



Wild Wonders - Internationally Renowned Wildlife Program coming to the Pet Lover Show!

Walk On the Wild Side:

Want to see it all? Wild Wonders has your passport to adventure with animals from all over the world – including South America, Africa, Australia, Asia, and North America! See the Show that has wowed audiences in the Discovery Channel's Animal Planet Expo, Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom, Science Channel, Tonight Show, Today Show, and countless other TV shows.

The Wild Wonders staff of degreed biologists and the “creature-teachers” will bring the wonders of wildlife to the Pet Lover Show. Learn about a range of species from around the world with a unique opportunity to meet wildlife such as coatimundi, bush babies, boa constrictors, a tega and other Wild Wonders animal-ambassadors. Topics will include the important role these animals play in keeping our world green, conservation, and the importance of preservation.

Jackie Navarro- Executive Director/Compound Manager



Jackie Navarro is a veteran of the wild animal world. Her personal safari began in 1989 taking her from California Polytechnic University into various roles such as: zookeeper, zoo educator, trainer, behavioral consultant, presenter, and show producer and consultant.

Jackie has been affiliated with several zoos including: Columbus, Charles Paddock, Santa Ana, and the San Diego Wild Animal Park, where she performed in front of thousands. These experiences combined with a need for grassroots wildlife education programs in southern California eventually led her to the formation of her own company, Wild Wonders, Inc. in 1991.

Currently, Jackie travels throughout the United States with her animal ambassadors charming children and adults alike through personal appearances, performances, media opportunities, and other related interactions. Jackie's drive and determination, along with her contacts in the animal world are only a few of her great assets that have helped Wild Wonders to grow into one of the foremost wildlife education organizations in the west. She has a genuine love of animals, children and a desire to educate people about the natural world.

**Member of American Association of Zookeepers, American Zoological Association, California Association for the Gifted, California Kindergarten Association, International Zoo Educators, the Association of Professional Wildlife Educators*



Jackie and one of her Keeper/Educators will bring the wild world here to meet you!



Tamara Green – Keeper / Educator

Tamara Green started at Wild Wonders as a volunteer and has now moved into a zookeeper/educator position. She has hands-on experience with a variety of animals. Tamara has specialized in hand-rearing and behavioral issues of avian exotics for the past 5 years. She has a great love for all animals and teaches our onsite and offsite zoocamps as well as our library, school, and other outreach education programs.

“The opportunity to work with all the amazing animals of Wild Wonders is a dream come true! Sharing the up close and personal experience of people of all ages interacting and learning about these animals is a pure joy!”



Carly Padilla- Seasonal Keeper/Educator

Carly Padilla graduated from the University of Hawaii, Manoa in '06 with a degree in zoology. She always knew that she wanted to work with animals. After her graduation, she pursued her dream of becoming a dolphin trainer and got a job working at Sea Life Park in Hawaii. She trained and worked with dolphins, sea lions, penguins and Hawaii's native sea birds. She performed in their show and facilitated dolphin interactions daily. After 4 years, she decided to come home to be closer to her family. She wanted to continue working in the animal world and was ready to use her knowledge of training and work with other species of animals. She applied for a job at Wild Wonders and was offered a position in March of '11. She is establishing relationships with all the animals at the facility, developing a soft spot for the kinkajous. She also teaches our onsite and offsite zoocamps as well as our library, school, and other outreach education programs. When she is not working, she is spending time with her two dogs, Jackson, a terrier-mix saved from a shelter and Cellie, a Pomeranian.



Kimberly Wright – Managing Director/Programs Manager

Kimberly Wright is a graduate of San Diego State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and marine sciences. She has a varied background of animal handling experience, working both in zoological parks and marine aquariums. Her experience includes many aspects of animal training, veterinary procedures, behavioral enrichment, husbandry, and educational presentations. As part of her dedication to wildlife conservation and education, she actively participates in biological research, both domestic and international.

“Working for Wild Wonders gives me a unique opportunity to share my knowledge and passion for the natural world by exposing and educating others about the extraordinary animals we share this world with.”