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## Highlights July 2013







### Bugs, Bites and Parasites: Tropical Diseases Uncovered

**UK SERIES PREMIERE**SUNDAYS FROM 21ST JULY, 10PM

Bugs, Bites & Parasites: Tropical Diseases Uncovered follows a team of medics in their fight against tropical diseases both in the wards of the Royal Liverpool Hospital and across the developing world. Cases span from returning holiday makers experiencing terrifying symptoms to entire villages brought to their knees by sudden viral outbreaks. Featured this

series, a patient with Trypanosomiasis which sends its victims into a zombie-like trance, holiday maker with maggots hatching in her ear, and the shocking results of a Liver Fluke disease, which grows armies of parasites under the skin. Plus, a young holiday maker believes he has spiders eggs buried in his back.





#### Amish Mafia

**UK SERIES PREMIERE**MONDAYS FROM 8TH JULY, 10PM

The Amish of Lancaster, Pennsylvania are one of the most secretive societies in America. It is a culture that lives by its own laws and customs - mistrustful of local law enforcement; they turn to the *Amish Mafia* for protection and justice. This is a side of Amish society that exists under the radar, and the Amish church denies the group's existence. Ring leader Lebanon Levi holds the power and serves as protector of the community, occupying the role of police, judge and jury.

Levi's team engages in a life outside of Amish and non-Amish community codes as he quietly exerts his influence and control. For the first time ever Amish Mafia goes inside the secretive community to lift the lid on these incidents, misdeeds and wrongdoings within the Amish community, as well as a rare look at Levi and his team members who work together to maintain harmony, whether through legal means or not.





### Blood Road Bomb Squad

**UK SERIES PREMIERE** 

THURSDAYS FROM 4TH JULY, 9PM

In Afghanistan, one of the most important and dangerous jobs for the army is the clearance of roadside bombs. Since the war began over 1,000 American soldiers have been killed by these bombs, so specially trained soldiers are sent into battle to clear these deadly bombs so that the rest of the military and civilians can stay safe on the roads. Blood Road Bomb Squad follows two platoons as they use the world's toughest vehicles to take out the bombs and take the hit themselves, so other soldiers don't have to. Overwrought with tension this series reveals the harsh reality of life for soldiers in the middle of the battle field.





#### **Ultimate Warfare**

UK SERIES PREMIERE
THURSDAY FROM 11TH JULY, 10PM

Ultimate Warfare takes viewers on a totally immersive journey of real-life combat from the soldier's-eye-view of battle. From battlefields of wars past and present, Ultimate Warfare documents the most decisive modern military battles from the first-person perspective of the servicemen who lived to tell the tale. Combining authentic battlefield footage and highly stylised recreations with CGI and cutting-edge graphics. Tension, grit,

courage and strategy are at the forefront of each episode, as soldiers relive the critical moments they faced, where every decision could mean the difference between life and death. From the Battle of Midway in World War II right up to Fallujah in Iraq, *Ultimate Warfare* sheds new light on these iconic military battles, bringing the audience into the battlefield experience as if they were there.





# The President's Gatekeepers

**UK SERIES PREMIERE**SATURDAYS FROM 20TH JULY, 9PM

White House Season on Discovery continues with *The President's Gatekeepers*, revealing the extraordinary behind the scenes history of the White House Chiefs of Staff. Called the world's second toughest job – and also the world's worst, the White House chiefs of staff translate the presidents' policies into reality – or disaster. They are the inside eyewitnesses to history, and the confidants with whom the president, and the first lady, share their secrets. Spanning nine administrations, *The President's* 

Gatekeepers reveals which White House Chief of Staff Dick Cheney blamed for bringing on his first heart attack? And why was Rahm Emanuel so apprehensive about taking the job? Also, which 25-year-old Chief of Staff was put in charge of reviewing J. Edgar Hoover's infamous FBI files before forwarding them to the President? In this two part special *The President's Gatekeepers* provides a compelling look at the world of the closest confidente the President has.





### Extreme Smuggling

**UK SERIES PREMIERE** 

THURSDAYS FROM 25TH JULY, 9PM

Peer into the underground world of drug smuggling, animal trafficking and illegal gun trading in Extreme Smuggling. From the sophisticated methods and radical techniques used by criminals who are willing to take drastic measures in order to turn a profit, to interviews with people directly involved in the cases which provide the inside stories, Extreme Smuggling reveals the often bizarre and disturbing ways that criminals try to feed the United States' insatiable demand for drugs, exotic animals and guns. The first episode features the mind-boggling smuggling schemes employed by drug dealers, who will go as far as building real submarines and hiding drugs inside bars of soap in order to push their products.





### Hero Dogs of 9/11

**UK PREMIERE**WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY, 9PM

This brand new one-off special reveals the unknown true stories of survivors and the working dogs who saved lives at Ground Zero during the September 11, 2001 attacks is revealed. More than 300 dogs were part of the rescue and recovery operation, going where it was impossible for humans to follow. Some of those featured include blind office worker Michael Hingson who had to trust his seeing-eye dog Roselle on a treacherous

descent of 78 flights of stairs to escape only moments before the towers collapsed, and Lt. David Lim of the NY Port Authority Police who was called to duty with his explosive detector dog. Also, Genelle Guzman-McMillan, the last remaining survivor found of 9/11, who was pinned under the rubble for 27 hours after the buildings collapsed before being found by recovery dogs, tells his rescue story.







#### The Zoo

**UK SERIES PREMIERE**THURSDAYS FROM 4TH JULY, 8PM

Following the escapades and daily goings on at Dublin Zoo, *The Zoo* returns to Animal Planet for a brand new series. This series sees the return of penguin chicks to the zoo when Eddie and his team find a pair of health looking eggs in the penguin habitat – but will they have make the difficult decision to hand-rear them and help them survive? Meanwhile, a bull elephant arrives in Dublin Zoo, after a year of careful preparation by the keepers. The question is, how will the huge Asian elephant get on with his new herd?

Plus, Brendan leaves Dublin Zoo for Borneo, to visit critically endangered orangutans in the wild and discovers a whole new world of wildlife on the way.

In the first episode playful and boisterous young male Indian elephant called Budai has become a favourite amongst the zookeepers, but when he starts to prove too much of a handful for the females in the herd, the keepers are forced to make some difficult decisions.







#### America's Cutest Pets

**UK SERIES PREMIERE**TUESDAYS FROM 9TH JULY, 8PM

From talking kitties and slumbering cats to dancing dogs and dogs that doze, Animal Planet counts down the cutest clips in the web-o-sphere to crown America's cutest cat and dog. The first episode explores the good, the deliciously bad and the extremely fuzzy in all things cats! From cats who cram themselves into tight spaces, felines who befriend unusual pals, kitties with athletic prowess, cranky cats that get a little contentious, chatty catties who like to make noise and the kitties with the cutest expressions. But who will be crowned America's cutest cat?







### Tech Toys 360

UK SERIES PREMIERE

WEEKDAYS AT 7PM FROM 8TH JULY

Tech Toys returns, taking viewers all over the world in search of the trendiest and exclusive gear for the modern man. With VIP access to the most innovative technology toys of the 21st Century, scouring the world to give viewers the best in gadgets, from distinct products to uber powerful vehicles and from the progressive to the inspiring. With limited-edition cars, private jets, luxurious watches, the fastest motorcycles and private helicopters; and the world's finest wine, beer, and cigars Tech Toys is the ultimate boy's toys series.





#### Meteorite Men

**UK SERIES PREMIERE** FRIDAYS FROM 5TH JULY, 8PM After racing through space at speeds of 48,000kph until violently crashing down on earth, lost pieces of meteorites have been buried deep below the Earth's surface for thousands of years. Although they're among the rarest natural objects on Earth, meteorite hunters Geoff Notkin and Steve Arnold will stop at nothing to track down these ancient alien treasures. Armed with an assortment of high-tech equipment and their own archive of secret record-breaking meteorite that could still maps, the *Meteorite Men* travel across

the globe in search of these precious items. Returning for the brand new series Steve and Geoff head into uncharted territory as they explore the spectacular 5,000 year-old Morasko Crater Field in western Poland. With a three-day hunting permit from the local university and new top-of-the-line metal detectors, the guys must sift through the buried wreckage of two world wars if they are to locate a lie deep underground.





### Mommy Docs

**UK SERIES PREMIERE**MONDAYS FROM 15TH JULY, 9PM

The Mommy Docs, Dr. Yvonne Bohn, Dr. Allison Hill and Dr. Alane Park, know the pregnancy and birthing process intimately... from both sides. Stars of Deliver Me, these women are doctors, but they're also mums who have been through all the stages of pregnancy with six kids between them. With ten years of practice together in Los Angeles, these doctors have personally welcomed more than 15,000 babies into the world.





### Deadly Affairs

**UK SERIES PREMIERE** 

TUESDAYS FROM 2ND JULY, 10PM

From love triangles that implode to office romances exposed and from sleeping with the enemy to bedding your best friend's husband, *Deadly Affairs* tells real-life tales of love gone terribly wrong. This series features rival brothers, a seemingly idyllic married couple's life which turns deadly and an affair at work that ends in murder. In the first episode an affair puts a funeral director and his wife puts them in deep water and a young couple has it all until the big man on campus enters the picture, with deadly consequences.







### Who the Hell Did I Marry?

**UK SERIES PREMIERE**SUNDAYS FROM 7TH JULY, 10PM

Who the Hell Did I Marry? tells the story of an "I do" turned "You did WHAT?" featuring spouses of liars, cheaters, and thieves, these women have unknowingly signed up for much more than they bargained for when they got married. One of these women, Amber Frey, tells the story of her relationship with Scott Peterson as it goes from starry-eyed lover to star witness at his double murder trial.

In the first episode Kendra Beebe falls victim to the violent attack of Hollywood comedian, Shelly Malil, best known for his portrayal of a foul-mouthed employee in "The 40-Year-Old Virgin." Viewers follow Beebe's story from the start of a flower-filled Hollywood romance all the way to a hospital bed where she fights for her life after her attempted murder.







#### **Blood Relatives**

**UK SERIES PREMIERE** 

SUNDAY FROM 28TH JULY, 9PM

**Blood Relatives** returns for a brand new series, and this means more incredible stories of people who keep murder in the family. From teens who kill their parents, to fathers and mothers that kill sons and daughters, and each other. These are the people who are supposed to love each other the most. They protect you, feed you, keep you warm and tuck you in at night; they're not supposed to kill you. This series discover the story of how a little girl is connected to the murder of a well-known Connecticut citizen, and a suspicious killing within a family who appear perfect from the outside. How could someone kill a blood relative?







#### I Am Bruce Lee

**UK SERIES PREMIERE**WEDNESDAYS FROM 17TH JULY, 10PM

Explore the life history, unique philosophy and ever-expanding legacy of one of the most iconic stars of the 20th century in extraordinary two part special, *I Am Bruce Lee*. Through intimate interviews with family and friends, as well as entertainment and athletic icons including Kobe Bryant and Ed O'Neill, this compelling two part documentary explores how Lee has shaped and continues to the world of martial arts. Despite his limited film career, cut tragically short by his death at the age of 32, Lee's martial arts technique on

film remains unparalleled and he is widely considered to be the greatest and most influential martial artist of all time. Meanwhile his contribution to the psychology of fighting, the philosophical roots of martial arts and liberation of the individual have meant he has become an inspiration to untold numbers around the world. Intertwining the best of Bruce Lee's ground-breaking martial arts action films with previously unseen archive footage, *I Am Bruce Lee* presents the definitive story of a man whose legacy will endure forever.







#### Disaster Decks

**UK SERIES PREMIERE** 

TUESDAYS FROM 30TH JULY, 9PM

What happens when an optimistic DIY-er attempts to build an outdoor oasis without the proper skill and knowhow? A disastrous deck and a call to resident deck expert, Paul Lafrance and his cutting edge crew. Disaster Decks follows them as they rescue well-intentioned homeowners, and help them rebuild their outdoor spaces and their pride. Paul gives each deck a prescription for salvation and then he and his crew get these outdoor spaces back on track. From demolition to rebuild Paul puts each homeowner to work, doling out instruction paired with his signature sense of humour.



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