
REALLY WILD ANIMALS is a 26-part children's series aimed at teaching kids everything they ever wanted to know about the amazing world of animals, in a totally new and entertaining way. Targeted to an audience of five-to ten-year-olds, each program is loaded with incredible wildlife scenes from the award-winning National Geographic film collection. "Spin," the animated globe who hosts each episode, is voiced by the acclaimed actor Dudley Moore. In each show he takes kids to a different region of this wild planet, where he shows them fascinating facts about animals' homes, habitats, families, friends, and foes. These mini-documentaries are coupled with wild animal music videos, set to original rock, pop, rap and reggae music.

The Show

Each ***REALLY WILD ANIMALS*** episode grabs its audience from the start as Spin dives right in and teases the audience with a quick montage of dazzling animal images. This tease whets our young viewers curiosity with shots of several of the cool creatures they'll be seeing, and asks fast and funny questions about them. From there, we're off into the theme song and animated montage, incorporating more cool animals and great graphics.

As the opening animation comes to an end, Spin explains the subject of today's adventure, using moving maps and breathtaking landscape footage. He leads viewers through mini-documentaries on specific animals and their wild behavior, short comical pieces about particular animal types and habitats, and music videos -- beautifully edited images that encapsulate and emotionalize the information that has been presented.

REALLY WILD ANIMALS educates kids by taking the strong curiosity they naturally have about animals, and responding to it with extremely satisfying visuals. Those visuals are then explained with lots of humor, and with great concern for factual accuracy and clarity of understanding. We've worked closely with Drs. Dorothy and Jerome Singer of the Yale University Family Television Research Center to insure that all our information is delivered in language that will enlighten children, without ever boring or confusing them.

The Character

SPIN

This animated globe who hosts each episode is voiced by the one and only Dudley Moore. His endless knowledge of the natural world, combined with his comic enthusiasm, leads to a fast-paced trip through various natural settings. In each show he takes kids to a different region of this wild planet for a tour of its wildlife. He provides the tie that binds the stunning National Geographic nature footage with the humor and playfulness that keep children entertained.

Show Titles

REALLY WILD ANIMALS consists of 26 broadcast episodes, distributed both domestically on The Disney Channel, and to more than 40 territories internationally.

Swinging Safari (21:24)

Meet Africa's wild wanderers, from the Serengeti Plain to the Kalahari Desert. Lions, cheetahs, gazelles -- and the small but just as amazing meerkats.

Amazing Africa (21:24)

More of Africa's most wanted -- zebras, crocodiles, elephants, and some fascinating insights into chimpanzees from Jane Goodall.

Wonders Down Under (20:40)

Meet the marvelous marsupials of Australia. Kangaroos, koalas, and plenty of platypuses, dingoes, and other oddly evolved animals on the planet's most isolated continent.

Astounding Australia (21:24)

Experience more of the wacky animals that inhabit this isolated land. From wallabies to emus... Australia is full of fantastic evolutionary wonders.

Deep Sea Dive (21:30)

A look at some of the very weird creatures who live in, on and around the oceans of our planet. Big fish, little fish, non-fish, and dolphins -- who just might be as smart as we are.

Beach Party Splash (21:25)

More splashing around with our wet friends. Whales, penguins, (who spend more time in the water than on land), and stay alert for sharks!

Totally Tropical Rain Forest (21:30)

South America's rain forest has more animal species than any other place in the world. We visit the forest floor's most photogenic finds, from big hungry jaguars, to small leaf cutting ants, to odd-looking tapirs.

Rain Forest Romp (21:30)

Up in the canopy lives a whole new cast of characters: harpy eagles and other exotic birds, cats who live in the trees, and monkeys with weirder noses than anyone you know.

Amazing North America (21:33)

A visit with the beasts of our home continent. From the polar bears up north to the snakes of the southern swamps, and lots of animals in between.

North American Round-Up (21:30)

More furry friends from Mexico, the U.S., and Canada. Beavers, bears, alligators, and a squirrel going to battle with a rattlesnake.

Adventures In Asia (21:25)

The world's largest continent has the world's most amazing variety of animals -- huge eagles who pluck poisonous snakes out of the sea for supper, orangutans whose behavior mirrors humans, and solitary pandas who prowl China's dwindling forests.

Asia's Living Legends (21:25)

More of Asia's wild wildlife. Elephants, tigers, and wild dogs in India, oryxes and ibexes toughing it out in the Arabian Desert, and a dip in the Red Sea to see some eels and manta rays.

Polar Prowl (21:27)

The tough, rugged animals of the Arctic have found ingenious ways to survive. Some migrate south when it gets cold, like the caribou and many species of bird. Some hibernate, like mother polar bears. And some just put on lots of fat and fur, like the wacky walruses and monstrous musk oxen.

Cold, Cold South (21:31)

At the opposite end of the planet, another group of animals survives: penguins, seals, whales, migratory birds, and of course krill, the super-abundant tiny shrimp that are Antarctica's answer to breakfast cereal.

The Case of the Curious Canines (23:29)

You thought you knew man's best friend -- but you were wrong. For every domestic pooch, there is a rowdy relative. From hyenas to the wild dogs of Africa, dogs rule more than your back yard.

Cool Cats (23:29)

There's a tiger in your tabby! Meet the big cats, and learn that the domestic house cat has some amazing wild cousins that rule much of the world's wildernesses.

Creature Features (23:36)

Come face-to-face with some of the creepiest, weirdest, and most dangerous little things in the world. Dung beetles, vampire bats, and the deadly black widow are all a lot closer than most people think.

Dinosaurs Alive (23:36)

Millions of years ago dinosaurs ruled the Earth. Meet these prehistoric beasts, and see how they lived day-by-day in a constant struggle for survival.

Hanging With the Primates (23:37)

You're a lot more like your monkey relatives than you think. Meet the primates of the world, from the baboons to the wild proboscis monkeys, as they tie the link between humans and their hairier relatives.

Far-Out Families (23:36)

Families around the world look to one another for survival. From elephants to octopuses, ostriches to bullfrogs, families behave in many incredible ways.

Awesome Animal Builders (23:37)

Watch as animals build homes with nothing but teeth, claws, and determination. Meet beavers, birds, termites, and naked mole rats as they build homes to stay safe and raise their families.

Amazing Journeys (23:37)

Every year, many different species of animals pick up and move. Some do it to escape bad weather, like tundra swans, while others travel to lay their eggs, like the Pacific Salmon.

Spin's Excellent Farmyard Safari (23:37)

Almost every animal you find on the farm has a wild cousin. The domestic sheep has the wild Dall Sheep, the domestic horse has the wild mustang, and the big, fat, domestic pig has a much leaner and meaner wild cousin... the warthog.

Animal Rescuers (23:37)

Meet people who are doing all they can to protect and preserve the endangered animals of the world. From white rhinos to cute and cuddly koalas, a handful of people are doing all they can to protect these threatened animals.

Secret Weapons (23:37)

They've all got secrets. Some animals use their secrets to protect themselves, like the bombardier beetle -- others use their weapons to hunt, like the cobra.

Island Magic (23:37)

Visit some of the world's most fantastic landscapes -- islands. Animals around the world have adapted to their island environments, like the leaping lemurs of Madagascar and the Tasmanian Devils of Tasmania.