



**ANIMAL PLANET PRIMETIME HIGHLIGHTS**  
**WEEKS OF DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> AND DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> (AS OF 12.9.16)**

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*Special Premieres*

**SUPER CUTE HOLIDAY WEEK**

- Animal Planet's December is merry and bright with **SUPER CUTE HOLIDAY WEEK** – 13 fun-filled days of festive episodes, adorable animals and sneak peeks from upcoming new and returning series. This two-week celebration kicks off Monday, December 12 and “wraps” Sunday, December 25.
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**WILD AUSTRALIA** Sunday, December 18 from 7-9 PM ET/PT

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**WILD PATAGONIA** Tuesday, December 20 from 9-11 PM ET/PT

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*Season Finale*

**PROJECT GRIZZLY** Saturday, December 17 at 10 PM ET/PT

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**OCEAN WARRIORS** Sunday, December 18 at 10 PM ET/PT

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**WEEK OF DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> (as of 12.9.16)**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**

**OCEAN WARRIORS: Engage the Enemy**

**World Premiere Sunday, December 11 at 9 PM ET/PT**

**TV-PG**

Tension escalates in Antarctica as The Thunder takes desperate measures to shake off pursuit by the Sea Shepherds. On the Bob Barker, Capt. Peter narrowly avoids getting rammed by the poacher ship. Sea Shepherd's second boat the Sam Simon arrives in time to ramp up the pressure on Thunder. An intricate

sting operation goes into play in Tanzania, where cameras track the dramatic arrest of J4, the “superdealer” whose explosives drive the bomb-fishing industry.

**OCEAN WARRIORS: Truth and Lies**

**World Premiere Sunday, December 11 at 10 PM ET/PT**

**TV-PG**

Unexpectedly, the Sea Shepherd’s effort is bolstered by the sudden arrival of a commercial fishing boat that joins them in the fight, and the Sam Simon delivers evidence to Interpol officers in Mauritius. Greenpeace’s flagship vessel, the Rainbow Warrior, patrols the Pacific Ocean on the lookout for illegal shark fishing. In Tanzania, the criminal investigation leads J.D. Kotze and his team to a motherlode of explosives, as well as a cache of materials used for bomb-making.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>**

**RIVER MONSTERS: Africa’s Assassins**

**World Premiere Monday, December 12 from 8-11 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-PG**

Jeremy ventures to Africa and encounters some of the world’s largest and most deadly aquatic creatures. The Congo River, the Okavango Delta and the Zambezi River provide Jeremy with some of his most thrilling and dangerous catches.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>**

**MY CAT FROM HELL: WORST CAT-ASTROPHES: Thrill Seekers**

**World Premiere Tuesday, December 13 from 8-10 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-PG**

Jackson receives a call to help adrenaline junky cat owners. These skydivers and race car drivers love to get their blood pumping, but their cats are taking it too far. Can Jackson calm these ferocious felines?

**MY CAT FROM HELL: Home for the Hell-idays**

**World Premiere Tuesday, December 13 at 10 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-PG**

Jackson is off to save the holidays from some cats that are definitely not in the Christmas spirit. A bonkers Bengal, feuding felines and a Sphinx using the Christmas tree as its litter box are all on the naughty list. Can Jackson turn them nice?

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>**

**TOO CUTE: Shy Kittens: Pint Sized**

**World Premiere Wednesday, December 14 at 8 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-PG**

In a cozy home of Himalayan kittens, one shy boy named Hugo follows in his father’s footsteps while a rags-to-riches rescue mom brings her brood of puppies to their new dream home.

**TOO CUTE: Rescue Kittens and Water Babies: Pint Sized**

**World Premiere Wednesday, December 14 at 8:30 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-PG**

A pair of rescue kittens are welcomed into their foster home by a cat-loving rescue dog named Sweet Potato. A Rhodesian Ridgeback pup named Rosie discovers, with the help of a lively older cousin, that swimming can be a whole lot of fun.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**

**MONSTERS INSIDE ME: EXTRA DEADLY: All I Got for Christmas is Brain Surgery**

**World Premiere Thursday, December 15 at 9 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-14**

This special episode is infested with insider facts and deadly extras: a baby is born on Christmas but brings the bad news of a brain infection; a woman's Hanukkah is interrupted by a baffling infection; and a teacher's holiday is disrupted by seizures.

**MONSTERS INSIDE ME: Holiday from Hell**

**World Premiere Thursday, December 15 at 10 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-14**

Christmas time is here but for these three victims, it brings little cheer. A baby born during the Christmas holidays suddenly can't use the left side of her body. To save her life, doctors cut out half her brain. A Floridian woman is out Christmas shopping when she feels a stabbing pain in her eye so severe, she believes she sees shadows of worms in her eye. And in New Hampshire, a man emerges from surgery just in time for Christmas, but his medical escapades have only begun, and he soon finds himself near death.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>****TANKED: SEA-LEBRITY EDITION: Trickster Tanks**

**World Premiere Friday, December 16 from 8-10 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-PG**

In this two-part special episode, Wayde and Brett receive requests for two very different tanks. Comedian Jeff Dunham requests a tank for his Los Angeles home that needs to include replicas of his famous characters. It's Penn & Teller's 40th anniversary, and they need a tank to celebrate. Can Wayde and Brett make magic happen for these eccentric performers?

**TANKED: We Fish You A Merry Christmas**

**World Premiere Friday, December 16 at 10 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-PG**

On the season finale of Tanked, Wayde and Brett are getting into the holiday spirit and team up with Australian pop star Alli Simpson to help spread the cheer. As an ambassador to the Children's Miracle Network, Alli asks Wayde and Brett to deliver the ultimate gift to Hurley Children's Hospital in Flint, Michigan. The team helps spread some positivity in their community by donating an incredible aquarium that the kids will love!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>****PIT BULLS & PAROLEES: PACK OF PITS: Sui's Story**

**World Premiere Saturday, December 17 from 6-9 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-PG**

Parolee Sui embodies the spirit of second chances. His story is one of transformation; from a troubled past to a parolee with an uncertain future, Sui has risen to become a beloved member of Villalobos, a dog rescuer and the son he dreamed he could be.

**PIT BULLS & PAROLEES: The Gift**

**World Premiere Saturday, December 17 at 9 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-PG**

This year at Villalobos, Christmas takes on a whole new meaning when the significant others of Tia's kids band together to give the family a present they'll never forget. With money always being an issue around the holiday season, Tia re-launches the Tayho Tavern at a new location in the French Quarter just down the street from their new dog supply and souvenir shop. To trumpet the new venture and drum up some much-needed business, Mariah enlists a friend to create a one-of-a-kind commercial and when Tia receives an adoption email like she's never seen before, she makes a cross-country trip to get a dog a special home in time for Christmas.

**PROJECT GRIZZLY: Letting Go**

**World Premiere Saturday, December 17 at 10 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-PG**

As Jeff's rewilding journey with Bob and Screech nears the end, his final and most painful lesson remains: how to fear man. Bob and Screech's release date is imminent, but are they ready to survive on their own? As the final days approach, Dr. Sue visits to give the bears a final examination, and her diagnosis leaves Jeff nervous and doubtful.

**WEEK OF DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> (as of 12.9.16)**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>**

**WILD AUSTRALIA**

**World Premiere Sunday, December 18 from 7-9 PM ET/PT**

**TV-PG**

Australia is one of the largest and most extreme wildernesses on Earth with its vast island of deserts, snow-capped mountains and lush rainforest. It is there where the world's longest-lived indigenous culture, Aborigines, have survived by observing and learning from nature. Its animals are the product of millions of years of evolution in isolation, producing some of the planet's strangest and most unique creatures from mammals that lay eggs, to trees made from gold, to lizards that drink through their feet. This two-hour special film explores these characters and how, through thousands of years of living alongside nature, Aborigines have gained a knowledge which could help shape the future.

**OCEAN WARRIORS: Life and Death**

**World Premiere Sunday, December 18 at 9 PM ET/PT**

**TV-PG**

After being chased for 110 days, the captain of the poaching ship The Thunder sends out a mayday alert. Shifting his attention to Indonesia, journalist Jim Wickens investigates tragic stories of high seas slavery, of men tricked into leaving their families for unpaid labor, often beaten and abused for what can become years. In Mexico's Sea of Cortez, the Sea Shepherds strive to secure the future of the vaquita porpoise, a species so endangered there may only be 40 of them left.

**OCEAN WARRIORS: Perseverance**

**World Premiere Sunday, December 18 at 10 PM ET/PT**

**TV-PG**

As the poaching ship The Thunder is about to sink at the hands of its own captain, a team of Sea Shepherds boards the vessel, racing to collect evidence of illegal fishing. They return with evidence in this episode. In the Sea of Cortez, the Sea Shepherd crew aboard the Farley Mowat is confronted by local fishermen during a dangerous nighttime patrol. Capt. Oona and her team return during the day and attempt to rescue a several sharks and large whale. A dramatic pursuit leads to the destruction of three boats, and the horrific discovery of fish treated with the cancer-causing preservative formaldehyde.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>**

**RIVER MONSTERS: North American Nightmares**

**World Premiere Monday, December 19 from 8-11 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-PG**

From the freezing depths of the Alaskan waters to the brackish channels of Florida, Jeremy investigates some of the most monstrous fish North America has to offer. Bull sharks, alligator gar and a near 500-pound Halibut are all on Jeremy's line.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>**

**PREDATORS UP CLOSE: Lions**

**Network Premiere Tuesday, December 20 at 4 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-PG**

In remote eastern Zambia, Former U.S. Navy SEAL Joel Lambert goes in search of Africa's largest predators: lions. He's brought with him a unique, mobile laboratory – the pod. He must get it close enough to a pride to investigate lion's key predator attributes, including night sight. The world's best thermal camera allows him to see predators at night in spectacular detail, and he uses his military skills to stalk them in daylight as well. During a thrilling night in the pod, lionesses shred the robust bite-force meter, and a big male tries many ways to get in. When a herd of buffalo appears, Joel witnesses the pride's hunting prowess.

**PREDATORS UP CLOSE: Hyenas**

**Network Premiere Tuesday, December 20 at 5 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-PG**

Former U.S. Navy SEAL Joel Lambert travels to Zambia to investigate Africa's most successful predator: the spotted hyena. He learns they're unusual in many ways: highly social, dominated by females not males and the only animals on earth capable of biting through bone. It becomes clear there's a hyena clan operating near camp when they are heard in the river and captured breaking into the camp's kitchen on camera traps. Joel constructs his pod nearby. It's a specially designed mobile lab, allowing close observation of dangerous predators. Joel uses hyena-call recordings and a puzzle box to test a key hyena attribute: intelligence.

**PREDATORS UP CLOSE: Polar Bears**

**Network Premiere Tuesday, December 20 at 6 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-PG**

Accompanied by Norwegian vet and polar expert, Trude Mostue, Joel Lambert travels to the Arctic to study the world's largest land predator: the polar bear. They embark on a 300-ton ice breaker, the Havsel, and head north into a world of sea ice and 24-hour daylight. There, they encounter a big male bear and a mother with two cubs but in both cases, the ice isn't thick enough to support their 500-kilo field lab. Finally, they deploy the pod and are able to investigate the polar bear's key adaptations; but the sea ice beneath them proves nearly fatal.

**PREDATORS UP CLOSE: Sharks**

**Network Premiere Tuesday, December 20 at 7 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-PG**

In the choppy waters of the South Atlantic just below Cape Town, Joel Lambert takes on the world's most feared ocean predator: the great white shark. Converting the field lab – the pod – for use at sea proves hazardous and difficult. But while the team tries to fix it, Lambert witnesses the most spectacular form of shark hunting on the planet: the breach – when the 2-3-ton Great White leaves the water to take out unsuspecting young seals in False Bay. Joel assesses the impact power of the sharks using an accelerometer and takes the plunge when he agrees to test the pod in shark-infested waters.

**PREDATORS UP CLOSE: The Inside Story**

**Network Premiere Tuesday, December 20 at 8 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-PG**

Joel Lambert sets out to come closer than ever to four of the world's top predators with the help of a unique field lab, the pod. From the frozen wastes of the Arctic – where 24-hour daylight messes with the mind – to the heaving seas of the South Atlantic, to one of Africa's most remote game parks, Lambert studies and tracks dangerous predators and carries out a series of tests in the pod. He examines polar bear adaptations, lion's night sight, Great White's super senses and hyena's intelligence.

## **WILD PATAGONIA**

**World Premiere Tuesday, December 20 from 9-11 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-PG**

**WILD PATAGONIA** reveals how life survives and flourishes in these mysterious and intangible environments at the southern tip of South America. It is an unfamiliar and haunting land shaped by fire and ice. It is a world of weird animals and strange landscapes, huge mountain ranges and windswept plains.

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>**

**DR. DEE: DEE TAILS: Socked-In & Stranded**

**World Premiere Wednesday, December 21 at 7 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-PG**

Unseen footage and insider stories show Dr. Dee as she swaps roles of vet and client as she takes her own dog to a specialist in Anchorage for eye surgery. She also reconnects with her step-daughter to check on a barrel racing horse.

**DR. DEE: DEE TAILS: Operation Baby Owl Rescue**

**World Premiere Wednesday, December 21 at 8 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-PG**

Dr. Dee and her husband, Ken, fly to rescue six baby owls whose parents were killed by an eagle. At Animal House, Dr. Dee's dog becomes a blood donor for a lab with an auto-immune disease.

**DR. DEE: DEE TAILS: Snakes and Counting**

**World Premiere Wednesday, December 21 at 9 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-PG**

Viewers are treated to fun facts and extended scenes as Dr. Dee performs a three-hour surgery to save a dog's life. Dr. Dee and her husband, Ken, head to Yakutat, Alaska – a village that hasn't seen a veterinarian in two years.

**DR. DEE: DEE TAILS: Battling FIV**

**World Premiere Wednesday, December 21 at 10 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-PG**

In this special episode, Dr. Dee treats a malnourished bunny and tackles a border collie puppy with a congenital issue. Dr. Dee is faced with a challenge as a rescued cat comes in who may have an incurable disease called feline immunodeficiency virus.

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**MONSTERS INSIDE ME: EPIDEMIC!: Holidays from Hell**

**World Premiere Thursday, December 22 from 9-11 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-14**

What's a holiday without some uninvited guests? In this special episode, bacteria are eating a man's heart out, there are worms in an eye and brain surgery is performed while someone is awake. It seems long visits from the in-laws are the least of these victims' concerns!

## **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**TREEHOUSE MASTERS: BRANCHED OUT: Holiday Hideouts**

**World Premiere Friday, December 23 from 7-10 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-PG**

Pete and his crew get in the holiday spirit with some incredible Christmas-inspired creations including a tree top candy shop and a take on Santa's workshop that is perfect for a family that's got Christmas on the brain 365 days a year.

**TREEHOUSE MASTERS: Appalachian Christmas Treehouse**  
**World Premiere Friday, December 23 from 7-10 PM (ET/PT)**

**TV-PG**

Pete and his merry men trek deep into the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina to build a treehouse for one of their own carpenters – Mike Reynolds. Once Pete meets with Mike to scout the trees, Mike reveals his true intent for this structure is a rustic guesthouse to host the raucous Appalachian tradition: Breaking Up Christmas. Pete and the gang strap on their holiday cheer up 16 feet high in five tulip trees to create an L-shaped treehouse with a kitchen, living room, loft and huge covered porch upon which Santa and his reindeer won't mine swillin' some moonshine. There is also a TREEHOUSE MASTER's first when Pete and his carpenter elves Alex, Seanix and Aaron don their design hats and decorate the treehouse themselves.