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Adoption update on Dodo November 2016

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| Rehabilitation centre | Samboja Lestari |
| Arrival date | 8 August 2007 |
| Age on arrival | 11 - 12 months old |
| Current age | 9 years old |
| Gender | Male |
| Weight on arrival | 5 kg |
| Current weight | 25 kg |
| Previous location | Pre-release Island |
| Current location | Forest School - Group 2 |

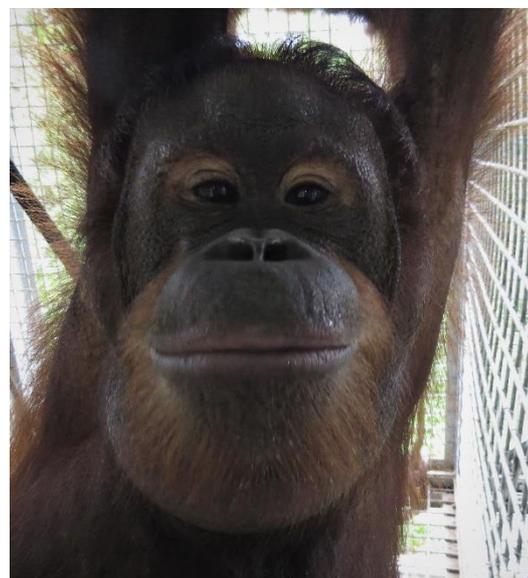


The BOS Foundation has recently started to renovate the pre-release islands near Samboja Lestari and as a consequence Dodo was moved back into Forest School.

Dodo seems happy to return back to Forest School. He was reunited with his old friends and fellow members of the 'Ground Gang' and they now act as though they've never been apart.

However, Dodo's time away in the pre-release island means he's starting to reject human company. He's not as close to his babysitters and technicians and refuses to hold their hands when walking to Forest School. Instead he'll walk with his friends. The staff are not offended in anyway, this is good progress and shows that Dodo is starting to act more like a wild orangutan.

Dodo is very active and his climbing skills are well developed. He really enjoys racing up the liana trees, dangling around and travelling deep within the forest. He's a very curious ape and can travel a good distance, which unfortunately means he's on occasions travelled too close to the nearby villages. Luckily his occasional aggressiveness towards humans has prevented him from interacting with the villages. On the other hand it does mean the technicians have a hard time trying to coax Dodo back to Forest School and they have been on the receiving end of his bites! The patient technicians are used to this type of behaviour (ignoring the advice from W.C. Fields "never work with animals") and always manage to get Dodo back to the Centre.



Dodo's other skills are also developing especially with nest building and foraging for forest fruit. However, he loves the fruit given to him by his babysitters, eagerly collecting them before racing up a tree to consume his bounty.

We have high hopes that Dodo will become a great male, living wild in the forest.

