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LEARNING THE FAMILY BUSINESS REALLY BITES IN DISCOVERY CHANNEL'S ALL-NEW SERIES SWAMP BROTHERS

-- Series Premieres Fridays at 10PM ET/PT Beginning May 13 -

(Silver Spring, Md.) – Meet Robbie and Stephen Keszey, an unlikely pair of brothers who run one of the most unique family businesses in the country – working with wild and dangerous animals deep in the swamps of Florida. Robbie's a veteran of the '80s metal scene who's passionate about all things scaly, and Stephen's a former New York City bartender who's more comfortable hailing a cab than handling a snake. Together, they're the stars of Discovery Channel's new series **SWAMP BROTHERS**, <u>premiering Friday, May 13 at 10PM ET/PT</u>.

Robbie and Stephen run Glades Herp Farm in Florida, the largest venomous snake breeding farm in the world. In each episode, the **SWAMP BROTHERS** put themselves on the line to protect the most unusual of creatures – from pythons and gators to wildcats and bears. In the May 13 premiere, Robbie and Stephen get dangerously close to a mama gator, as they attempt to rescue her nest of eggs from the threat of animals such as fire ants, raccoons and birds.

The **SWAMP BROTHERS** didn't set out to work with slithering, sharp-toothed animals. As a child, older brother Robbie loved two things: music and wildlife. After high school, he moved to Los Angeles to play bass in a rock band, living a life of excess on the Sunset Strip (including a stint as personal assistant to C.C. Deville, of the band Poison). Eventually realizing his true passion was for wildlife and reptiles, Robbie moved to Florida and Glades Herp Farm, bringing with him his rock 'n' roll attitude and a penchant for living on the edge. Today, Robbie is a skilled expert in all herps – especially crocodilians and venomous snakes – and his goal is to one day take what he's learned on the farm and open his very own teaching zoo, where he can continue to teach people to conserve and respect animals.

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Robbie's little brother Stephen, on the other hand, is a pure city boy at heart who headed straight to the Big Apple after graduating from The Ohio State University. During his 14 years in New York City, Stephen held his dream job as a bartender, where drinking, telling jokes and hitting on girls were all in a day's work. When Robbie asked Stephen to help him expand the business, Stephen initially wasn't thrilled to leave the big city life, especially to spend all his time around dangerous animals. Overly cautious by nature, Stephen concedes that where reptiles are concerned, he always bows to the expertise of his brother.

SWAMP BROTHERS is produced for Discovery Channel by Story House Productions, where Andreas Gutzeit and Shura Davison are executive producers. For Discovery Channel, Kelly Lueschow is executive producer.

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