

HELLO FRIEND!

I had the most amazing day volunteering at the Wildlife Refuge Retreat! I go every other week to help with the animals who are cared for there! I can honestly say I have a lot of different friends there! From a couple of playful monkeys, to beautiful and inquisitive macaws, to a gentle panda named Ginger Snap, I'm surrounded by furry and feathered friends!

Whenever I visit, I make sure to wear my "Conservation Sensation" ensemble, which consists of a playful one piece romper and a marvelous button-down skirt! Besides being gorgeous, it's super versatile. I wear the playful romper when I'm caring for the animals. Then, when tourists visit, I just layer the skirt over it for a more professional look, as I guide our visitors through the many wonderful habitats featured at the Conservatory. My multicolored brown loafers are so comfortable, as I walk along the paths, letting everyone know about the precious animals, and all we can do to help them. You know me; I like to LOOK good, but I LOVE to DO good!

Ginger Snap, like most pandas, is by nature very docile and shy. In fact, she covers her face with her front paws when she meets someone new. I've given her space, allowing her to get comfortable with seeing me every so often. Today, as I treated the monkeys to a tray of fruit, I felt a gentle tug on my skirt, and when I turned around, there was Ginger Snap! I held a juicy sweet apple slice out to her, and she gently took it from me, and joyfully shuffled off to enjoy her treat!

It took courage and trust for her to approach me, and I'm so glad she took this step! I'm sure we'll be good friends in no time!

Maybe Ginger is discovering that good things can happen when we reach out to make a new friend, no matter how "different" they may seem at first! The results can be downright SWEET!

My outfit is enclosed for you, as a reminder that you're an important part of this world, and that you have the power to touch the lives of all creatures, great and small! You are amazing!

xoxo
Grace

