

CAA Family Dynamics
Described Video Transcript

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(MUSIC)

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[NARRATOR]

Over the past year, the meaning of home has become even more important.

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

An aerial shot of a neighbourhood

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[NARRATOR]

Much like our animal friends, our homes are our habitats, where we eat, sleep, work and play.

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A bird walks along a log

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A family runs into their house

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A family eats dinner together at a table

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A woman sleeps in her bed

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A woman uses a laptop as children run around her

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

Two girls play video games together

00:00:16:19 - 00:00:30:19

[NARRATOR]

CAA and the Toronto Zoo are here to show you some very special families living together under one roof, including their western lowland gorillas. Here is their zoo keeper, Sue Eberth, to tell us more.

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

Two rhinos graze in their enclosure

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

Monkeys sit on a branch

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

Two birds hop together on a branch

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A gorilla chews a stick

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A young gorilla sits on the back of an older gorilla

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A young gorilla eats lettuce

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

Gorillas sit together

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

Blue bars pass across the screen

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[SUE]

Our gorilla family consists of five individuals, the first being the silverback, which is Charles. He is 49 years old. His role is to look after everyone, and be the disciplinarian when needed. Then we have his dominant female, which is Ngozi, who is 23 years old, and she is the mom to the two little ones. Charlie, the baby, catches everyone's eye. She's always playful, might be banging on the window. She loves her visitors. And little Nneka is a very good big sister to her. And then we have Johari, who is going to be 20 years old on Mother's Day, in May.

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

Sue sits for an interview

TEXT ON SCREEN - Susan Eberth

Keeper, African Rainforest Pavilion - Toronto Zoo

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

Pictures of the gorillas appear over a white and blue cloud background

TEXT ON SCREEN - Charles, 49

Ngozi, 23

Charlie, 2

Nneka, 7

Johari, 19

00:01:09:07 - 00:01:18:09

[NARRATOR]

A family of five, all of different ages, and just like us, the younger they are, the more mischief they cause.

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

Blue bars pass across the screen

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

The gorillas play together

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[SUE]

Age affects the personality quite a bit. Say for instance you have a young silverback. They're more boisterous when they're in their teenagers, early 20's. They have a lot more energy, and they might be a little bit more punky, so to speak, whereas when they get older, like Charles at 49, he's a lot more laid back. He spends a lot of time just resting. He gets out and walks around, and looks and does things too, but...

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A gorilla eats leaves

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

Sue sits for an interview

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A gorilla walks in the enclosure

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

Charles sits and plays in a bucket

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

Sue - Interview

00:01:42:17 - 00:01:43:09

[CREW]

So sorry!

00:01:43:09 - 00:01:44:17

[SUE]

That's okay!

(LAUGHING)

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

Charles bangs on the window and runs away

00:01:44:17 - 00:01:59:10

(MUSIC)

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A young gorilla climbs onto an older gorilla's back

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A gorilla watches as Sue sits in the foreground

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A gorilla walks inside the enclosure

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A gorilla runs past the camera

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

Gorillas play together

00:01:59:10 - 00:02:03:09

[CREW]

Alright, this is the Family Dynamic, take two. Clap!

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A gorilla walks up the hill inside the enclosure

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

Sue sits for the interview, visible through the viewfinder on the camera

00:02:03:09 - 00:02:06:06

(CLAP)

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

Sue claps her hands

00:02:06:06 - 00:02:37:21

[SUE]

As you just were watching, Nneka and Charlie were playing, and a little roughhousing a little bit, and Johari was sitting on the tree log, watching. So, Ngozi, the mother, came walking on over to see what was going on, and instantly Johari got off the log, and she walked away, and that's how Ngozi displaces her. Mom might be coming over a little angry, we're not sure, so she's going to get out of the way, and not get into the altercations with Ngozi. In fact, Ngozi just came over to see what her daughters were doing, and she walked back away.

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

Sue - Interview

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[SUE]

Gorillas are very intelligent beings, and they're very emotional as well. When the two little sisters play, Nneka and Charlie, you'll see some roughhousing, and some laughter actually. They laugh with each other as they play. And then they'll often hug one another too, and you'll get to see that. So, they're very close. It's a very intense family unit.

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A gorilla looks around

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

Charlie and Nneka play in the enclosure

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A gorilla chews a stick

00:03:00:10 - 00:03:20:08

[SUE]

And again, one individual is just as important as the next, and they will defend each other with their lives if they have to. So, moms are very important to the little ones. Their childhoods are very long, and they do learn from each other, so it's very important that they stay with the family unit for as long as they can.

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A gorilla grazes in between rocks

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

Gorillas sit together

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A young gorilla plays with a ball

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A young gorilla plays with a tube

00:03:20:08 - 00:03:40:18

[SUE]

What you learn from watching gorillas, for me anyway, is exactly how to be just relaxed, calm, appreciative of what's around you. They love their families, they look after their family with all they have. So, Charles, as I said before, his main focus is the care and safety of his family.

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

Sue - Interview

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A gorilla chews on a stick

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A gorilla plays with block on a rope

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

Charles sits and eats

00:03:40:18 - 00:04:02:12

[SUE]

So, western lowland gorillas are critically endangered, and the reason that is is because of the deforestation that is happening over in Africa, the bushmeat prices, which is poaching, climate change, and disease. And one of the ways you can help these critically endangered species like Johari behind me here is by recycling your used cell phone.

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

Sue - Interview

00:04:02:12 - 00:04:19:10

[SUE]

That's the reason why we collect used cell phones is because there's a mineral inside each phone. It's mined heavily in the Democratic Republic of Congo, which is prime gorilla habitat. So, by recycling our phones as much as we can, we can reduce some of that deforestation.

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A blue bar swipes across the screen

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

An animated cellphone with a video of a gorilla playing appears next to a shot of Sue giving her interview over a white and blue cloud background

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[SUE]

You can also help by just simply visiting our zoo. As accredited zoos across the world, we all do our part to help the species in the wild. As part of our mandate, we have to help them. So, just by simply coming in to visit, and by recycling your cell phones, there's two ways right there to just do as much as we possibly can to keep these endangered animals on the planet with us.

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

An animated smart phone with video of zoo keepers working, and different animals at the zoo, appears next to a blue bubble with white text and a box where Sue gives her interview

TEXT ON SCREEN - Ways to Help

Recycle your old phones through the Phones Apes program at the Toronto Zoo

Visit accredited zoos like the Toronto Zoo

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

Blue bars swipe across the screen

00:04:44:00 - 00:05:02:16

[NARRATOR]

Charles and his family laugh, play, and learn together. Their love for one another is strong, and together they thrive. Just like the gorillas, the Toronto Zoo works hard for all of the animals in their care, big and small.

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

The gorillas walk around the enclosure

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

The gorillas eat

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A gorilla sits by a rock

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

Rhinoceroses walk around their exhibit

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

A small turtle swims

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

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(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

The CAA Calling All Neighbours logo is displayed

(DESCRIBED VIDEO)

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