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Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE

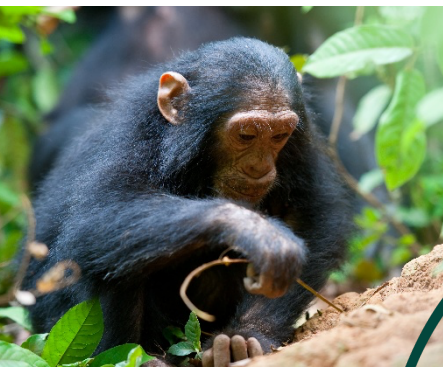


1934 – Jane's Birthday

Jane Goodall is born on April 3, 1934, in London, England

1960 – Jane Discovers That Chimpanzees Eat Meat

Dr. Jane Goodall made the observation of a group of chimps eating a bushpig. Prior to this discovery, chimpanzees had been assumed to be vegetarian. During her research, Jane also observed the hunting process – a group of chimpanzees attacked, killed, and ate a red colobus monkey that had climbed high into a tree.



1965 – Premiere of First Film About Jane and Her Research

National Geographic films and releases “Miss Goodall and the Wild Chimpanzees” which brings the lives of chimps and Jane into the spotlight internationally.

1975 – Cannibalism Is First Observed

Cannibalism among the Gombe chimpanzees is first observed. Mother and daughter Passion and Pom steal and kill babies in their own community.

1960 – Jane Goodall Arrives in Africa

Jane and her mother arrive on the shores of what is now known as Gombe Stream Chimpanzee Reserve in western Tanzania.

1963 – National Geographic Publishes First Feature Article About Jane and Her Research

“My Life Among the Wild Chimpanzees” brings Jane Goodall and her chimps into the homes of millions.

1964 – Jane Gets Married

Jane marries her collaborator wildlife filmmaker and photographer Hugo van Lawick.

1965 – Jane Goodall Gets Her Doctorate

Jane receives her Ph.D. in ethology from the University of Cambridge.

1971 – Jane Publishes Her First Book “In the Shadow of Man”

Jane chronicles her life among the wild chimpanzees of Gombe in her first book “In the Shadow of Man.”



1974 – The Beginning of What Is Known as the “Four Year War”

Conflict erupts between two groups of rivaling chimpanzees in Gombe, the Kahama splinter group, and main Kasakela group.

1977 – The Jane Goodall Institute Is Founded

Dr. Jane Goodall creates her namesake organization to continue her chimpanzee research as well as expand efforts on chimpanzee protection, conservation, and environmental education.

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1986 – Jane Becomes an Activist

Dr. Jane Goodall attends the first 'Understanding Chimpanzees' conference in Chicago. This shifts her focus from observation and research to a broader holistic animal-human conservation approach.



1986 – Jane Publishes the Chimpanzees of Gombe: Patterns of Behavior, a Comprehensive Scholarly Analysis

1991 – JGI's Tchimpounga Sanctuary Is Founded

To provide a home and care for chimpanzees orphaned by the illegal commercial bushmeat and pet trades, JGI established the Tchimpounga Chimpanzee Rehabilitation Center which now cares for more than 150 chimpanzees.



1991 – Roots & Shoots Is Founded

A group of students in Tanzania work with Jane to discuss ways youth can do something to better our world. Roots & Shoots is started to place the power and resources for creating practical solutions to big challenges in the hands of young people.

2001 – JGI Begins Leveraging Science in Conservation Work

JGI's conservation science program provides the platform to generate actionable information to improve conservation decision making, inform the management of chimpanzee populations and design human land uses that promote the protection of chimpanzees and their habitats.

2004 – Jane Is Invested as a Dame of the British Empire by HRH Prince Charles



2005 – JGI Establishes First Formal Conservation Action Plan

Focused on the landscape surrounding Gombe Stream National Park, the plan seeks to bring together local communities, public officials, and NGOs alike to share the work of protecting the wider ecosystem and reestablishing degraded habitats while also improving the lives of people living nearby.

1994 – Jane Starts Community-Conservation Work in Western Tanzania

Known as the Lake Tanganyika Catchment Reforestation and Education (TACARE), this program was designed as a pilot project to address poverty and support sustainable livelihoods in villages around Lake Tanganyika while arresting the rapid degradation of natural resources, especially in the remaining indigenous forest.

2004 – Jane Is Named UN Messenger of Peace

Then Secretary-General Kofi Annan bestowed upon Dr. Goodall the highest honor of the United Nations for global citizens for her work to create a more peaceful world through Roots & Shoots.

2010 – JGI Celebrates 50th Anniversary of Jane's Research in Gombe

After five decades from when Dr. Goodall first stepped foot on the shores of what is now Gombe Stream National Park, the Jane Goodall Institute celebrates the learning and discoveries that continue to emerge from the longest continuous study of chimpanzees in the world.

2016 – JGI Celebrates the 25th Anniversary of Roots & Shoots

Unlike any other youth program around the world, after just two and a half decades Roots & Shoots has spread to nearly 100 countries and has established a network of young people who carry Jane’s conservation ethic and are making the world a better place for people, animals and the environment.



2020 – Launch of the “Jane Goodall Hopecast”

To further connect with audiences worldwide, Jane launched the “Jane Goodall Hopecast,” a podcast series filled with meaningful connections, stories, and—of course—hope!

2022 – Jane Barbie® Created

Mattel® creates a limited-edition Jane Goodall Barbie®, the first in “The Barbie® Inspiring Women™” series that pays tribute to incredible heroines of their time.



2018 – First Annual World Chimpanzee Day Is Declared

In honor of the day Jane first arrived in Gombe on July 14, 1960, World Chimpanzee Day was established to raise awareness for the care, protection, and conservation of chimpanzees in the wild and in captivity.



2021 – The “Book of Hope” Is Published

Jane shares on her “Reasons for Hope,” which include human intellect, the resilience of nature, the resilience of nature, the power of young people, and the indomitable human spirit. generation?

2024 – Celebrating Jane Goodall at 90

The Jane Goodall Institute celebrates Jane’s 90th birthday on April 3, 2024 with events and activities throughout the year. Jane Goodall continues to travel approximately 300 days a year, spreading her inspirational message of hope around the world.

2025 – U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom

President Joe Biden awards Dr. Jane Goodall with the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom for groundbreaking contributions to science and tireless advocacy for our planet and all who call it home.

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