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## ANIMAL KINGDOM AND COMEDY CLUB COLLIDE IN ANIMAL PLANET'S NEW SERIES 'ANIMAL NATION WITH ANTHONY ANDERSON' AIRING FEBRUARY 10 AT 10PM

(New York, NY) – Calling all animal lovers! Emmy-nominated actor and comedian Anthony Anderson hosts Animal Planet's all-new weekly talk show **ANIMAL NATION WITH ANTHONY ANDERSON**, with a special preview to air following *Puppy Bowl* on Sunday, February 5 at 5PM followed by the series premiere in its regular Friday timeslot beginning <u>February 10 at 10PM</u>. From viral animal video highlights, discussions about the most buzzed about pop culture phenomena, this show celebrates the many sides of animals and people who love them.

Each week, celebrities, comedians and animal experts join Anderson to discuss some of the hilarious, shocking, and emotional animal happenings in the world. Celebrity guests accompanied by their furry companions include, George Lopez, Bellamy Young, Cheryl Hines, Jerry O'Connell, Dermot Mulroney, Loni Love, and more. Also, joining the guest lineup are Animal Planet's own exotic animal handler Dave Salmoni and Jackson Galaxy host of *My Cat From Hell*.

**ANIMAL NATION WITH ANTHONY ANDERSON** offers some of the most spontaneous moments when Anthony comes face-to-face with extraordinary and exotic creatures. Anderson and his sarcastic sidekick, Tina the Brain Coral, voiced by actress and comedian, Tiffany Haddish, also curate entertaining and curious animal videos while comedian correspondents report from the field.

All times ET/PT.

**ANIMAL NATION WITH ANTHONY ANDERSON** 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. For Animal Planet, Keith Hoffman is the executive producer and Pat Dempsey and Sarah Russell serve as producers. The series was developed by Animal Planet's Kurt Tondorf.

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