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Adoption update on Nita November 2013

Rehabilitation centre	Nyaru Menteng
Arrival date	13 November 2008
Age on arrival	1.5 - 2 years old
Current age	7 years old
Gender	Female
Weight on arrival	8kg
Current weight	23kg
Previous location	Forest School - Group 4
Current location	Forest School - Group 5
Healthy status	Healthy

We are pleased to report that Nita is very healthy with has been eating well. She's not a picky eater and loves all the nutritious food prepared for her.

One morning Nita seemed a little bit lazy and didn't want to go to Forest School. Normally she walks by

herself to school followed by the babysitters. However this morning she kept looking back and repeatedly tried to turn back to her enclosure. A babysitter decided they should walk hand in hand to make sure Nita didn't go anywhere but school.

Nita is an active and smart orangutan. She loves climbing tall trees and skilfully swings from one to another. She's just a little bit lazy when it comes to going to school and needs a little encouragement to go each morning as she doesn't particularly enjoy being in class. She loves to explore and be free without any supervision from the babysitters or technicians. However, there is so much to learn so she can one day live freely in the wild. As she does not have her mother to teach her, she needs to attend Forest School every day no matter how much she'd like to play truant.



Compared to her peers, Nita is a loner and spends most of her time playing by herself. When she does play with the other orangutans, she tends to pick a smaller group to join.

On this particular day, Nita was out playing with a small group of orangutans. It's the height of dry season so the puddles in the jungle turn into swamps, a perfect place for these young orangutans to have so much fun! Nita spied another group of orangutans that had discovered the puddles and were having a great time using them as their new playground. Seeing how happy they were, Nita joined them without hesitation, even though they were part of a different Forest School group.

Seeing that Nita was supposed to be with her own group, the babysitters tried to coax her back. But Nita wasn't happy about that and just like a wild orangutan, she bared her teeth towards the babysitters. Lately, Nita has started to show some natural orangutan behaviours, such as making kiss-squeak or pig like sounds and baring her teeth. Well done, Nita! Keep learning until you are ready to live freely in the wild!

