



MEET THE CHIMPS



Michelle Reininger, Colony Director

A native of South Dakota, Michelle Reininger began her career at a Texas sanctuary working with big cats, bears, wolves and chimps. Reininger took the reins as Chimp Haven's Colony Director after serving on the Animal Care team for five years. She and her team lead husbandry and care for the colony and work tirelessly to give all of Chimp Haven's retirees the best life possible.

Favorite Chimp: Pierre – “I have known Pierre for 18 years, and we just clicked from the first time we met. He is a big boisterous male that is known for his exuberant displays that make him seem like a tough guy; however, upon inspection, he is a big softie who likes to have his chin rubbed with a spoon.”