

off the fence.

Animal Files

10 x 30'

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Animal Beauty Farms

We believe, in many cases without foundation, that animals are dirty and carry disease. In fact all living beings are concerned about personal hygiene and spend many hours, in some cases even a large part of their day, taking care of their appearance. And is not just a question of hygiene...

2. Beyond Good and Evil

Many social animals follow codes of conduct in their communal lives. This primitive form of morality contributes to the stability of the groups and punishes those who behave unethically. This core evolutionary nucleus is the basis of our own morality.

3. Serenate

Sounds, smells, light signals, vibrations, electric shocks, parades, dances and facial expressions. Even without the internet, animals are able to communicate with their fellow creatures.

4. Creatures of the Night

Discovering nocturnal animals and their sophisticated super-senses.

5. In the World of Emotions

A journey into the mind of the animals to reveal their complex inner world.

6. Removals and Transportation

There are animals that journey on immense migrations, animals that carry exceptional loads, and others who have themselves carried, covering great distances without a drop of sweat.

7. Parental Care

There are two basic strategies in nature to perpetuate the species: have lots of offspring and pretty much ignore them, or have a few and take care of them, defend them and protect them until they are completely able to look after themselves. Stories of terrible parents and perfect mums and dads.

8. Rainbow Birds

The secret life of the most visible of European fauna, dressed in all the colours of the rainbow.

9. Disguises for Survival

Animals – on the contrary of what humans do – wear their masks for all their lives. Some of them camouflage themselves to hide from predators, other to surprise their preys. Some of them wear a mask to scare their natural enemies, other ones to fascinate and seduce their partners. Some innocuous species, thanks to their camouflage technique, are able to trick other animals by pretending to be dangerous. There is no limit to nature's fantasy: the morphologies and the chromatic games of the animal kingdom are so many and so different that scientists haven't been able to define and explain a large parte of this kaleidoscope of shapes and colors yet.

10. The Masters of BioEngineering

Scientists, engineers and architects are increasingly taking inspiration from the constructions of animals. But our technology is not yet able to match the effectiveness and efficiency of bioclimatic animal constructions.