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In this 6 x 52 minute series, we focus on the key moments of wild animals; the milestones that take place at specific stages of their lives. Each episode portrays the interconnected relationships of the animals we showcase. Each episode compares the individual abilities of given species at different stages of their lives, from birth, to learning, growing up and finding a home, starting a family and protecting it, conquering and ruling over a territory, and finally of course, death.

It is these key moments in a life cycle which determine the future and success in life of every single animal.

Join us, on this enthralling journey into the wilds of nature to see the wondrous key moments of every Life Cycle: including the death and rebirth, of the planet's most fascinating animal species.



Main Concept

“Life Cycles” are the continuous sequence of changes; undergone by every living creature over the course of its lifetime. This culminates in the birth of other living creatures, at which point the cycle begins all over again.

The earth is full of animals continually experiencing their own cycles of life. Beginning as infants, growing into adulthood, reproducing, in some cases raising their offspring, and eventually dying. These are the “Life Cycles” which virtually all animals have in common. But, the life cycle plays out very differently from one species to another. Mammals, such as gorillas, tend to have babies that when born, look similar to their parents. Other animals, such as many reptiles and insects, start life in a completely different form to their parents. Let’s take butterflies and frogs; the butterfly begins life as a caterpillar, the frog as a tadpole. They undergo a metamorphosis: literally changing from one type of creature, into another. But that is just the beginning, and throughout their entire existence, all animals face life changing events, which may determine their very survival.

Although in some respects, the “Life Cycles” of all animals follow a similar pattern, a closer look reveals how individual and special each journey, truly is: for each species and every living thing.

This documentary series creates an experience for the audience like no other, by signposting the key moments in an animal's life. These events are specific to every species, but in each case, they are the turning points in their journey. They are the moments which decide whether an animal will live and thrive, or die. By combining original footage with graphic reconstructions of dramatic events, and using computer generated technology to present important data, “Life Cycles” gives audiences a front row seat in the drama of animal lives. Now, as never before, viewers can witness how these creatures are born, watch them grow, learn how they mate and raise their young, before dying, thus allowing “Life Cycles” to begin all over again.

Each Episode Includes

- 1. An in-depth look into how animals of different classes and individual species experience the key moments of their lives**
- 2. An exclusive footage showing these milestones of animal life**
- 3. CGI visual effects helping the audience to understand all the informations presented**
- 4. An appreciation and education of the audience as they see what animals endure whilst playing their part in the nature’s “Life Cycles”**

EPISODES:

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1. Surviving birth (In the Beginning)

This episode is focused on the moment of birth, the crucial moment for every living creature. Whether leaving the comforts of the womb, emerging from an egg or undergoing transformation from an already living creature, all animals experience that initial moment of encountering the world around them. But which animals face their new environments alone - or have to fight for their lives, almost the instant they are born? Which of them get a 'helping hand' from their parents or siblings? In this episode we examine the hardships that are connected to the very beginning of animal life cycles.



2. Finding Home (No place like Home)

Another important key moment: every animal needs a place to live. Some species hide themselves in nests, dens and shelters. Some require a vast area, which provides the resources to sustain them and their families - and some need space to hide, stalk and hunt. Whether securing themselves in a hideout or roaming in an open area, it is imperative for every animal to define its living space. In this episode, we compare how different species choose their territory, or how it chooses them.



3. The Food of Life (A Place on the Food Chain)

All living things must sustain themselves in order to live another day. Whether by consuming plant matter, or preying on others, every animal eats. Herbivores must find a good spot where they can graze and at the same time, ensure they themselves do not become food for carnivores! Some species are capable of 'forward planning' and store their food in various ways in order to adapt and live through earthly life cycles such as the change in seasons. This episode illustrates different ways in which animals sustain themselves throughout their lives.



4. Becoming Strong (Stronger Every Day/Follow the Leader)

Humans aside, among social animals, group leaders are always looked up to, with their decisions going unquestioned. Their position gives them special mating and feeding rights, but these individuals also have to shoulder responsibility for others. They need to learn how to be strong chiefs of their respective tribes. Solitary animals tend to respect each other's territories but of course the stronger they are, the better spots on earth they can choose. This episode vividly depicts those moments when animals aspire to 'get to the top' and everything that goes with it.



5. Social animals (Co-existence is existence)

Some animals enjoy the company of others of their kind, and some cannot get by without the support of a group. Some are entirely dependent on others fulfilling strictly defined roles within their society. Then there are those, for whom life is a solitary journey. But all animals must interact with others of their own kind, as well as other species, in order to succeed as individuals, and as a species.



6. Life goes on (As the Wheel turns . . .)

The purpose of existence for every living thing, from the smallest bacteria to the Blue Whale, is to reproduce. Ways of finding a suitable mate and producing strong kin differ from species to species. Some species gather and mate in only one particular place, during a specific season or in certain temperatures. Some play out elaborate and highly choreographed courtship displays. Some need to have certain body qualities. Then there is the moment of becoming parent, not an easy feat for some. In all cases mating, and starting a new family is a complex affair. In this episode, we witness how different species pass on their genes: before the Life Cycle of their own, finally comes to an end.



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