



International

Orangutan

Day

Orangutans Are Not Pets Game

Overview

Keeping orangutans as pets or using them in the media can be very harmful to this incredible endangered species. Orangutans are amazing animals who need special care, at AZA Zoos we have many ways of keeping orangutans comfortable and safe. We also participate in breeding programs that help support the species as a whole and never take an orangutan out of their wild habitat for the purpose of entertainment. Orangutans found in social media as pets or in other media are often forcefully removed from their mother at a young age, and are not cared for in a way that best supports their natural behaviors. Let's work together and learn about how we can be smart consumers and not "like" images of orangutans that can be harmful.

Directions

Print out the cards and descriptions (Pages 3&4, 6&7). Cut them up so each image and description are a card. Print out the "like" and "dislike" icons (Page 8) and either tape them to a space on a table to create piles, or tape them into two different tubs. Pick up each card and have a brief discussion before allowing the guest to place the card in the "like" or the "dislike" piles. Allow this game to be an opportunity to have discussions around how guests can use their influence and make choices on what media they consume to help orangutans. Be sure to read through the "Orangutan Day Fact Sheet" For more information to share with guests



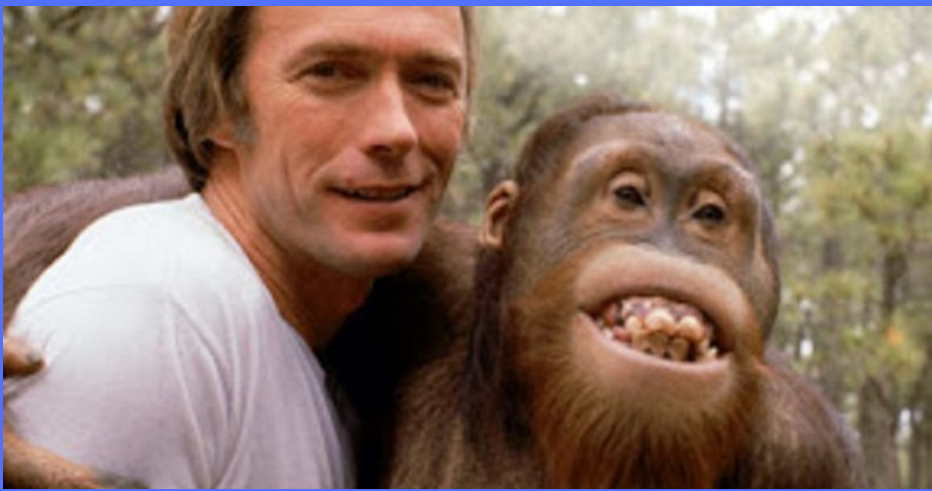
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**Dislike
Examples**



An orangutan poses with an actor on the set of a movie

A baby orangutan taking a picture with a tourist

An orangutan 'acting' in a movie

A baby orangutan dressed in human clothes appearing on a late night talk show

An orangutan dressed as a boxer posing for a photoshoot

A pet orangutan wearing human clothes riding a skateboard



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Like
Examples





A boy hugging his orangutan
stuffed animal

An AZA zoo employee working
with an orangutan to
participate in a training session

An orangutan at an AZA zoo
participating in a dental exam

A mom and young orangutan
sharing food

A mom and baby orangutan
eating greens in a habitat

A male orangutan climbing on
bamboo reeds

