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**ANIMAL PLANET ANNOUNCES FALL LINEUP FEATURING SMALL PAWS, BIGFOOT  
AND A CORNUCOPIA OF CREATURES IN BETWEEN**

***-- November Marks Return of FINDING BIGFOOT & PIT BOSS and Premiere  
Of FRONTIER EARTH PRESENTED BY WALMART --***

(Silver Spring, Maryland) — This Fall, Animal Planet's slate crisscrosses the United States and spans the globe to run the gamut of the animal world with the debut of two new shows and the return of several surprisingly human fan favorites. From pit bull puppies in New Orleans to sasquatches down under in Australia, to a myriad of other creatures of all sizes and origins, the network's fall line-up leaves no forest unsearched, no stone unturned and no savannah unsupervised in transporting viewers from their couches to the electrifying and often emotional intersection of the human and animal world.

Highlighting the slate of programming is the return of familiar favorites **FINDING BIGFOOT, PIT BULLS & PAROLEES** and **PIT BOSS**. But, with a new location for Tia, an international expedition for the bigfoot investigation team and family drama weighing on Shorty, things may seem drastically different for fans of these shows.

In addition to the returning series, Animal Planet welcomes back some familiar faces while continuing the tradition of creating amazing natural history programs with the television premiere of **JANE'S JOURNEY** and the world premiere of **FRONTIER EARTH PRESENTED BY WALMART**, hosted by large predator expert Dave Salmoni.

**Animal Planet Fall Premieres:**

**PIT BULLS & PAROLEES**

**Season Premiere Saturday, October 6, at 10 PM (ET/PT)**

Returning for a fourth season, **PIT BULLS & PAROLEES** follows Tia Maria Torres, renowned pit bull trainer and founder of Villalobos Rescue Center, as she unites pit bulls and parolees in a mission to rescue both from their troubled pasts. This season, Torres faces her greatest challenge yet: rebuilding Villalobos after moving the entire operation to New Orleans. With her family, trusted parolees and a crew of new Louisiana parolees by her side, Torres meets unexpected challenges as she pulls out all the stops to run the rescue center in an entirely new environment. But no matter what struggles the team faces, the dedication to providing rescued pit bulls with safe and loving homes remains relentless.

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## **JANE'S JOURNEY**

**World Premiere Tuesday, October 9, at 8 PM (ET/PT)**

Dr. Jane Goodall's life has been – and continues to be – dedicated to saving our endangered planet as she travels the globe and spreads hope and awareness for future generations. In **JANE'S JOURNEY**, travel with Dr. Goodall across several continents where she provides unprecedented access and insight to her exciting past. Beginning with her childhood home in Bournemouth, England, journey with Dr. Goodall from the UK to her second home, the Gombe National Park, located on the shores of Lake Tanganyika in Tanzania. In Gombe, Dr. Goodall began her groundbreaking chimpanzee research nearly half a century ago, and she returns there annually to enjoy the company of the chimpanzees that helped make her the internationally recognized activist that is so loved and respected today.

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## **PIT BOSS**

**Series Returns Saturday, November 3, at 9 PM (ET/PT)**

The **PIT BOSS** is back for a new season, and viewers can catch up with Shorty Rossi, his pit bulls and his team of little people as excitement continues to unfold in Hollywood at Shorty's Rescue and Shortywood, Inc., a talent management company for little people. The season kicks off with Shorty's return to Los Angeles after a national pit bull awareness/book tour. Shorty is ready to get back down to business, but upon his return, he becomes frustrated by the complete disarray at his rescue organization and talent agency. Can Shorty find a way to turn his life's work around and repair his crew's damaged relationships?

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## **FINDING BIGFOOT**

**Series Returns Sunday, November 11, at 10 PM (ET/PT)**

Animal Planet's hit series **FINDING BIGFOOT** returns with all-new episodes, investigating compelling evidence that may prove the existence of the elusive creature. This season, investigations take the team farther across the globe and further into sasquatch history than they've ever travelled. For the first time, the intrepid cast of investigators -- Bigfoot Field Research Organization (BFRO) president Matt Moneymaker, researchers James "Bobo" Fay and Cliff Barackman, and skeptical scientist Ranae Holland – expand their search in North America and beyond to investigate the sasquatch phenomenon known as "yowies" in Australia and the "orang-pendek" of Indonesia. By examining photos and videos of the creature, speaking to local witnesses, using new technology and luring the mysterious beast with the team's signature sasquatch calls, the group uncovers startling evidence of the mysterious and highly intelligent enigma that has eluded capture for centuries and fascinated man for just as long.

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## **FRONTIER EARTH PRESENTED BY WALMART**

**Series World Premiere Tuesday, November 13, at 8 PM (ET/PT)**

Animal Planet continues its long-standing commitment to natural history programming with the debut of **FRONTIER EARTH PRESENTED BY WALMART**. Throughout the past 15 years, Animal Planet has

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worked with the world's most preeminent producers in this category to bring viewers the latest views of our ever-changing planet. Hosted by Animal Planet's renowned large predator expert Dave Salmoni, this six-part series follows Salmoni on a guided journey to the frontlines of major ecosystems, unfolding the plights of the world's most enigmatic animals. Focusing on the most unique aspects of our natural world and bringing to light independent voices from around the globe, **FRONTIER EARTH PRESENTED BY WALMART** examines the orca, slow loris, tiger, leopard, ring-tailed lemur, Komodo dragon and a tribe of killer ants like never before. **For press inquiries contact:** Tahli Kouperstein, [Tahli Kouperstein@discovery.com](mailto:Tahli_Kouperstein@discovery.com)

#### **About Animal Planet Media**

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