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At the age of five, Sunshine Coast-based, grandmother of seven, Amanda De Warren suspected she was a little different to everybody else.

Her parents knew it too, particularly after they caught her chatting up a storm with the old bloke next door - who'd died the year before. And it wasn't just dead folks who were 'coming in' to chat to her either — ALL shapes and sizes of animals both living or deceased, wild or domestic, were communicating with little Amanda, and they've simply never stopped.

Unable to ignore the pleas of pooches and desperate pet owners any longer, Amanda gave up trying to live a "normal" life more than a decade ago, and thanks to her weekly column in the *Woman's Day* magazine plus regular spots on Australia's number one radio breakfast show *Kyle and Jackie 'O'*, she's since become renown as The Animal Whisperer.

Australia's very own pet medium/healer/ communicator is possibly one of the few people in the world who has the extraordinary ability to 'talk to the animals', and, as we'll see in this 10 X 30' factual series, she's certainly very authentic and 'the real deal'.

Shot in an ob doc style, each episode will follow Amanda as she answers call outs to 'read' all types of animals - helping everyone from distraught owners who want to track down their missing pets, or solve a behavioral issue, or connect with a beloved animal that's passed on - to a line up of vets and zoo keepers who need a hand diagnosing mystery illnesses and situations.

What's more, given her powerful psychic abilities, it's also likely that she'll bring quite a few human spirits into the mix too.

Whether you're a 'believer' or not (though we suspect this series is bound to have even hardened skeptics wavering somewhat), *The Animal Whisperer* will not only provide a gripping, entertaining and heart-warming escape into a hitherto hidden world, but it'll also help us better understand the animals in our lives and environment - as well as put a bright spotlight on conservation issues.

With people's heightened love for their pets, and craving for powerful, uplifting stories (thanks to the COVID world) the time is absolutely right for this type of programme and we predict (pun totally intended!) that Amanda's adventures will resonate with an international audience of all demographics (everyone loves a good animal story!), and it will particularly make for compelling family viewing.

Finally, it should be said that the Flickchicks team is not only well experienced to deliver this type of series (we've already produced two seasons of the internationally successful factual series 'Snake Boss' for Discovery's Animal Planet) but it's also in the enviable position of operating in one of the world's most COVID safe regions — Queensland, Australia.

