



Born to be Wild



Synopsis

Born to be Wild 3D is an inspiring story of love, dedication and the remarkable bond between humans and animals. This film documents orphaned orangutans and elephants and the extraordinary people who rescue and raise them—saving endangered species one life at a time. *Born to be Wild 3D* is a heartwarming adventure transporting moviegoers into the lush rainforests of Borneo with world-renowned primatologist Dr. Biruté Mary Galdikas, and across the rugged Kenyan savannah with celebrated elephant authority Dame Daphne M. Sheldrick, as they and their teams rescue, rehabilitate and return these incredible animals back to the wild.

Discussion Questions

- *Born to Be Wild* focuses on the positive actions people are taking to combat environmental issues such as poaching and deforestation. How has deforestation negatively affected the orangutans in Borneo and the elephants in Kenya?
- Dr. Biruté works with her orangutans very carefully, treating them almost like humans treat their own babies. Why is this technique so important to how she works with the animals?
- Dame Sheldrick takes a similar approach to the orphaned elephants she works with. Why is it so important for the animals to have an opportunity to reintegrate into the wild?
- What do you think about the workers who sleep with the elephants at night to keep them company? What have those people sacrificed in their own lives in order to help out these orphaned animals? Why do they do it?
- Do you have pets? If so, how do you treat them? How is having pets different than raising the orphaned orangutans and elephants that Dr. Biruté and Dame Sheldrick take in? Why is it important to recognize the differences between raising pets and raising wild animals?

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Do Your Research

- Find out more about the elephant preserve in Kenya by visiting www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org. Movies have a limited amount of time to show audiences important details. What can you learn about the refuge on the website that isn't talked about in the film?
- Learn about the orangutan orphanage in Borneo by checking out www.orangutan.org. How are orangutans different from and similar to other primates such as monkeys or gorillas? In what ways are they similar to or different from people?

Get Involved

- Learn about how you can become involved in animal conservation by visiting your local zoo and talking to a representative. Many zoos are concerned with protecting animals in the wild by educating people about them in a safe environment. Can you donate money or, more importantly, your time to your local zoo?
- Talk with your family about how you can be involved with helping orphaned elephants and orangutans. Visit www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org and www.orangutan.org for more information about how to be involved with those specific conservation efforts.
- Are there orphaned animals near you that might need a safe home? Visit your local humane society to learn more about what you can do to help animals in your own community.



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