



For Immediate Release:
September 7, 2016

CONTACTS:

Nicole VanderPloeg, 212-5485176
Nicole_Vanderploeg@discovery.com
Paul Schur, 212-548-5588
Paul_Schur@Discovery.com
Laurie Goldberg, 310-975-1631
Laurie_Goldberg@Discovery.com

ANTHONY ANDERSON TO HOST ALL-NEW SERIES ON ANIMAL PLANET

-ANIMAL REVIEW (WT) To Premiere on Animal Planet in 2017-

(New York, NY) Animal Planet announced today it is in production on an all-new series, ANIMAL REVIEW (WT) which will be hosted by Emmy-nominated actor and comedian, Anthony Anderson premiering in 2017. ANIMAL REVIEW is a one-hour weekly comedy-variety series that will celebrate all the amazing ways animals have captivated our hearts, minds and funny bones.

As the animalist emcee, Anderson will curate and comment on the funniest, most-shocking and emotional moments out there. The show will feature celebrities (and their pets) and animal experts (and their companions), while engaging viewers in new and ongoing conversations about animals as they pertain to pop culture, politics and anything else people are buzzing about. Comedian correspondents will also provide a behind the scenes glimpse into some of the most talked about places we find our furry friends.

Always fun and always entertaining, ANIMAL REVIEW is a show for all audiences and animal lovers of any age. From creepy crawlers to cute and cuddly, the weekly segments will make you laugh, cry or shriek with excitement.

“Some of my favorite TV moments have been watching iconic TV hosts like Johnny Carson and David Letterman interact with their animal guests. They are some truly classic unscripted moments that have made TV history,” Anderson said. “I am going to have so much fun hosting this show on Animal Planet and I look forward to the surprises that the animal kingdom has in store for me and audiences.”

“We are so excited to have Anthony as part of our Animal Planet family,” said Animal Planet’s General Manager, Patrice Andrews. “We welcome his style and enthusiasm for the animal world and all its curiosities to our channel and know our audience will keep coming back for more!”

Anderson recently received two Emmy nominations for his role as lead actor in a comedy series and as an executive producer for the hit ABC show, *black-ish* and was Emmy nominated in 2015 as lead actor for the show as well.

ANIMAL REVIEW is produced for Animal Planet by Comedy Dynamics. Brian Volk-Weiss, Cisco Henson Jeff Cesario, E. Brian Dobbins, Edwin Zane and Michael Pelmont are executive producers for Comedy Dynamics. Keith Hoffman is the executive producer, Pat Dempsey and Sarah Russell are associate producers for Animal Planet. The series was developed by Animal Planet's Kurt Tondorf.

About Animal Planet

Animal Planet, a multi-media business unit of Discovery Communications, is the network of hit franchise series **RIVER MONSTERS**, **PIT BULLS & PAROLEES** and **TREEHOUSE MASTERS** and the home of provocative and award-winning specials and documentary films presented under the banner **ANIMAL PLANET PRESENTS**. Animal Planet's programming also includes quarterly tent pole TV events **PUPPY BOWL**, the largest non-sports TV on Super Bowl Sunday, and **MONSTER WEEK**. Animal Planet is the premiere TV, digital and social community for animal lovers and pet owners, providing immersive, engaging, high-quality entertainment across all Animal Planet assets including: Animal Planet television network, available in more than 94 million homes in the US, that is complimented with a deep Video On Demand offering; online assets www.animalplanet.com, the ultimate online destination for all things animal; Animal Planet LIVE, the go-to digital destination for round-the-clock, unfiltered access to the animal kingdom; Animal Planet social including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat.

About Discovery Communications

Discovery Communications (Nasdaq: DISCA, DISCB, DISCK) satisfies curiosity and engages superfans with a portfolio of premium nonfiction, sports and kids programming brands. Reaching 3 billion cumulative viewers across pay-TV and free-to-air platforms in more than 220 countries and territories, Discovery's portfolio includes the global brands Discovery Channel, TLC, Investigation Discovery, Animal Planet, Science and Turbo/Velocity, as well as OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network in the U.S., Discovery Kids in Latin America, and Eurosport, the leading provider of locally relevant, premium sports content across Europe. Discovery reaches audiences across screens through digital-first programming from Discovery VR, Seeker and SourceFed Studios, as well as over-the-top and TV Everywhere offerings including Eurosport Player, Dplay, Discovery Kids Play and Discovery GO. For more information, please visit www.discoverycommunications.com.