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MOTHER'S DAY EDITION!

Adopt our “new” babies

BOS Australia is excited to be welcoming Ruthie and Nody into our adoption program, just in time for Mother's Day. Both of these orphaned babies have had a traumatic start to their young lives, however, with your help, you can make a difference to their future, and hopefully see them returned to safe forests in the wild.

So, for the mother or grandmother who has everything, why not give a gift that keeps on giving! For \$120 (which you can split up into quarterly payments if you want to) you can adopt either Ruthie or Nody for one year; and it is tax deductible. For this you will receive:

- a certificate of adoption;
- a photograph of your chosen baby;
- a profile about your baby;
- quarterly updates on her/his progress;
- an online copy of Grapevine;
- a gift; and
- all postage is included.

Most importantly, you and the recipient will feel good knowing that you have made a difference to the life of an orphaned baby orangutan.



To find out a bit about Ruthie and Nody and the program, go to our website at www.orangutans.com.au or give us a call on (03) 9877 0377. You can either adopt online or download the brochure and post it with a cheque or your credit card details.

Our newest members

You can purchase membership online from our website www.orangutans.com.au or you can contact us at the details on this page. Singles pay \$45 and a family membership costs \$75. As an added bonus, members receive a 10% discount on merchandise (when a telephone order is made); so why not sign up before making your Mother's Day purchases! For great Mother's Day gift ideas see the next page.

Those who have joined as members so far this year are: Ingrid Clausen, Mark Keenan, Fiona Connolly, Fred Meuring (and family), Gordon Dixon, Michael Reid, Emma Furler and Neil Tunnicliff.

Visit our stall at Greenfest from 5-7 June at Brisbane City Botanic Gardens.

See:
www.greenfest.com.au
for details.

Questions?
Donations?
Want to volunteer?

Please contact us:

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Mother's Day gift giving

Infant orangutan adoptions

For details refer to the front page of this newsletter.

Cards for a Cause

You can purchase a card online and have it posted or sent as an e-card. Remember, "Cards for a Cause" can be purchased all year round, not just for Mother's Day!



Purchase your card at www.orangutans.com.au which will pay for the following:

- \$15: Babies bottles for 4 infants
- \$25: Nappies for 1 month
- \$50: 5 square metres of rainforest habitat replanted
- \$70: Food for 1 infant for 1 month
- \$100: A hammock for an orangutan to sleep and play
- \$250: General wellbeing for 1 month (including food, medical needs & care and love)
- \$300: A variety of interactive items (toys, balls and feeder bags)
- \$500: Help pay for the rescue of an orangutan in need

2009 desk calendars and more

It's still not too late to purchase a desk calendar at half price. And don't stop there – there are lots of great gift ideas on our website such as: DVDs; T-shirts; soft toys; magnets; cards; tote bags...

For all of these gift ideas and more, go to www.orangutans.com.au



Malaria claims young lives



With a genetic make-up closely aligned to our own, it is not surprising that orangutans are susceptible to many of the same illnesses and diseases that afflict us including: pneumonia; influenza; tuberculosis; hepatitis; cholera; and malaria. It is the latter that has been the cause of much concern and sadness at Nyaru Menteng over recent months.

Malaria is a common occurrence with regular outbreaks amongst the youngsters at Nyaru Menteng. The symptoms are similar to ours – headaches and severe flu-like indications. With quick treatment and TLC (lots of cuddles and paracetamol) they are usually back to forest school within three weeks.

Unfortunately, the disease can spread quickly in close quarters and so it was in January 2009, when an epidemic hit the sanctuary. More than 100 orangutans were infected. The medical team worked day and night to contain the outbreak and to treat the patients. Sadly 10 young lives were lost to a complication called Cerebral Malaria, a condition that can turn a serious illness into a killer in less than 12 hours. Togel, pictured here, lost the battle.

Any donation to assist with medical supplies and care would be very gratefully received. Please see our contact details on the front page of this newsletter.

Baby Ayu

Ayu is a little orangutan girl whose life took a tragic turn when she was only 6 months old. She is one of hundreds of orangutans affected by forest fires each year. Many die. Ayu was fortunate; she was rescued by a team from our orangutan rehabilitation centre, Nyaru Menteng.



The forest fires in 2006 were extremely severe and forced many orangutans out of the forest. Escaping fires and in search for food, Ayu and her mother found an oil palm plantation; the young seedlings are edible in emergencies like this.

When the rescue team found Ayu, the staff of the company claim that she was abandoned by her mother. Under no circumstances would a mother have left her 6 month old baby behind. Orangutans of that age would normally cling to their mother with an extremely powerful grip. They are totally dependent on their mother's care. Being separated from her mother, Ayu was deeply traumatised and stressed.

After the rescue team brought Ayu to Nyaru Menteng they realised that she needed extensive medical care. She was so stressed that she hurt herself, continually biting her own arms and legs until they were bleeding. The medical team and babysitters who cared for Ayu night and day did a fabulous job. After two weeks of treatment in the clinic, Ayu became part of the baby group where she is being raised with other young orangutans. The aim is to release Ayu into a safe forest. Until then, there is a lot for her to learn.

Rita Sastrawan, BOS International

Workplace giving

Through "Workplace Giving Programs" you have an easier and more cost-effective option for helping to save orangutans. All your donations are made from your pre-tax salary which means you pay less tax on your reduced individual taxable income. As BOS Australia has Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status, workplace giving contributions qualify for an immediate tax deduction. You don't need to keep tax receipts or wait to claim donations with your annual tax return. You reduce your tax with every donation. In some cases your employer may match your donation dollar-for-dollar so be sure to ask about that. For all the details and a downloadable form to take to your pay office go to:

<http://www.orangutans.com.au/Orangutans-Survival-Information/Workplace-Giving.aspx>