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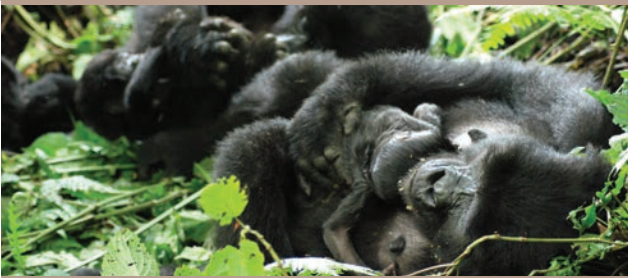


Silverback Bageni grooms a mother and infant gorilla in his group in Virunga National Park.



Grauer's gorilla Kambula on Mt. Tshiabirimu in DR Congo.

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Caring for Wild Eastern Gorillas

The cornerstone of Gorilla Doctors work is routine health monitoring: our field veterinarians trek hundreds of miles in the forest every year to visually check the health of every single habituated mountain and Grauer's gorilla group in Rwanda, Uganda, and the DR Congo. During routine health checks, Gorilla Doctors look for any sign of illness or injury in the group, making detailed notes to be recorded in the IMPACT database. This allows long-term monitoring of a case and tracking of disease outbreaks, building a detailed database of the eastern gorillas' health over many years. This year, Gorilla Doctors made 389 visits to habituated eastern gorilla groups to assess their health.



February 2016

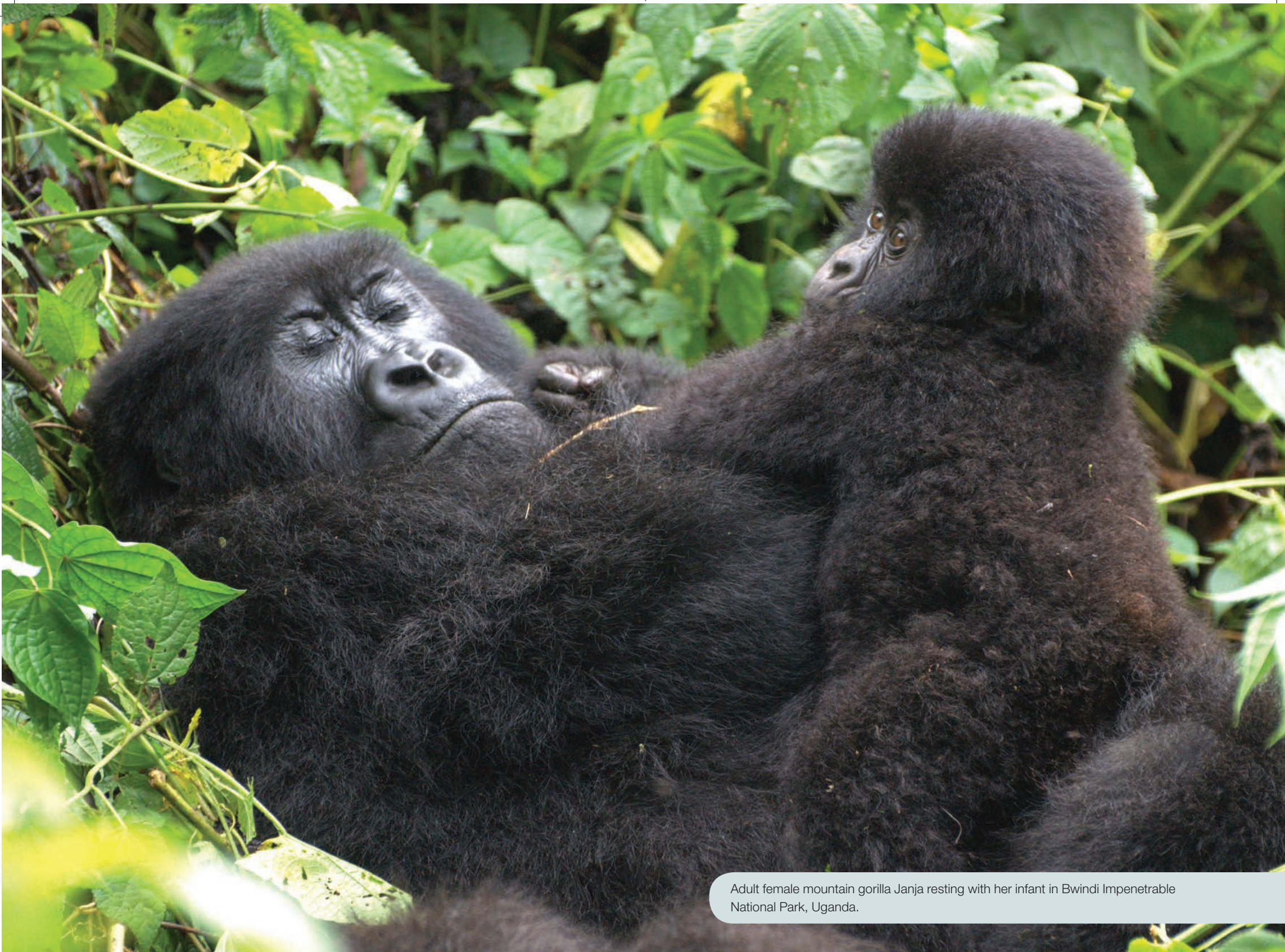
PHOTOS LEFT FROM TOP TO BOTTOM:
Mothers resting with their newborn babies in Mubare group in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park; Silverback Isabukuru climbing the buffalo wall back into Volcanoes National Park; Silverbacks from Lulengo group and Mapuwa groups facing off in Virunga National Park.

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Adult female mountain gorilla Janja resting with her infant in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda.



Life-Saving Interventions

In 2015, Gorilla Doctors field veterinarians intervened to treat multiple injured or ailing mountain and Grauer's gorillas in Rwanda, Uganda, and the DR Congo. From silverbacks with severe traumatic injuries, to respiratory disease outbreaks affecting entire groups, to gorillas caught in poacher's snares, we are proud to say that 18 eastern gorillas received life-saving veterinary care this year.



March 2016

PHOTOS LEFT FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: Dr. Eddy Kambale prepares a dart with antibiotics before a veterinary intervention; Silverback Munyiya and other members of Humba group in Volcanoes National Park were treated for respiratory disease infection in 2015; Our Uganda team intervenes to treat an unhabituated female mountain gorilla with two broken legs in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park.

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Adult female Korugezi of Kyaguliro group in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda.





The mountain gorilla is a conservation success story due entirely to the tremendous collaborative effort amongst host governments and multiple gorilla conservation organizations working in the region. Gorilla Doctors is proud to work closely on the ground with our partners to ensure that the mountain gorilla population continues to grow and we hope to see such positive results from our work with Grauer's gorillas in the coming years as well. Our veterinarians are able to continue their work to save endangered gorillas with the help and support of national park rangers, researchers, and staff from other important conservation organizations.



PHOTOS LEFT FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: Drs. Mike Cranfield and Eddy Kambale and GRACE staff watch Grauer's gorilla orphans in their new outdoor enclosure; An ICCN ranger confiscates a wire snare in Kahuzi Biega National Park; RDB Veterinary Warden Elisabeth Nyirakaragire, Gorilla Doctors Rwanda Field Vet Dr. Jean Bosco Noheri and Fossey Fund Karisoke researcher Jean Paul Hirwa in Volcanoes National Park.

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Orphan Grauer's gorilla Kalonge climbing in her enclosure at the Senkwekwe Center in DRC.





Caring for Orphan Gorillas

Our veterinarians continue to provide healthcare for the only mountain gorillas living in captivity in the world: the Senkwekwe Center's Maisha, Ndakasi, Ndeze and Matabishi. Dr. Eddy Kambale also cared for orphan Grauer's gorilla Kalonge after she fractured her femur in a fall from a tree inside her enclosure. Fortunately, she healed completely and was successfully moved to her new home at the GRACE sanctuary, where she has settled in with her new family of fellow rescued Grauer's gorillas.



May 2016

PHOTOS LEFT FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: Dr. Eddy Kambale rides in the helicopter with orphan Grauer's gorilla Kalonge for her transfer to GRACE; Drs. Eddy Kambale and Martin Kabuyaya conduct orphan mountain gorilla Ndeze's annual health exam at the Senkwekwe Center; GRACE manager Luitzen Santzman and Gorilla Doctors Director Dr. Mike Cranfield work together during orphan Grauer's gorilla Kalonge's transfer to GRACE.

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A mother and infant mountain gorilla in Bigingi group in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda.



Advancing Our Knowledge

Every year, our field veterinarians acquire new skills, knowledge, and equipment to better serve the health of the eastern gorilla population. This year, American veterinary surgeon Dr. Donna Shettko traveled to Rwanda to give a hands-on training workshop on wound healing and surgical techniques at our Regional Headquarters. Our field team also acquired a portable digital X ray machine from Bingo Environmental Foundation, thanks to Hannover-based nonprofit Benfiz e.V. and many other generous donors, allowing our vets to conduct more comprehensive diagnostics on complicated cases. Our teams also gathered often for scheduled rounds, where our veterinarians collectively discussed recent cases and lessons learned.



June 2016

PHOTOS LEFT FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: Veterinary Surgeon Dr. Donna Shettko conducts a workshop with Gorilla Doctors field vets in Musanze, Rwanda; Gorilla Doctors field vets use a portable X-ray machine for the first time to treat an injured wild gorilla in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda; Former Regional Manager Dr. Jan Ramer and Gorilla Doctors Uganda team pose for a photo after a regional rounds meeting.

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Balingene, a mountain gorilla infant in Virunga National Park's Humba group.



One Health

In order to ensure the long-term health of eastern gorillas in Africa, Gorilla Doctors implements several human and domestic animal health projects in the region. This year, over 2,200 national park workers and their family members received preventive health care through our Employee Health Program. Our field veterinarians vaccinated dozens of dogs in areas around the national parks and continue to collect samples and learn more about pathogens in wildlife species within gorilla habitat through the PREDICT (See August) project.

July 2016

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Employee Health Program Manager Jean Paul Lukusa collects a sample during the 2015 health screenings in DRC; Cultivated farmland surrounding Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda; Children gather at the edge of the Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda.

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Kikombe and her infant in Mubare group. Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda.





PREDICT Surveillance

This year, our veterinarians began work on the second 5-year phase of the USAID Emerging Pandemic Threats PREDICT project. Our veterinary teams will continue to conduct surveillance in Uganda, Rwanda, and eastern Democratic Republic of Congo to detect viruses in wildlife that pose a risk for spillover into human populations. PREDICT is led by the UC Davis One Health Institute, with Drs. Julius Nziza, Benard Ssebide, and Dr. Eddy Kambale serving as Country Coordinators on the ground.



August 2016

PHOTOS LEFT FROM TOP TO BOTTOM:
The Uganda PREDICT team collects samples from a Vervet monkey near Entebbe; Collecting samples from rodents outside of Bwindi Impenetrable National Park; Dr. Olivier Nsengimana processes samples in the Kigali lab for the PREDICT Rwanda project.

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Rugendo group members in Virunga National Park, DR Congo.



Our hardworking veterinarians have enjoyed our media spotlight this year, starring in a documentary for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's *Nature of Things* and in an episode of Nat Geo Wild's *Biggest and Baddest*, both of which aired this year for international audiences. Gorilla Doctors Board Member Jack Hanna filmed a promotional piece for Nutramax Laboratories with Gorilla Doctors Director Dr. Mike Cranfield in Rwanda, and the Houston Zoo chose to highlight Gorilla Doctors work in a television news piece with KPRC-2 anchorman Andy Cerota, which was nominated for a Lone Star Emmy! In the fall, Tigress Productions traveled to Rwanda to film a documentary about our work, which will air in 2016 on Great Britain's iTV.



PHOTOS LEFT FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: The KPRC-2 film crew from Houston, Texas documents Gorilla Doctors work in Rwanda in honor of the opening of the Houston Zoo's gorilla exhibit; Cosequin spokesperson and Gorilla Doctors Board Member Jack Hanna films a commercial in Rwanda; Presenter John Bishop poses with Drs. Mike, Methode and Joost at our Regional Headquarters in Rwanda during filming for a Tigress Productions documentary.

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Mugaruka , a lone silverback Grauer's gorilla in Kahuzi Biega National Park, DR Congo.



Wildlife Health

While eastern gorillas are the primary patients of the Gorilla Doctors, our field vets also treat other wildlife in need. In 2015, Gorilla Doctors cared for two infant chimpanzees orphaned by poachers, worked with Virunga National Park staff to fit 15 forest elephants with electronic tracking collars to better monitor the herds' movements and protect them from poachers, and intervened to help treat sick and injured endangered golden monkeys and return them to their forest homes.



October 2016

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An infant chimpanzee rescued in Rwanda, currently in Gorilla Doctors care at the Kinigi orphan facility in Rwanda; a Virunga National Park elephant fitted with a tracking collar; a Golden Monkey in Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda.

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Silverback Kongomani in Virunga National Park, DR Congo.



Dedicated Donors

Each year, Gorilla Doctors continues to grow as an organization, expanding our capacity and outreach and delivering more and better medical care for gorillas, thanks to the generous donors who support us. Sponsors such as Abaxis Europe ensure that our field teams have the supplies and equipment they need to give eastern gorillas the best veterinary care. Organizations such as Partners in Conservation and the Houston Zoo raise critical funds every year for us through events. And many of our supporters across the world open their hearts and wallets to donate to Gorilla Doctors – helping us pay for our veterinarians' hard work, life-saving medicine and supplies, and even major diagnostic equipment, such as the new digital X-ray machine donated this year by Bingo Environmental Foundation, Benfiz e.V. and many other generous donors.



November 2016

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Dr. Mike Cranfield picks up the new portable x ray machine in Germany; Abaxis rep Bärbel Kohler, long-time supporter of Gorilla Doctors, and DRC team members; Partners in Conservation's Rwanda Fete at Columbus Zoo, benefitting the Gorilla Doctors work in Africa.

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The Amahoro group of mountain gorillas in Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda.





Working Together

From our field veterinarians to our Board Members to our administrative staff to our Directors, every member of the Gorilla Doctors team plays an important role in helping ensure the health of endangered gorillas in central Africa. Spread across four different countries and four different time zones, our team works closely together to carry out the Gorilla Doctors mission: to conserve wild mountain and Grauer's gorillas through life-saving veterinary intervention and a One Health approach. We're saving a species, one gorilla at a time.



December 2016

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In March 2015, Gorilla Doctors team members convened in Uganda for the annual retreat; Nkuringo group gathered together in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park; Gorilla Doctors Board Members with a Uganda Wildlife Authority ranger in Uganda.

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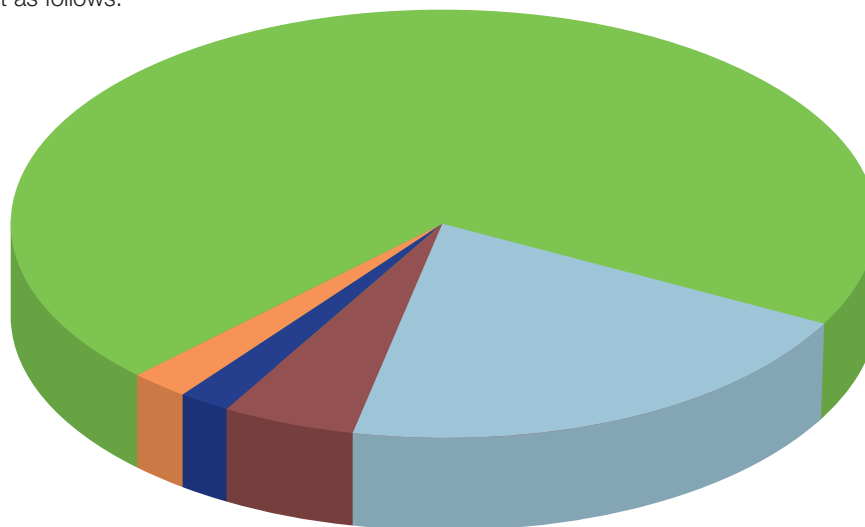
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In Fiscal Year 2014/15, MGVP, Inc. and the Karen C. Drayer Wildlife Health Center at UC Davis together raised \$1,610,751 in financial support.

\$1,542,753 was spent as follows:

- Programs: 69%
- Personnel: 22%
- Administration: 5%
- Travel: 2%
- Development: 2%



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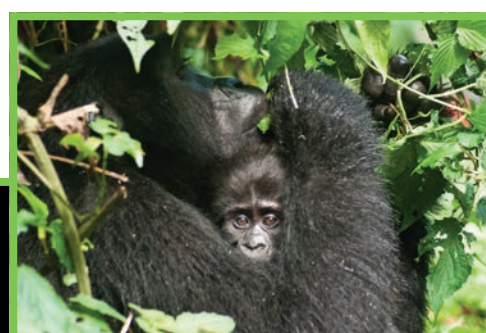
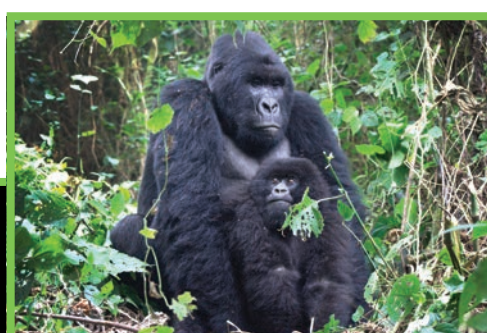
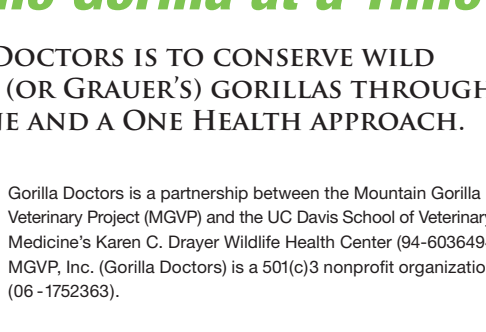
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