

## ALLISON LEACH

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### VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Highly passionate primate enrichment volunteer with an impressive work ethic. Experience working with captive great apes at sanctuaries in both Cameroon and Borneo. Skilled in the development of enrichment programs, care for disabled animals, and delivery of conservation education programs.

### VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

#### **Sanaga-Yong Chimpanzee Rescue** **2015 to Present**

*Board Member*

- Lead fundraising efforts to support the Sanctuary's long-term sustainability
- Provide oversight of annual operating budget
- Act as an ambassador for the organization, help communicate and promote its missions and programs to the community

#### **Projet Gorille Fernan-Vaz, Gabon** **2019 Jun - Jul**

*Enrichment Volunteer*

- Assisted PASA's primate behaviorist implement a training program for 4 ex-lab western lowland gorillas

#### **Beijing Zoo, China** **2017 to 2019**

*Enrichment Volunteer*

- Helped to establish and implement an enrichment program for 7 chimps and one disabled orangutan on exhibit

#### **WWF-PICBOU, Democratic Republic of Congo** **2016 Sep – Nov**

*Volunteer - Projet Intégré de Conservation des Bonobos de l'OUest*

- Assisted local trackers in bonobo habituation process (Mai Ndombe province)
- Developed and implemented a 2-day bonobo sensitization workshop for 4 primary schools with local NGO MbouMonTour

#### **Orangutan Care Center and Quarantine, Borneo** **2014 Jul – Dec**

*Enrichment Volunteer - Orangutan Foundation International*

- Implemented daily enrichment program for over 300 captive orangutans
- Assisted in day releases of young and mature orangutans
- Designed and instituted specific daily enrichment activities for a disabled orangutan
- Performed photography assignments for Dr. Biruté Galdikas
- Led Ecotour groups for Dr. Galdikas in her absence

**Baliwick Zoological Park, Catskill, NY** **2013 – 2014**  
*Enrichment Volunteer*

- Provided enrichment and care for an elderly solitary chimpanzee
- Helped staff recognize and combat stereotypies
- Arranged medical treatment for chimp's chronic pain

**Sanaga-Yong Chimpanzee Rescue Center (IDA-Africa), Cameroon** **2013 Jan – Apr**  
*Volunteer caregiver*

- Participated in the daily feeding of over 72 captive chimps
- Provided daily primary care and physical therapy for a paralyzed chimp
- Rotated in as a surrogate mother to two orphan baby chimps

**Fifth Avenue Veterinary Specialists, New York, NY** **2006 – 2007**  
*Volunteer*

- Assisted vet techs in emergency care of small animals

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

**Allison Leach Photography, Gardiner, NY** **2008 to 2017**

- Stock Photography Clients include: Getty, Photonica, Contour, Tony Stone and Caters

**Rocky Mountain School of Photography, Missoula, MT** **2005 to 2011**

- Developed and taught 6-month and 1-month workshops on Studio Lighting

**Allison Leach Photography, New York, NY** **1994 to 2008**

- Contributing Photographer, *People Magazine*, New York, NY
- Editorial Clients included: *Vanity Fair, Esquire, Elle, Newsweek, Time, Fortune, Business Week, Men's Health, Entertainment Weekly, The New York Times Sunday Magazine, Interview, Parade*
- Advertising Clients included: Spotco Advertising, Ogilvy & Mather, McCann Erickson, Grey Advertising, Saatchi & Saatchi, Comedy Central and MTV

## **EDUCATION**

1986 Summer	<b>The British Institute of Florence</b>	Florence, Italy
1983-1984	<b>Bristol University</b> Junior Year Abroad	Bristol, England
1981-1985	<b>Rice University</b> B.A. Degree in English and Art/Art History	Houston, TX

1980 Summer

**AFS Studentship**

Lahnstein, Germany