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FAN-FAVORITE, *PIT BOSS*, RETURNS TO ANIMAL PLANET FOR SECOND SEASON WITH TWELVE NEW EPISODES THIS JANUARY

Animal Planet brings back larger-than-life and loveably loudmouthed Shorty Rossi, his pups and the Shortywood crew for a new season of the popular series **PIT BOSS** beginning **Saturday, January 29, at 10 PM.**

In the new season, Shorty drives his staff hard to keep afloat both Shortywood Inc., a talent management group for little people, and Shorty's Rescue, his pit bull rescue effort. Though this ex-con is undoubtedly rough around the edges, Shorty's an ambassador to the pit bull breed. He better hope for "Diplomatic Immunity" as this new season brings out the real-life drama within the workings of Shorty's team of little people.

Each episode delves deeper into Shorty's life, the lives of his crew and the pit bulls they save. As Shortywood struggles financially, the situation is made worse as a former employee's departure is felt by everyone in the office. Also, Shorty's brave attempt to save a pit bull leaves him walking away from the situation in handcuffs and possibly facing more time in the slammer.

While the second season offers new twists, daring rescues and interesting plotlines, the mission stays the same – Shorty and his team of little people must do everything in their power to dispel the common misconceptions that are often associated with little people and the lovable "underdogs" known as pit bulls.

PIT BOSS is produced for Animal Planet by Intuitive Entertainment. Mechelle Collins and Kevin Dill are executive producers for Intuitive Entertainment. Executive producer for Animal Planet is Erin Wanner.

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