

This is not a battle of eternal enemies—but a war of wits. Join Kevin Richardson and some of the world's leading behavioural zoologists as hyenas and lions are pitted against each other in a series of exciting, entertaining and ground-breaking puzzles and trials, to discover what makes them the ultimate apex predator ...

In this series, world-famous 'lion whisperer' Kevin Richardson will be joined by a team of highly qualified experts, such as researcher Natalia D. Borrego (USA), world-renowned lion authority Dr Paul Funston (UK) and zoologists Dr Christine Drea and Sarah Benson-Amram (both USA). Together, they will identify the lions' as well as the hyenas' behaviour when it comes to solving tasks and riddles, custom-tailored to the animals in question.

The different trials will focus on specific abilities and aspects of the animals' behaviour. Cognitive awareness and social intelligence will be put to the test: how well will the animals fare when it comes to various tasks, such as puzzle boxes, rope pulling or mirror mazes? Will they share their findings with animals from their own family or clan—or will they keep their knowledge to themselves?

The animals will work alone as well as in pairs, in constellations they may not be used to and which will challenge them

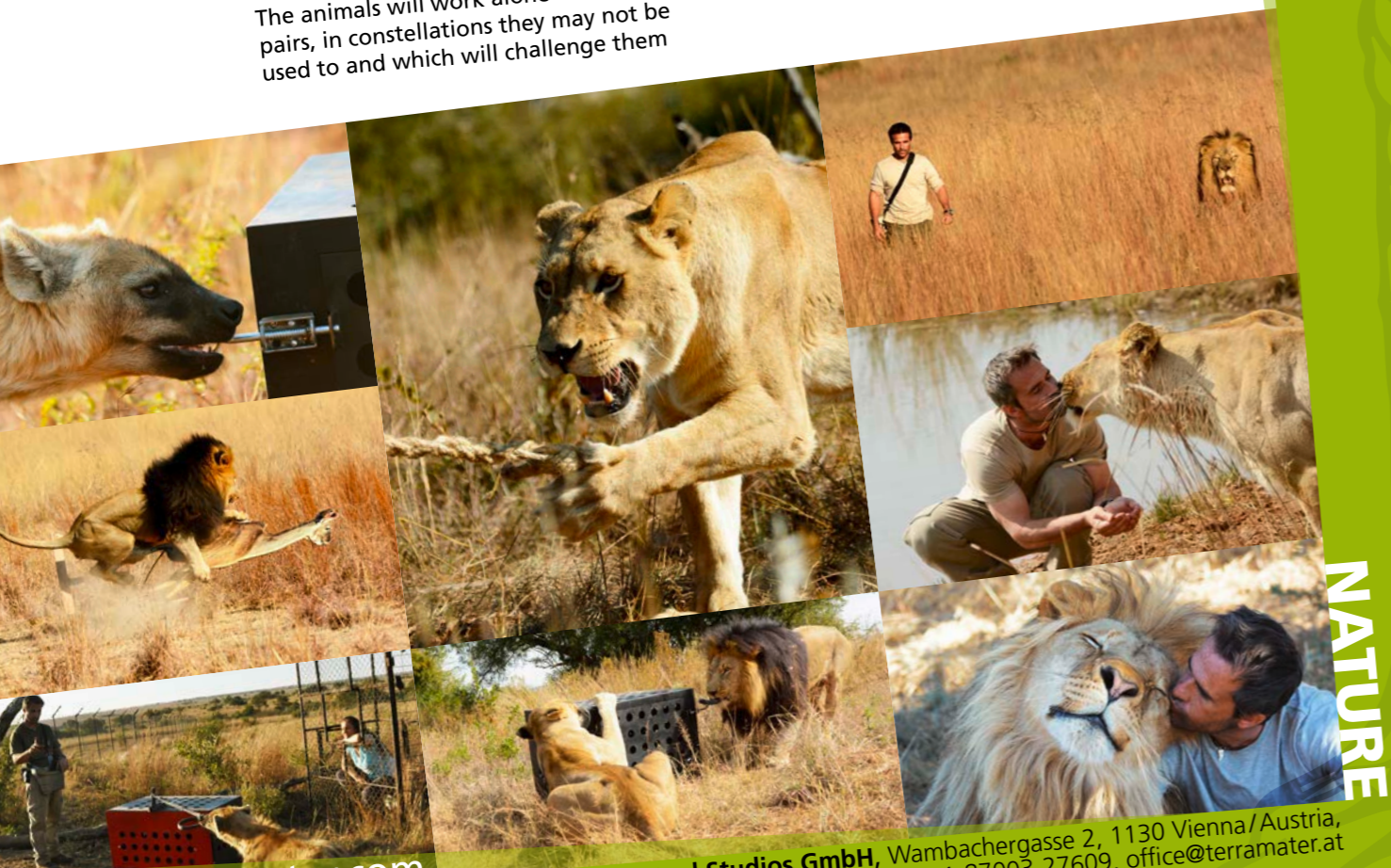
even more. How will subordinate or dominant animals change roles when paired differently, to fulfil a task as yet unknown to them?

We will also explore numerical assessment skills—can these animals understand the concept of less and more, bigger versus smaller? Can they display their understanding by operating touch screens? Understanding these concepts might be helpful for the animals even in the wild.

Under the surveillance of our experts, the animals' learning behaviour will be analysed. Puzzle boxes with different solutions will be presented to the animals, and only a few of them will be taught to solve them beforehand. Will they pass on their knowledge to their kin or group?

Social politics in lion prides and hyena clans differ; will these differences play out in the end, when it comes to solving various puzzles? Which animal is more hard-wired for social co-operation and forming alliances, lions or hyenas? And why?

This series is not about trying to find a winner, but instead will reveal why each of these species is the ultimate specialist in their own unique way.



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