

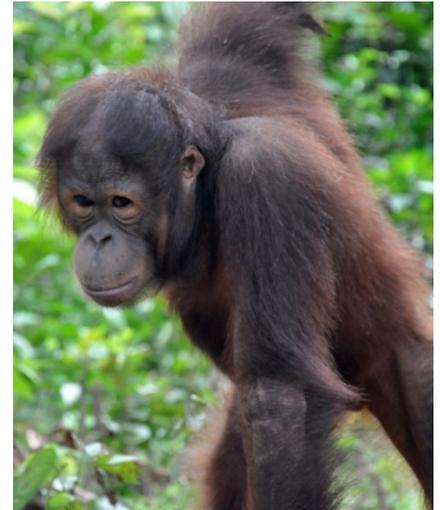


BOS Australia
primates helping primates

Adoption update on Dodo November 2013

Rehabilitation centre	Samboja Lestari
Arrival date	8 August 2007
Age on arrival	11 - 12 months old
Current age	6-7 years old
Gender	Male
Weight on arrival	5 kg
Current weight	22 kg
Previous location	Forest School - Group 1
Current location	Forest School - Group 2
Healthy status	Healthy

With his 'ground gang' mates Raymond, Totti and Derek, Dodo loves to play, bite and wrestle. Dodo is one active orangutan. The babysitters frequently take Dodo to Forest School 2 these days, moving his activities from the ground to the trees.



Those adoptive parents who received the last update on Dodo will see that he's lost a little weight. There are a couple of reasons for this. The first is because he's become so active now that he's joined the next level of Forest School. The other is that poor Dodo had a cold a few weeks ago. Just like humans, he felt sick, lost his appetite and was reluctant to take his medication. However we are pleased to report that he's fully recovered and as active as always.

Dodo has been polishing up on his forest skills, such as climbing and nest building. He's now able to climb taller trees and build nests there. However he still enjoys spending some time on the ground and play with his friends. Whenever he sees Raymond, Totti, and Derek, he climbs down from his tree to join them.



Dodo tends to be submissive to the male technicians. If a technician asks him to leave his friends and climb a tree, he'll obey, but not without a bit of mischief! When the technician looks away, Dodo goes back to the ground to play with his friends again. When the technician realises Dodo is back on the ground, he'll encourage Dodo to climb up the tree. Dodo complies but then goes back down as soon as the technician's back is turned. This repeatedly happens, and Dodo will tirelessly do it again and again.

He's a very curious boy, especially if there's someone new. Sometimes, his curiosity leads him to be a little naughty. Every newcomer to Samboja Lestari, whether it's a guest or new employee, will be followed everywhere by Dodo. The babysitters and technicians have to keep an eye on him when he is fixated on a newcomer as sometimes it's not just the person he's interested in but their belongings. Once an orangutan steals something from you, you've got a tough time getting it back!

Despite his mischievous behaviour, Dodo is making remarkable progress. He climbs tall trees frequently, does most of his activities in the trees, and builds nests. Seeing this progress is encouraging and we strongly believe he will one day be ready to have a bright future in the wild.

