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5 inspirational women dedicated to fighting for animal welfare

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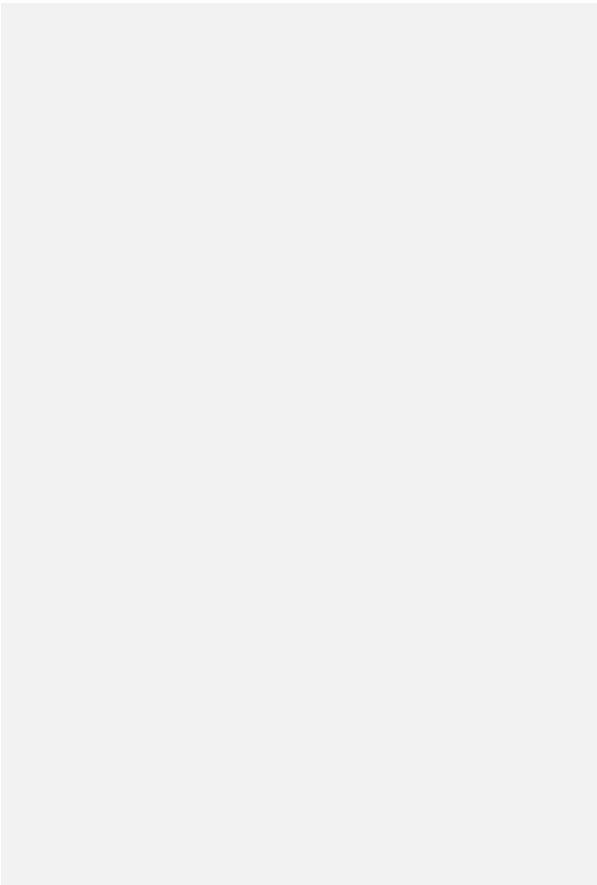
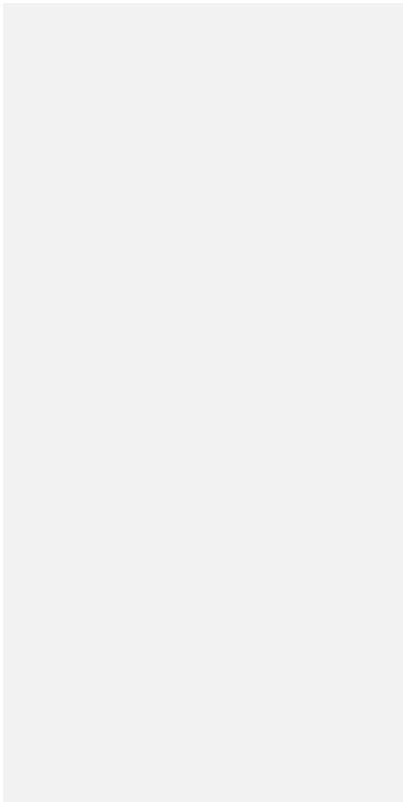
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These courageous, strong, and passionate women are paving the way.

Dian Fossey, Brigitte Bardot, Jane

Goodall... These women have all fought for animal welfare throughout their lives. If animal rights have since evolved, and fashion has started to ban fur on a more regular basis, the fight for animal protection across the globe is far from over. These are the courageous, strong, and passionate women paving the way for future generations.

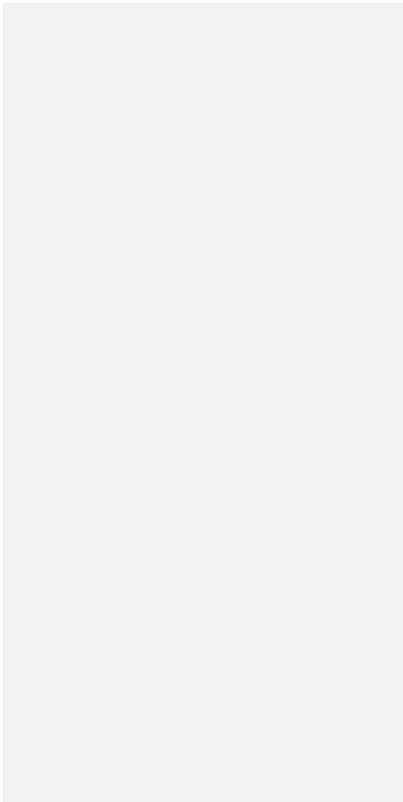


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Jane Goodall

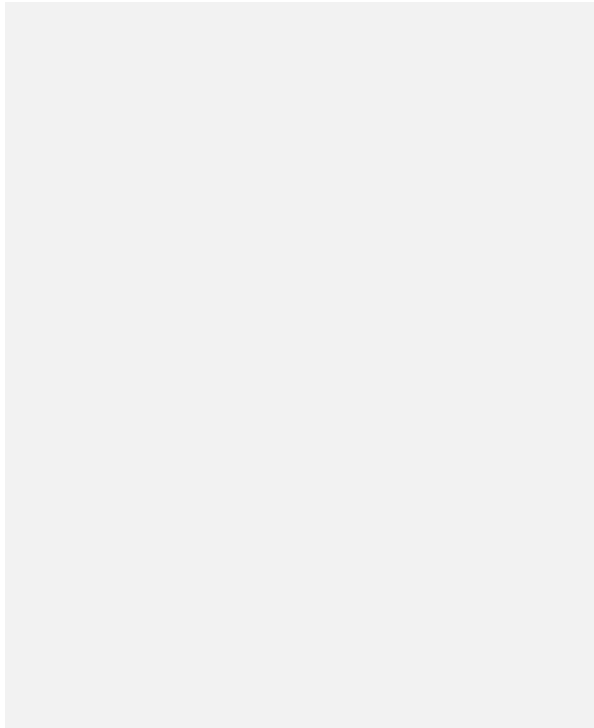
"I got to Africa. I got the opportunity to go and learn not about animals, but about chimpanzees. I was living in my dream world, in the forest in Gombe National Park in Tanzania". Jane Goodall is one of the extraordinary women who devoted their entire lives to the preservation of animals. Jane strove to protect chimpanzees, and through her in-depth studies on the species, managed to break the all-male scientific



consensus of the times. In 1960, during her first trip to Tanzania, then called Tanganyika, she opened her institute while coping with difficult personal and professional trials. National Geographic has recently aired the documentary Jane, which retraces her life and animal crusade. Director Brett Morgen delved deep into over a hundred hours of unscreened film archives secured by National Geographic over the last 50 years. The documentary explores Goodall's passion and determination in an era where women's voices were barely heard, and less so in the science field. Spectators will discover the outstanding and exemplary life of 83-year-old Goodall whose voice-off takes you along every frame.

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Brigitte Bardot BB - a play on "bébé", that's baby in French - may have had one of the shortest, and sexiest, movie careers in film history, her name will go down in prosperity as a protector and defender of animals. But how exactly did she become their BFF, and how did her passion grow into a vocation? Two reasons seem to emerge. For a start, few women have been as followed, admired, watched, and even stalked as Bardot was. As a child, she experienced the fate of the cutest of animals: both her parents encouraged her to perform in the limelight. As a teen, she was already an Elle magazine cover star. When at the age of 15 she chose to open her cage and flee with older lover Roger Vadim, she was prevented from doing so. It's with no great enthusiasm that she accepted her first role on the big screen: the first collar around her neck. She spent the next couple of years as an exotic animal: a recluse in her home, staying away from prying eyes and paparazzi flashbulbs. People have often evoked another reason: that jealousy, profit, and the false virtues of fame led her to cut herself off from the world and turn towards the unfaltering love of animals. Perhaps it's simply that BB wanted to be free to live and love as she pleased.

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