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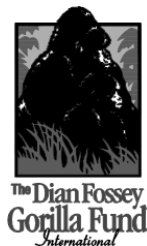
CANTSBEE'S STORY:



Cantsbee is a silverback who is the dominant leader of a group of gorillas named after Pablo, who once led the group but has since yielded to Cantsbee. Cantsbee was born in 1978 and was given his name by Dian Fossey. Fossey thought that Cantsbee's mother was a male, until she gave birth! Fossey then exclaimed "It can't be," and that turned into the name Cantsbee.

As a fully mature male gorilla, or silverback, Cantsbee is a magnificent sight. His gleaming silver saddle stands out against the jetblack long hair. When it rains, the water tends to roll right off the hair, keeping him dry and warm underneath. Cantsbee also exhibits the distinctive silverback's crest on his head, which is where -underneath- all those powerful jaw muscles attach. He has massive canine teeth, which also help him chew the many pounds of plants he must eat each day for survival. Since silverbacks are also in charge of keeping their group safe, they have the potential to be great fighters. But mostly, this consists of a grand show of displaying and charging, without any actual violence. Sometimes, though, a good bite is necessary to send away an intruding silverback from outside the group.

Cantsbee is a very successful silverback, and leads a very large group of gorillas, the largest ever observed by the staff of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International. The somewhat frequent addition of new infants to this group always keeps it exciting to watch. But with Cantsbee in charge, things seem to go smoothly.

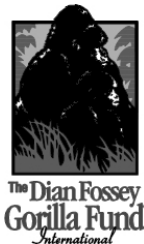


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CANTSBEE'S Q&A:

- 1). What does Cantsbee's name mean? Go to <http://www.behindthename.com> and find out what your name means.
- 2). Cantsbee's teeth help him to chew hard and fibrous leaves. Can you find your canine teeth in a mirror?
- 3). How do silverbacks display aggression?



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