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TOUGH TIMES. TOUGH FAMILY. TOUGH LOVE.
ANIMAL PLANET'S "PIT BULLS & PAROLEES"
RETURNS ON A NEW DATE THIS OCTOBER

– Tia Torres and New Orleans' Villalobos Rescue Center Stop at Nothing to Provide Second Chances to Man and Man's Best Friend –

– First Ever Aftershow Hosted by Executive Producer Lisa Lucas to Air Immediately Following Season Six Premiere –

(New York, New York) – Tia Torres is a firm believer in second chances. She's dedicated the past two decades to building [Villalobos Rescue Center](#) – the largest pit bull rescue center in the U.S. Torres gives a new lease on life to dogs that were discarded, demonized and abused – often due solely to the reputation of their breed. Villalobos also has offered a fresh start to the more than 50 parolees that Tia has employed – each trying to get their life on the right track despite their also being stigmatized by society. Man and man's best friend continue along the hard road to redemption in the sixth season of **PIT BULLS & PAROLEES**, now premiering **Saturday, October 4, at 10 PM (ET/PT)** on Animal Planet.

Despite her lack of desire for the spotlight, Tia has reluctantly become a high-profile figure in pit bull advocacy. Her unremitting efforts now reach a worldwide audience with **PIT BULLS & PAROLEES**, as she works tirelessly to change the perception of a much-maligned breed. Caring for these dogs is a family affair, as Tia works with her two adult daughters, Tania and Mariah, adopted twin sons Kanani aka "Nani" and Keli'i aka "Moe," and a crew of New Orleans parolees. She's taken thousands of unwanted pit bulls off the streets since the rescue began and each year she places 75 to 100 dogs into carefully selected loving homes.

Throughout the years on **PIT BULLS & PAROLEES**, Tia and her family have faced incredible obstacles and personal tragedies, from a wildfire that destroyed her California dog sanctuary, moving Villalobos across country and starting from scratch in a new city, and the loss of their personal home from Hurricane Isaac. Through it all, Tia and her family have persevered, remaining strong while standing up for the dogs they love.

"**PIT BULLS & PAROLEES** epitomizes the core values of Animal Planet programming – engrossing storytelling, complex and unforgettable authentic characters –and an intense passion for the intersection of the human and animal worlds," said Rick Holzman, General Manager and Executive Vice President of Animal Planet. "This series challenges our preconceptions and asks us not to judge a book by its cover. I think the show resonates because it is about the very personal struggle for survival and redemption – both for the humans and dogs – this is why it is a perfect representation of 'surprisingly human' programming."

In the new 21-episode season of **PIT BULLS & PAROLEES**, viewers see Tia refuse to turn away any dog in need. Villalobos has quickly become a community stronghold in New Orleans, with people leaving dogs at her doorstep on a regular basis. Despite having a full house in the Lower Ninth Ward and numerous overflow facilities, Tia has opened the doors to include more breeds than ever, and the financial strains have her at a breaking point, leading Tia to open a local bar as a way to raise more money for the rescue. This season, Tia rescues fighting dogs from constant abuse and works hand in hand with local law enforcement to remove chained pit bulls during a police raid. As the work continues to pile up, Tia must find trustworthy help and her irreplaceable parolee, Earl, who is about to get off parole, may have found one solution to her problem. Tia's daughters and adopted twin sons continue to be committed to Villalobos. And a hard-working employee makes the transition from inmate on work release to parolee, while Tania's "honeymoon" with her new husband, Perry, has been spent helping her mom keep her head above water.

With a thriving social media presence featuring over 1 million Facebook fans, **PIT BULLS & PAROLEES** has become more than just a television show. Now, for the first time, join series star Tia Torres and Animal Planet's long-time **PIT BULLS & PAROLEES** executive producer, Lisa Lucas, in New Orleans for a special after-show event immediately following the season six premiere. Beginning at **11 PM (ET/PT)**, Tia will be answering fan questions from social media, as well as answering questions from a studio audience that will join her at The Tahyo Tavern, a local Louisiana hot spot owned and run by Tia's family. Tia will share behind-the-scenes stories, favorite moments from the series, and give viewers the inside scoop about what it's like to run Villalobos Rescue Center, while filming the television series at the same time. During the broadcast, fans will have the chance to show off their own pit bulls on air, by submitting pictures using #ShowUsYourPits on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. And stay tuned for updates about your favorite parolees and catch up with some of the series' beloved adopted dogs, including a long-time Villalobos favorite.

PIT BULLS & PAROLEES is produced for Animal Planet by 44 Blue Productions and Rive Gauche Television. Rasha Drachkovitch is the executive producer for 44 Blue Productions. For Animal Planet, Lisa Lucas is the executive producer, and Patrick Keegan is the producer.

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