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ANIMAL PLANET ANSWERS PET OWNER CONCERNS IN ALL-NEW SPECIAL "THE ZOO: COVID-19 AND ANIMALS" ON SATURDAY, <u>APRIL 25</u>

When the Bronx Zoo announced their four-year-old Malayan tiger tested positive for COVID-19 the world was shocked to learn that animals can be victims of this pandemic, and many questions were raised. Dave Salmoni, Animal Planet's large predator expert, dives deep to answer these questions in **THE ZOO: COVID-19 AND ANIMALS** on <u>Saturday, April 25 at 11PM ET/PT</u>. Salmoni speaks with a wide spectrum of experts from the World Health Organization to wildlife biologists to veterinarians to uncover how the virus affects animals and how pet owners can keep their pets and family safe.

The special will feature Bronx Zoo Chief Veterinarian with an update on the big cats and their treatment; Dr. Peter Embarek from the World Health Organization's COVID-19 Task Force, who works particularly on all aspects of the virus related to animals; EXTINCT OR ALIVE's wildlife biologist, Forrest Galante providing insight on COVID-19 and how it relates to wildlife; and Dr. Jeff of DR. JEFF: ROCKY MOUNTAIN VET how the virus affects pets. Audiences will also hear from Dr. Blue, Dr. Ross, and Dr. Lavigne of THE VET LIFE and EVAN GOES WILD's Dr. Evan Antin on how to care for pets during this time.

In addition to watching the special on Animal Planet, viewers can check it out by downloading the Animal Planet GO app after it airs. Viewers can join the conversation on social media by using the hashtag #InsidetheZoo and follow Animal Planet on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for the latest updates.

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