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**ANIMAL PLANET’S “THE ZOO” RETURNS WITH ALL-NEW
SEASON FULL OF RARE MOMENTS AND “FIRSTS”**

Animal Planet’s **THE ZOO** takes audiences behind the scenes at the world-famous Bronx Zoo for a fourth season to share remarkable stories that shine a light on amazing animals, the expertise of staff, and their unique relationships with the animals in their care. The series explains the day-to-day activities at the Bronx Zoo and its sister parks as it focuses on the importance of zoos and aquariums to a wide range of global wildlife conservation efforts. The all-new season of **THE ZOO** premieres **Saturday, Apr. 4 at 9PM ET/PT.**

Last season, **THE ZOO** introduced viewers to extraordinary and diverse wildlife including Peaches the adorable warthog and Mott Mott the marmot who both learned the ropes to becoming animal ambassadors; Barbara Gordon, the Rodrigues fruit bat pup who was reintroduced to her colony in “Jungle World”; and Bouba the Andean bear who was reunited with his loyal mate, Nicole. Animal Planet audiences also had an up-close look at the building and opening of the Ocean Wonders: Sharks! exhibit at the New York Aquarium that included moving of a group of large sand tiger sharks to their new habitat.

In this all-new season of **THE ZOO**, zoo staffers will experience many rare moments and “firsts”, including the arrival of two adorable Red Panda cubs; the hatching of Roti Island snake-necked turtles, a functionally extinct species; and the arrival of Bala, the fourth cub of the beloved snow leopard, K2. Audiences will see the keepers devise an ingenious toy for an anteater named Velcro, which will keep him enriched while showcasing his extraordinary tongue to the public and perform the first known allergy test on a rhinoceros named Penny after she develops some skin sensitivities. Animal Planet viewers will also meet an abundance of unforgettable animals including tigers, giraffes, puffins and flamingo chicks, as well as witnessing animal rescues and rehabilitations, and animals being released into the wild.

U.S audiences can view new episodes each week, in addition to streaming all previous seasons of **THE ZOO** in their entirety, on the Animal Planet GO app. Viewers can join the conversation on social media by using the hashtag #InsideTheZoo and follow Animal Planet on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) for the latest updates. Audiences can also enjoy more episodes of the original mid-form series, **THE ZOO: FROM THE INSIDE**, which goes behind the scenes for exclusive looks at operations zoo guests never see. The web series will be available to fans on Animal Planet GO.

THE ZOO is produced for Animal Planet by Left/Right and Copper Pot Pictures. Banks Tarver, Ken Druckerman, Anneka Jones and Michael LaHaie are the executive producers; Jessie Findlay is co-executive producer for Left/Right. David LaMattina and Chad Walker are the executive producers for Copper Pot Pictures. For Animal Planet, Lisa Lucas is executive producer and Patrick Keegan is supervising producer.

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