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## **ADOPTABLE ANIMALS GET NEW DIGS IN ANIMAL PLANET'S TWO-PART SPECIAL *PET NATION RENOVATION***

*- Two Non-Profit Animal Shelters Receive Much-Needed Head to Tail Makeovers -*

(Los Angeles, CA – September 1, 2016) – Every year, shelters and rescues across the country spend countless hours finding homes for millions of abandoned animals. In Animal Planet's new two-part special, **PET NATION RENOVATION**, two deserving shelters receive much needed top-to-bottom makeovers providing animals with a more comfortable stay while awaiting their new family. After the renovations are complete, each shelter holds a local adoption event resulting in many happy "tails." Part one of **PET NATION RENOVATION** premieres on **Saturday, September 17 at 10:00 p.m. ET/PT** on Animal Planet.

Hosted by animal expert and home renovation enthusiast Dave Salmoni, and featuring the animal shelter renovation experts from *Project Pawsitive*, the **PET NATION RENOVATION** team completely transforms two shelters - Bandit's Adoption and Rescue of K-9s (BARK) in Ashland, Virginia and Michigan Animal Rescue League (MARL) in Pontiac, Michigan.

In the premiere episode, the all-volunteer staff at BARK learn they are the winners of a nationwide contest to find the most deserving shelter. As a result of rescuing more than 4,500 dogs in 10 years, the BARK shelter shows extreme wear and tear. These run-down conditions cause unnecessary stress to the dogs and scare off potential adopters forcing BARK to hold their adoption events offsite.

After four weeks of renovation by the **PET NATION** team, BARK is outfitted with state-of-the-art kennels, an agility dog park and cost-saving improvements which culminates in an on-site adoption event to find the dogs forever homes. Celebrity dog groomer Jorge Bendersky and animal adoption expert Jill Rappaport are on hand to make sure the dogs look their best and when matched with the perfect family.

The makeover was made possible by Ace Hardware and Delta Faucet, sponsors of the special who provided more than \$100,000 for the renovation through fiscal, product and labor

donations.

The second episode of PET NATION RENOVATION, which features a makeover the MARL shelter, will air late 2016.

PET NATION RENOVATION is produced by All3Media America for Animal Planet. Melinda Toporoff and Dawn Sinsel are executive producers for Animal Planet and Pat Dempsey is the Associate Producer. Gregory J. Lipstone, Leah Hariton and Liz Kerrigan are the executive producers for All3Media America.

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