



ANIMAL PLANET PRIMETIME HIGHLIGHTS **WEEKS OF AUGUST 21th AND AUGUST 28th (AS OF 8.24.16)**

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Series descriptions are included at the end of this document.

Specials

WILD COSTA RICA Wednesday, August 24, at 9 PM (ET/PT)

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Season Premiere

RUGGED JUSTICE Thursday, August 25, at 10 PM (ET/PT)

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WEEK OF AUGUST 21th (as of 8.24.16)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24th

WILD COSTA RICA

World Premiere Wednesday, August 24, at 9 PM (ET/PT)

TV-PG

Located between two seas and two continents, Costa Rica is one of the most diverse places on earth. Home to over half a million animal species, nowhere else has so many different habitats in one tiny country, and this one-hour special explores these incredible creatures and how they survive and thrive. Viewers will be treated to extraordinary monkey rituals, meet the rare and secretive ocelot and explore a vibrant undersea world that is home to the greatest concentration of sharks on Earth. **WILD COSTA RICA** is a journey through an extraordinary land where nature continues to surprise and delight.

TOUCAN NATION

U.S. Premiere Wednesday, August 24, at 10 PM (ET/PT)

TV-PG

TOUCAN NATION follows the uplifting story of Grecia, a toucan whose unconscionable abuse sparked international outrage and inspired a national animal welfare movement in Costa Rica. Seeking to right a wrong and improve the life of this helpless bird after his beak was, animal rescuers and veterinarians

enlist a team of volunteer experts including 3D-printing engineers to design and construct a prosthetic beak. At the same time, a committed group of activists wage a battle to implement penalties for animal cruelty, motivated by the notion that every life – whether wild or human – is inherently valuable and must be protected.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25th

RUGGED JUSTICE: Cougars on The Run

World Premiere Thursday, August 25, at 10 PM (ET/PT)

TV-PG

The Washington State Fish and Wildlife Police officers are on the front lines protecting animals on land and water. Just outside of Orville in the snowy rough terrain, Sgt. Dan Christensen and his officers search for two cougar cubs on the loose. While patrolling the Williams Creek woods, Officer Paul Jacobson apprehends a hunter driving with a loaded rifle, and in Mason County, Officer Jeff Summit confronts a family of serial crab poachers. Later, Sgt. Erik Olson surveys the bustling Seattle harbor under the cover of night and arrests a fisherman for illegally harvesting endangered Rock Fish.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26th

TREEHOUSE MASTERS: Treehouse Point 2.0!

World Premiere Friday, August 26, at 10 PM (ET/PT)

TV-PG

Pete gears up to expand his 23-acre empire of treehouses with a new resort and spa to bring people closer to nature! Before construction begins, the site needs a major engineering overhaul and who better to oversee the project than his son Charlie who gets to live in his own treehouse on the property.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27th

DR. DEE: ALASKA VET: Critical Condition

World Premiere Saturday, August 27, at 8 PM (ET/PT)

TV-PG

It's a busy week for Dr. Dee and team both at home and on the road. First, she sees a macaw that is in for a beak trim. Then, Dr. Dee performs knee surgery on a beloved German Shepherd with a nervous owner and operates on a Chihuahua with a painful condition. Back at home, Dr. Dee and her husband, Ken, welcome seven fainting goats to the growing menagerie. Later, when a newborn calf suffering from a bacterial infection falls dangerously ill, Dr. Dee must leap into action before hitting the road to check on a Vietnam veteran's lame horse.

WEEK OF AUGUST 28th (as of 8.24.16)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st

RUGGED JUSTICE: Stuck Young Buck

World Premiere Thursday, September 1, at 10 PM (ET/PT)

TV-PG

Washington State's Fish and Wildlife Police are busy protecting wildlife and busting criminals. In the bustling Seattle bay, Sgt. Erik Olson arrests a salmon poacher. In the Bellingham marshland, Officer Taylor Kimball confronts a duck hunter with a criminal past and an illegal shotgun. Later in the rainforest of Brooklyn, Officer Paul Jacobson deals with a hunter who has illegally killed a female elk. Finally, Officer Jeff Summit frees a trapped black tail deer from the maze of a mobile home storage compound.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd

TREEHOUSE MASTERS: Swiss Family Surprise

World Premiere Friday, September 2, at 10 PM (ET/PT)

TV-PG

A Michigan father – along with his son – calls on Pete to surprise his wife with a spectacular 40th anniversary present – a treehouse! Pete and the NTS crew tackle the surprise build, making the treehouse modern, yet cozy and pack it with amenities like a full kitchen, bathroom and loft space. The family’s love of treehouses began with Swiss Family Robinson, so Pete even adds a fully functioning waterwheel in the sky as a nod to the iconic story.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd

DR. DEE: ALASKA VET: TBD

World Premiere Saturday, September 3, at 8 PM (ET/PT)

TV-PG

Dr. Dee visits a ranch to check on a pack horse named Red, but quickly discovers he kicks like a mule! Dr. Terry and Nicole head to the icy town of Arctic Village for a remote vet clinic where they run into trouble with a dog named Pinkie Pie who refuses to cooperate. Back in Fairbanks, Dr. Dee sees a parakeet with a strange mass and a deaf Boston Terrier with terrible breath. Finally, a Golden Labrador Retriever arrives at the clinic with a mass on its neck, and Dr. Dee hopes she doesn’t have to give its owners bad news.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Below you will find the series descriptions of the shows airing the weeks of August 21th and August 28th

RUGGED JUSTICE

Series Aairs Thursdays at 10 PM (ET/PT)

Keeping the Evergreen State safe for its citizens and wildlife is a key concern for the officers of Washington State’s Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) as they are at the front lines when it comes to defending the over 70,000 square miles of Washington State. Each day their goals include preserving and rescuing wildlife; protecting citizens from the dangers of the wilderness; and enforcing conservation of the state’s fish and wildlife. And with all that responsibility comes tireless hours, quick thinking and constant adventure – there never seems to be a dull moment on the job.

Press Site: <https://press.discovery.com/us/apl/programs/rugged-justice/>

TREEHOUSE MASTERS

Series Aairs Fridays at 10 PM (ET/PT)

Often described as a tree whisperer by his clients, colleagues and contemporaries, Pete Nelson dedicates his life granting people’s dreams of turning peaceful nooks in nature into the ultimate escapes. In **TREEHOUSE MASTERS**, Nelson and his team execute the most outrageous treehouses designed to delight every whimsy, form and function. Whether he’s contriving magnificent multi-bedroom treehouses with state-of-the-art kitchens and bathrooms or rendering simpler, peaceful one-room escapes, Nelson always goes out on a limb to create the most breathtaking treehouses with spectacular vistas.

Press Site: <https://press.discovery.com/us/apl/programs/treehouse-masters/>

DR. DEE: ALASKA VET

Season Aairs Saturdays at 8 PM (ET/PT)

DR. DEE: ALASKA VET follows veterinarian Dr. Dee Thornell as she treats the fauna of Alaska not only in her Fairbanks clinic, but in remote parts of the state. With its unique landscape, it is not uncommon for her daily patient roster to include reindeer, ducks, bears and pigs, along with the usual pet

dog and cat. Dr. Dee's dedication to the well-being of animals influenced her to obtain her pilot's license to be able to reach patients for whom she is their only hope. Dr. Dee and her staff handle extreme cases with care and compassion knowing that no critter is off limits at Dr. Dee's Animal House!
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