

Dr. Jane Goodall
April 3, 1934 – October 1, 2025

Dr. Jane Goodall redefined humanity and science. She revolutionized primatology by discovering that chimpanzees make and use tools, and proved that nonhuman beings possess sentience, emotions and personalities.

When she arrived in Tanzania, Africa in 1960 at age 26, the scientific establishment believed only human beings made and used tools. She observed chimpanzees stripping leaves from twigs to "fish" for termites. She named her chimpanzee friends (Flo, Fifi, Frodo, David Greybeard to name a few) rather than giving them numbers as in traditional scientific research. She observed and reported that chimpanzees, like human beings, possess personalities, rational thought, sentience, and enjoy peace as well as instigate violence due to societal issues like human beings.

In 1977, Dr. Goodall established The Jane Goodall Institute to protect chimpanzees and their habitats.

In 1991, she founded Roots & Shoots Youth Program to empower the next generation.

Dr. Goodall served as UN Messenger of Peace, and traveled extensively, zealously speaking out on critical social justice issues like climate change, habitat destruction and nonhuman protection until she left her earthly home at 91 years young.