

Shamwari (Series 3)

13 X 30 MINUTES

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1.

A baby Wildebeest gets a second chance at life after being rescued from beneath its dead mother's body. Things get really dangerous during Waterbuck capture when one of our team members is run over by an angry bull.

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It's an early start for Wildlife Veterenarian Doctor Johan Joubert as he heads out to track an orphaned baby hippo, but he's worried that the lions might get to it first. Things start to get really interesting when Ranger Jason finds a giraffe eating a bone and discovers Sindile, our resident female leopard, mating with one of Shamwari's elusive males.

3.

The Game Capture Team gets the wind knocked out of their sails when strong winds disrupt their blesbok capture – things get really crazy! We take Ben, our orphaned baby wildebeest, outside for a bit of exercise so that he's fit enough to go back to the wild.

4.

It's moving day for 3 hippo whose river territories have dried up from drought. We take Monty the meerkat for his first walk outside – a far better place than than the city apartment he came from. It's turning into a busy day for the Game Capture team as they bring in a bad-tempered black rhino that has been injured in a fight with another male.

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Wildlife Veteranarian Murray Stokoe takes a rhino for a walk – one of the first times Shamwari has captured rhino using this method. We rescue an injured Burchells Zebra foal and bring her back to the Animal Hospital to meet Debra, our orphaned baby Cape Mountain Zebra.

6.

Ostrich's start flying during game capture when they double back on the team and start clearing the sail system. Buggy, a tiny little bat-eared fox pup checks in at the animal hospital and gets his first meal in days. Ranger Jason goes in on foot with an animal that is responsible for the highest number of deaths in Africa – the hippo.

7.

Clint, our orphaned baby rhino is trying his best NOT to make new friends – giving Cardigan the Jersey Cow, Buffy the Buffalo Calf & Zoe the Zebra a real run for their money while chasing them around his enclosure! Shamwari's favourite leopardess, Sindile has some serious surgery to get a new radio transmitter fitted and we get some amazing footage of her approaching John O'Brien while he's on foot.

8.

The rains have arrived and Spring has Sprung, with carpets of yellow and purple flowers opening all across the reserve – Shamwari has been transformed into a garden of eden. But with the flowers come a few problems – Bees! Bees! Bees! Beehives have formed in many of the houses in the reserve and we've got get our unwelcome visitors out before they sting someone!

9.

Elephant capture becomes a little more action-packed than Johan had bargained for when one of the bulls go down in a nearby Quarry – there's no way the trucks can get to it so it needs to be dragged out with a crane. Wilbur the baby warthog finally gets a new friend – Wendy, another orphaned warthog piglet that was brought to the Animals Hospital – they make the perfect pair!

10.

White Rhino Capture gets REALLY interesting when a pride of lion interfere with the rhino that we want to dart – as per usual, Wild Animals never play by the rules. Back at the Animal Hospital a very special bird is given a second chance at life – A Marshall Eagle that was thought to be killing livestock was caught by a farmer and sent to us to take care of until the lambing season was over. Finally this impressive bird can fly freely once again.

11.

The game capture team meets their match with an angry oryx, one of the fittest animals in the world. They have to resort to using huge metal basj boards to push it into the truck, and avoid getting gored by its super sharp horns. The tallest baby in the world checks in to the animal hospital when Vet Murray arrives late at night with Tweega, an orphaned baby giraffe from another reserve

12.

Our naughtiest elephant bull gets a taste of his own medicine when Johan and John try to dart him with a hormone that will calm him down. But darting an angry elephant bull is never easy.... It's a

jackal feeding frenzy at the Animal Hospital as our fully grown jackal puppies go crazy over meat scraps. Ranger Jason finds an amazing little bug – a flightless dung beetle – that was almost extinct a few decades ago.

13.

It's all about saving the rhino in this episode when the war against poaching is brought right to our doorstep: A mother and young calf are butchered for their horns, leaving the little one orphaned and in excruciating pain – Johan and his team do everything in their power to save the little one, but sadly his wounds were too extensive and the difficult decision was made to put him down, another rhino lost for a mystical medicine that doesn't even work. Shamwari's Anti-Poaching Unit brings in the troops with aerial patrols of Shamwari, road blocks night and day and specialist foot patrol units monitoring all the fencelines.