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**“RED APE: SAVING THE ORANGUTAN” LOOKS TOWARD THE FUTURE AND ASKS
WHAT HOPE REMAINS TO SAVE ONE OF OUR CLOSEST WILD RELATIVES**

-Watch The Dramatic Story From A Team Of Medics On The Frontline In This Special Premiere-

This natural world documentary combines genuine rescue footage with contributions from experts to examine how a team of frontline medics have been fighting to save the critically endangered orangutans and the lengths they go in order to try to save these great apes from extinction. **RED APE: SAVING THE ORANGUTAN**, premieres Saturday, December 22 at 10PM ET/PT on Animal Planet

Our closest relative, the orangutans, share 97% of their DNA with humans. These remarkable creatures are only found on two islands in Southeast Asia: Sumatra and Borneo. 85% of orangutans live in Borneo, an island also home to the oldest rainforest on the planet. Over the last six decades, orangutan populations have been on the decline due to deforestation and the eradication of their natural habitat.

For the over a decade, the International Animal Rescue has used cameras to document the fight to save the orangutan from the brink of extinction – pulling distressed apes from Borneo’s devastated jungle, administering life-saving medical care, rehabilitating and releasing the healthiest orangutans back into the wild. Through interviews with top scientists and conservationists, this film explores the historical backstory of the orangutan’s rapid decline and the solutions that might save these gentle apes from extinction.

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