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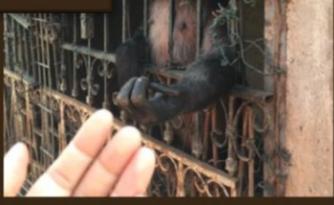
Angola Chimpanzee Rescue



Riquita



Joana



During the last quarter of 2017 we have found two chimpanzees, in Angola, kept in small chicken cages. Once rescued from poachers, these two spent their entire lives in separate cages. A plan was needed to be implemented to save Joana, 21 and Riquita, 16, from this miserable condition.

As you all remember, we have tried hard. We even planned to open a needed sanctuary for them and the liked of more 20 chimpanzees trapped in the country, but it was financially an impossible task for Wild@Life, run solely by volunteers.

So we have intensified our work to bring them to a safe sanctuary in nearby countries. The partnership with Angolan Parks has come to a promising outcome and through Government negotiations, we could start planning for the girls to go to Congo, as the sanctuary has kindly accepted to take them in.



Joana during transfer

The process between Governments, import export CITES papers, health check and some logistics took more time but here we are: THE GIRLS ARE SAVED! We finally managed to send them to Congo, where they will live for a few weeks in quarantine and from there they will integrate other rescued chimpanzees and learn to be free again. They, for the first time in their lives, are living in the same enclosure, and can now have the company of each other.



Joana and Riquita in sanctuary

In the meantime, wildlife rescue never works as planned and the restaurant where the girls where kept had a baby girl chimpanzee of 6 months old, Cristina. Wild@Life also needs to assist her.

A few days later, during Maiombe Rainforest patrol, local teams have rescued a 7 months old girl, Maiombe.

They both need to go to a sanctuary where they can be safe again.

It hurts so much to talk about this but our team has apprehended a car the same week. And a chimpanzee of 6 years old was tied horribly in the trunk. Poachers were going to sell her to the market. We have taken her to safety, she was traumatized . It's unknown exactly how long Caita was held captive with the poachers and what other unsanitary conditions she was exposed to. She was starting to make progress by eating and drinking but then the tetanus took hold. The baby girl Caita got her hand caught in a snare. The snare was rusty. As a result, she has contracted tetanus. All the vets can do for Caita is to treat the symptoms and hope that Caita is strong enough to fight the disease. She literally has the best of the best caring for her; fighting for her and with her. Also, she got 2 fingers removed, that was trapped in the snare and got tetanus infected.



Caita



Caita is just one example of wildlife trafficking. We have saved countless lives from horrific circumstances. Animals who were all taken from their families and homes in the wild by humans to be sold. They are sold for their flesh, their bones, their blood, their organs, their body parts. They are sold for humans to hold captive for entertainment; many spending their entire lives trapped in tiny, filthy, barren cages. They are sold to zoos and man-made safari parks where humans pay to keep them trapped and away from everything that is natural to them. They are sold to laboratories where they're tortured in the name of "science". None of these animals belongs anywhere but in the wild with their families. The ones who are rescued from the evil grip of humans are given everything possible to keep them safe and their lives enriched in sanctuary but make no mistake, there is no replacement for their families and their wild homes. None.



Maiombe



Cristina

So our work is continuing and we are a group of volunteers that relies on your precious support.

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