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ANIMAL PLANET'S PIT BULLS & PAROLEES RETURNS WITH NEW HEARTFELT STORIES ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH

Animal Planet's award-winning series **PIT BULLS & PAROLEES** returns with all new episodes featuring Tia Torres and her family as they continue dedicating their lives to the New Orleans-based Villalobos Rescue Center, the largest pit bull rescue center in the country. While each day in the life of dog rescue presents new challenges, Tia pushes through each obstacle with resilience and selflessness, the same way she has for more than two decades. Tia and her family fight to break down barriers and shatter stereotypes by providing a new start at life for pit bulls as well as job opportunities for individuals recently released from prison. Witness these remarkable stories on Animal Planet beginning **Saturday, January 4th at 8 PM ET/PT.**

In the two-hour season premiere, Tia and the Villalobos team race to move every dog out of the path of Hurricane Barry. Audiences meet a potential adopter searching for a new companion to keep by her side while she undergoes cancer treatment. Tia's daughter, Mariah, takes on a life-or-death rescue when a Labradoodle escapes to the streets of New Orleans after being attacked in his back yard. Viewers also meet Frank, the first out-of-state parolee hire, who vows to change his ways and make his teenage son proud.

This season's rescues encompass extreme highs and lows, including tales of redemption and camaraderie. Tia flies into action when she receives a call regarding a crucial rescue for five injured dogs that are victims of an illegal dog fight. Villalobos receives an incredible opportunity when a Pennsylvania prison offers to take more than 20 dogs and provide inmates with the responsibility of preparing the dogs for adoption. Later this season, Animal Planet audiences will witness the long-lasting impact of **PIT BULLS & PAROLEES** with a 'Where Are They Now' special showcasing updates on some of the most memorable parolees who have stepped through the doors of the rescue center, and fan-favorite dogs that found their forever homes.

For more **PIT BULLS & PAROLEES** action, fans can also head to Animal Planet GO, YouTube, and Facebook to experience an all new mid-form series, **Pit Bulls & Parolees: Legendary Dogs**, where viewers can stroll down memory lane and look back on all the unforgettable canines that have come through Villalobos in the show's decade-long history.

All past seasons of the show can be viewed in their entirety by audiences in the U.S. on the Animal Planet GO app.

PIT BULLS & PAROLEES is produced for Animal Planet by 44 Blue Productions, a Red Arrow Studios company, and Rive Gauche Television. Rasha Drachkovitch, Billy Cooper, and Jen Bies are the executive producers for 44 Blue Productions. For Animal Planet, Lisa Lucas is executive producer and Robyn Salzman serves as associate producer.

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44 Blue Productions, a Red Arrow Studios company, is an award-winning producer of non-fiction and unscripted content. Founded by Rasha and Stephanie Noonan Drachkovitch, 44 Blue's impressive slate of ground-breaking series includes Fox's "First Responders Live," Netflix's "Jailbirds," A&E's twice- Emmy® nominated series "Wahlburgers," and "Nightwatch," MSNBC'S critically acclaimed "Lockup" and its trio of spinoff series "Lockup: Raw," "Lockup: World Tour" and "Life After Lockup;" Animal Planet's top-rated "Pit Bulls & Parolees," E!'s "Hollywood Medium with Tyler Henry," and OWN's Gracie Award winning "Married to the Army: Alaska." 44 Blue's current slate features an array of projects with high-

profile talent and partners including Dick Wolf, Whoopi Goldberg, Viola Davis, Chloe Grace Moretz, Rainn Wilson, Jessica Biel, Adam Scott, Khloé Kardashian and others.