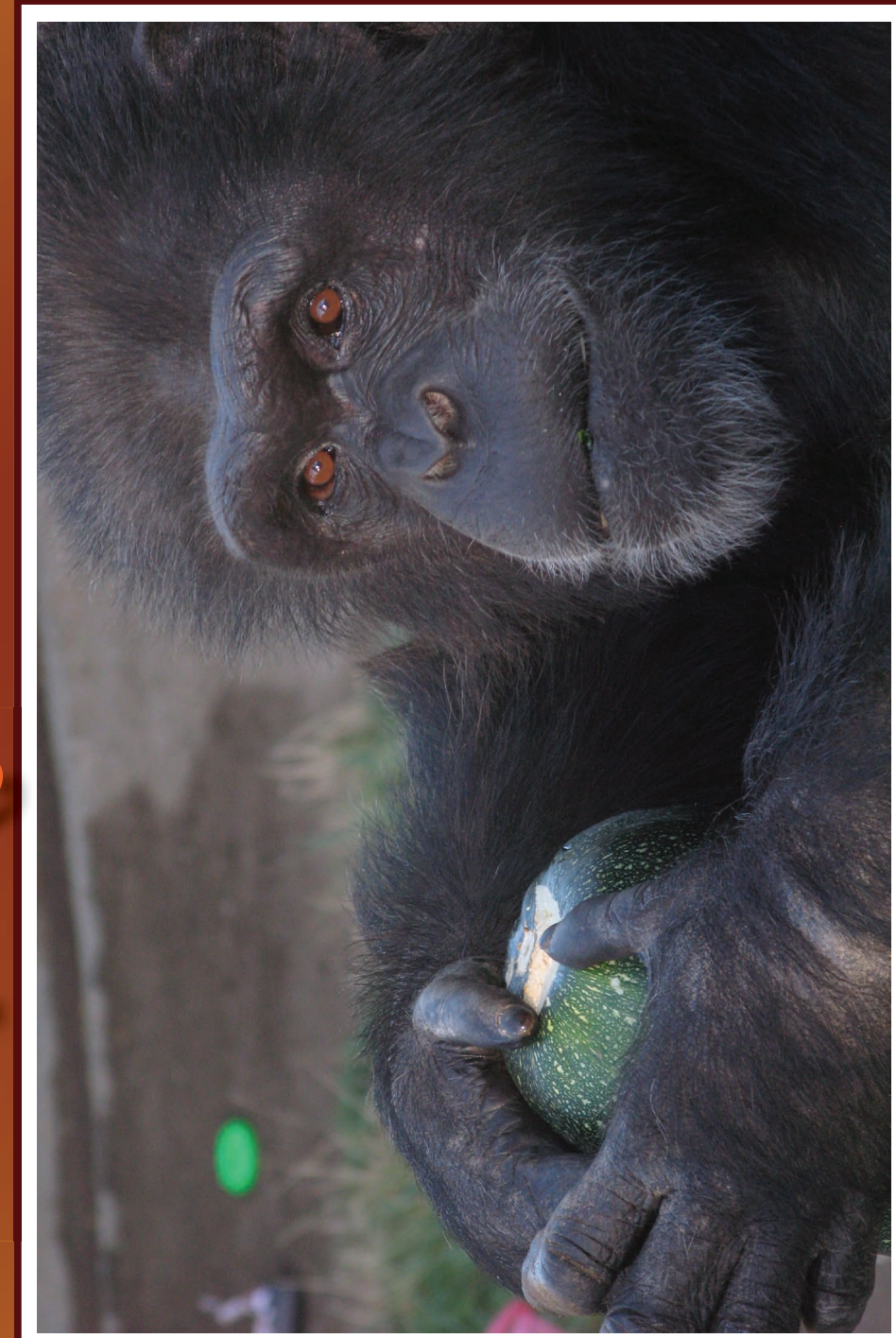


*Colonel Kiefer as a young Army Captain stationed at Les Milles, France during WWII.*



*Colonel Kiefer at Les Milles tile factory (1993). Note iron fire escape ladder used by Susie to climb clutching a small puppy as if it was her own baby.*

# The 2008 ChimpanZoo Conference



*Photo by Kelly McDonald*

*Moses*

## THE EVOLUTION OF CHIMPANZOO

## 2007 ChimpanZoo Conference October 10th - 13th, Sedgwick County Zoo Wichita, Kansas

The Kansas winds and steady deluge of rain forced Ms. Helen Claire to take refuge in the Downing Forest of the Sedgwick County Zoo only to discover herself in a tented enclosure. She was looking out on an African-savannah at a big silver back gorilla and his harem on the opposite side of the window. Ms. Claire, a board member of the Jane Goodall Institute had accompanied Dr. Jane Goodall to Wichita to the 2007 ChimpanZoo Conference not expecting this breath taking encounter with a magnificent fully grown ape.

ChimpanZoo is a program of the Jane Goodall Institute that seeks to better the lives of chimpanzees in captive settings through research, education and enrichment. The 2007 annual ChimpanZoo conference, *When Apes and Humans Communicate*, was held at the Sedgwick County Zoo October 10th through the 13th. Researchers, great ape caretakers and students gathered at the Cargill Learning Center to present new information about their current research and to participate in panels

to debate and discuss current issues that impact chimpanzees in zoos and in the wild.

Ms. Claire along with conference attendees listened to presentations of fresh new research studies about the capacity of apes for language by primatologists, linguists, keepers and students. Conference members enjoyed a number of activities outside of an academic environment such as Dr. Goodall's March of the Peace Doves with local children, and a competitive

and spirited silent and live auction with *Music, Wine and Good Friends*. Attendees participated in a surprise tasting of Dr. Goodall's delicious Gombe Reserve coffee (in cooperation with Green Mountain Coffee Roasters) to benefit Jane's beloved chimpanzees and the Tanzania coffee growers at the *Taste of Africa* event.

The *When Apes and Humans Communicate* Conference attracted extraordinary ground breaking scientists such as keynote speaker and linguist, Dr. Peter Fries of Central Michigan University whose academic work is in the development of linguistic theory and its application to practical problems. Dr. Fries spoke about the origins of language and its unique ability to allow humans to communicate in a much more sophisticated manner than other primates. Primatologist Dr. Francine "Penny" Patterson of the Gorilla Foundation updated conference guests about Project Koko, an interspecies communication project she has directed for more than 30 years with research partner, Koko, a western lowland gorilla. Penny also spearheads the Gorilla Foundation's Wildlife Protector's Fund (WPF) which works to achieve "conservation through communication". Dr. Carlo Alberto Tassinari, a distinguished neurologist from the University of Bologna Italy discussed the primitive movements, vocalizations and behaviors observed during epileptic seizures. Dr. Tassinari is interested in obtaining data to learn whether great apes, especially chimpanzees also experience this type of disorder.

Dr. William Hopkins from Agnes Scott College and Yerkes National Primate Research Center addressed the audience about handedness, gestural and vocal communication and their relationship to aspects of the organization of the primate brain.

As usual conference members and local fans turned out to hear one of the most famous speakers and scientists of our time, Dr. Jane Goodall. Her message of conservation, individual responsibility and hope inspired and encouraged all those attending to join her in working to make a better world for all.

## 2008 ChimpanZoo Conference The Evolution of ChimpanZoo Oakland Zoo, Oakland, California, November 2-4, 2008



ChimpanZoo volunteer photos by Carol Kerbel. Chimpanzee photos by Kelly McDonald and Julie Bitnoff.

It was 1988 and Dr. Jane Goodall had left her famous research site in Gombe National Park, Tanzania behind her to spend most of her time and energy focusing on the needs of captive chimpanzees in research situations that she found heartbreaking and sterile zoo settings that were so obviously destructive for the sophisticated minds of chimpanzees.

A highly acclaimed name in science, Jane Goodall asked and zoo keepers, scientists and people from a variety of professions joined her in her efforts to speak out for these forgotten chimpanzees. They came from nearly a dozen states to contribute knowledge obtained from years of professional experience to build a program (the brainchild of Dr. Jane Goodall) that would address the enormous needs of captive chimpanzees. The program was called ChimpanZoo: Research, Education and Enrichment and it quickly took roots in several zoos such as Oakland, Sedgwick County and Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. The number of participating zoos continues to grow along with the sophistication of the database system.

Twenty years later, many of our original researchers continue to participate in the program as well as new volunteers meeting to learn about the evolution of ChimpanZoo. The site of this year's gathering of ChimpanZoo volunteers is Oakland, California and our focus is on the future.

Among the instructional and motivating presentations, workshops and panels at the 2008 Evolution of ChimpanZoo Conference will be the presentation of two new aspects of the program. The ChimpanZoo Worldwide Mentorship Program will seek to help zoos that are lacking the financial capability to provide the modern and healthy environments for the chimpanzees' minds and bodies as well as to promote species-specific behaviors among these intelligent great apes. Lastly, the ChimpanZoo Junior Researchers Program will provide an environment in which young students learn about primate species, research methods, data collection and data analysis. This program seeks to provide youth with an early introduction to science and an opportunity to fully participate in research.