

Peter Gros

All animals all the time. Mutual of Omaha's "Wild Kingdom" on Animal Planet was one of the most well-known and longest running wildlife series on television, winning 41 Emmys.

Animal Expert, **Peter Gros** provided the link between the original series, where he served as co-host of the series and new specials. He ensured that the new specials remained true to the heritage of the beloved original series. He is well known for his shows in Africa with lions and cheetahs, white sharks in Australia, rhinos in a Nepal, polar bears and grizzly bears in Alaska and crocodiles in Costa Rica, just to name a few.

Mr. Gros is also an active conservationists, even having the privilege to do his presentations at the White House two years in a row. He is currently leading a nationwide conservation education program conducted at the local community and national level.

Gros' research expeditions have taken him to Siberia to explore the wonders of the world's largest, oldest and deepest lake in the Amazon basin, leading an expedition with 39 seventh graders to study the Peruvian rain forest.

He has also studied the effect of ecotourism on wildlife in Venezuela, Costa Rica, Belize, Mexico and the Galapagos islands. In addition, Gros served as the US representative on the Citizen Ambassador program studying tigers and rhinos in Chitwan national forest in Nepal.

In his travels throughout the world, Gros and his animal friends are helping to teach the importance of caring for our natural world. He has nearly 35 years of field experience with captive wildlife. In his former position as director and vice president of land animals Marine World Africa USA, he established breeding programs for hundreds of endangered animals. He and his team also developed rehabilitation programs for birds of prey as well as the largest captive breeding Colony of ostriches in the United States.

He is a licensed USDA exhibitor and animal educator as well as a member of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association and an active member of the Zoological Association of America.

He is also on the Board of Directors at Suisun Marsh Natural History Association and President of the Green Valley Center for Wildlife Education.

He is a frequent guest on "Live with Kelly" and numerous other national morning and late night shows with his animal ambassadors educating with humor and sharing his love for animals.

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