

'Tuan'
Orangutan
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Although I have been commissioned to draw male orangutans on several occasions, I have never been completely at ease with my results. For this reason alone I wanted to attempt a large portrait of a male close up, in the hope I could now do it justice. There is no doubt it is a daunting task in front of you when you take a close look at a mature male orangutan's face; just knowing where on earth to start is the first challenge! Tuan is a mature orangutan rescued from the pet trade in Taiwan, now happily residing at Monkey World.

