



# OSCAR

## Adoption



Growing up, Oscar was an only child and therefore pretty spoiled. His mother would do anything to keep him happy. She would carry him around on her back, crack open nuts for him and defend him in fights with others. He especially paid closed attention when his mother was nut cracking. Oscar loves Coula nuts and he seemed very eager to learn how to crack them on his own. However, the little chimpanzee was not strong enough to crack open the nuts despite all the effort he put in it. He would beg insistently from his mother and she shared with him. Oscar had quite a strong character and would often throw tantrums when he didn't get what he wanted. But Oscar was also a gentle playmate and many of the younger chimps liked to play with him because he was not as rough as other kids in his age.



Then the most dramatic blow of fate a little chimpanzee can experience changed his world forever. His mother was attacked by a leopard and died of her severe injuries some days later. We were all heartbroken to see little Oscar without his beloved mother. He seemed traumatized and quickly lost weight. But little did we know that hidden behind this little chimpanzee was a stubborn fighter. He started to fight for his life, and tried to keep up with the group which was exhausting for such a young chimpanzee. The absence of milk showed effect rapidly as he started to lose weight within days. Oscar finally was adopted by a member of his group and today he is a strong happy chimpanzee who has learned to master his life independently, without his mother. He is cracking nuts better each year, he enjoys playing with his friends and regularly we see him drumming on trees attempting the same calls as adult males are doing. Oscar is eager to become a big male of the group.