

Dame Jane Goodall

Born: 3rd April, 1934

From: London, UK

Jobs: Scientist, Animal Rights Campaigner, Author

Dame Jane Goodall is famous for studying wild chimpanzees.



Jane with a chimpanzee

Early life

When Jane was one year old, her father gave her a toy chimpanzee. She named the toy Jubilee after a chimp at London Zoo. As a child, Jane dreamed of visiting Africa so that she could see her favourite wild animals in their own habitat.

Experiences

Jane was a young lady with a goal. When she was twenty-three, Jane visited Kenya. While she was in Africa, Jane got a job studying chimpanzees. She started her studies in Gombe Stream National Park.

Because she cared about them, Jane gave the chimpanzees names instead of numbers. Surprisingly, she was even accepted as part of their troop. Jane noticed how some chimpanzees were aggressive, while others were gentle. She also saw the chimpanzees show feelings such as sadness, anger and joy.

Fascinated, Jane learned how the chimps lived in groups, solved problems and treated their environment. Before Jane's studies, scientists believed that humans were the only animals to use tools. However, Jane discovered that chimpanzees use tools such as sticks for digging out termites and rocks for smashing nuts. She wrote many books about her life including *The Chimpanzees of Gombe* and *Through a Window*.

From 1998 to 2008, Jane was the president of Advocates for Animals. She also worked as a United Nations Messenger of Peace. Jane was made a Dame of the British Empire in 2004.

Today, Dame Jane Goodall spends a lot of time fighting to make the world a better place. The Jane Goodall Institute and Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots work around the world to protect animals, people and the environment. Find out more at www.janegoodall.org.uk.

Impact on the world

During her studies in Africa, Jane learned new information about chimpanzee behaviour and then shared her knowledge with the rest of the world. Inspiring others wherever she goes, Dame Jane Goodall encourages people to be responsible and make choices which show kindness to the world around them. The world might be a better place if more people followed Jane Goodall's teachings.

"Only if we understand can we care. Only if we care will we help. Only if we help shall they be saved." Dame Jane Goodall

