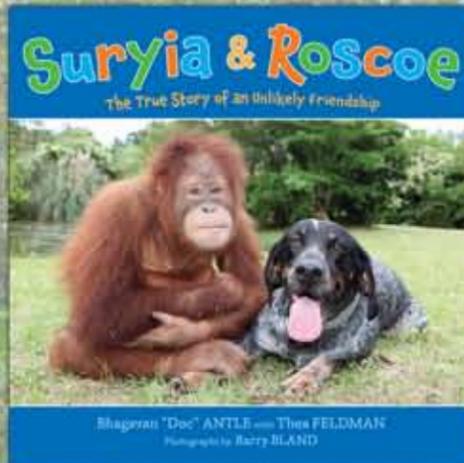


Rare species fund

The RSF has recently begun its extensive support of Orangutan Foundation International (OFI). The most recent contribution was part of the RSF give the rainforest some relief project that the RSF has put together from payments made to RSFs Tiger Preserve resident, Surya the orangutan for his role in the new "Relife Finder ad campaign from Robitussin. Funds from the RSF will help OFI with there many

projects. RSF has supported OFI for many years in oning projects, recently having some new creative funding projects bare fruit. Orangutan Foundation International OFI is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of wild orangutans and their rainforest habitat. Founded by Dr. Biruté Mary Galdikas and associates in 1986, OFI operates Camp Leakey, an orangutan research area within Tanjung Puting National Park. OFI also runs the Orangutan Care Center and Quarantine (OCCQ) facility in the Dayak village of Pasir Panjang near Pangkalan Bun, which is home to 330 displaced orangutans, and helps manages the Lamandau Wildlife Reserve, where rehabilitated wild born ex-captive orangutans are released into the wild. Through its field programs, OFI also provides employment at these facilities for over 200 local Indonesians. OFI partners with World Education and the Orangutan Conservation Forum, a consortium of groups that is working to counter the primary threats to orangutan survival throughout Indonesia.

"Here is the internationally famous story of one of the most unusual animal friendship stories ever."



This new book teaches children the importance of friendship and the need to protect our fragile environment. Generating more money for orangutan conservation, this book .will be released in May of this year.

The importance of saving orangutans. Aside from the necessity of saving one of the world's most intelligent species, protecting the wild orangutan also means protecting the habitats and home ranges in which they live. Many other animals call these same forests home and by protecting the orangutan we are also setting aside essential habitat for lesser known species which might otherwise not be supported and eventually become extinct.



Among the jungle neighbors, five species of felines can be found within orangutan territories, including: marbled cats, Bornean bay cats, flat head cats, Asian leopard cats and the Sunda clouded leopard.



The top five priority issues OFI works on in concert with these partners include:
 Stopping illegal logging, mining and forest conversion
 Increasing sustainable economic alternatives for communities surrounding critical orangutan habitat
 Assuring sustained funding for long-term in-situ orangutan research vital for effective conservation efforts
 Educating the local public to understand orangutan and forest issues and take pride in orangutans and their forests
 Releasing ex-captive orangutans into suitable, protected habitat.
 President of Orangutan foundation International OFI, Dr. Biruté Mary Galdikas has studied orangutans longer than any other person in human history and has worked ceaselessly to save orangutans and forests, and to bring orangutans and their plight to the attention of the world.

The Rare Species Fund directly supports grass roots in-situ wildlife conservation projects around the globe. Significant funding for these projects have been generously provided by:
Environmental Services, Ltd. - Moorpark, CA
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Marine World Africa USA



Suryia the orangutan's appearance in the Robitussin "get some relief" ad campaign generated vital funding which went directly to provide relief for wild orangutans.

