



**Kobe**



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Kobe is one of the shyest orangutans at the OFI Care Centre, but her curiosity always gets the better of her. Normally hidden in the corner of her sleeping enclosure at the end of the day, she always comes out when she hears a new visitor.

Despite what can seem like aloofness, Kobe still yearns for attention. Sometimes, you hear her crying for attention, but she can always be calmed down by a nice, warm bottle of milk. Other than the fruits that she finds in the forest, milk is Kobe's favourite treat.

Yet despite her timidness, she is quite independent and truly is "a person of the forest." When in the Learning Forest, Kobe is great at finding ant nests and loves to eat their contents as a delicious afternoon snack. She loves being in the forest so much that she sometimes wanders off and forgets how far she is from her caregiver. Many a time the OFI staff have to entice her back to her sleeping enclosure by tempting her with her favourite treat ... a warm bottle of milk. The minute Kobe sees a milk bottle, she cannot resist, and hurries back!

Since Kobe is quite shy, she startles easily. As a result, if she gets a fright, she sometimes bites people she doesn't know. It can be very difficult to take a good photo of Kobe, as she is constantly on the move. When trying to take a photo of her, Kobe poses and you think you're going to get a great shot, but at the very moment you focus your camera on her, she climbs away! She simply doesn't want the attention focused on her.

Wild orangutans are very wary as well, so Kobe's reserved nature may prove to be a great survival trait when she is eventually released back into the wild.

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