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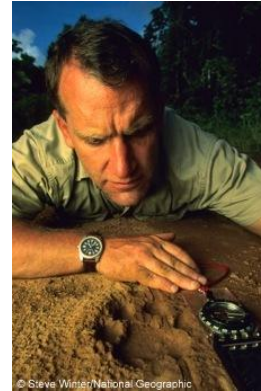
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PANTHERA GARNERS MANY HONORS AT PRESTIGIOUS JACKSON HOLE WILDLIFE FILM FESTIVAL

JACKSON HOLE, WYO. – Panthera took home a series of honours this week at the Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival, showing the depth of expertise the organization brings to the global fight to protect big cats and conserve their habitats.

[Panthera CEO Dr. Alan Rabinowitz](#), recognized as one of the world’s leading field biologists and a leading expert on wild cats, has been awarded the 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award for Conservation at this year’s [Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival](#).



“Dr. Rabinowitz's commitment to conservation is unparalleled. It's that single minded pursuit that has led to saving so many cats and so much of their habitats, earning our respect and this lifetime achievement award,” said Vyv Simpson, Executive Producer and Creative Director at NHU Africa, as he presented the award to Alan Rabinowitz.

Additionally, “My Pantanal,” a short film written and directed by [Panthera Vice President Andrea Heydlauff](#), was a finalist for Best Children’s Program at the 2011 Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival.

“We are delighted that ‘My Pantanal’ has received such honorable recognition,” said Heydlauff. “This is the first film project fully produced by Panthera, and is part of our media efforts to tell engaging stories rooted in science and conservation for local and for wider audiences. ‘My Pantanal’ has been produced in Portuguese so it can target its primary audience, people living in the Pantanal with jaguars.”



[This short children’s film](#) is about a boy named Aerenilso who lives on a *fazenda*, or cattle ranch, in the Pantanal, the world’s largest and wildest wetland in Brazil that is home to the world’s highest density of jaguars. Through Aerenilso’s perspective, we see how ranchers are partnering with Panthera to integrate jaguar conservation efforts with effective cattle management practices.

Finally, Panthera's partnership with Craighead Beringia South to conduct [research on cougars](#) north of Jackson, Wyoming was the focus of National Geographic's "American Cougar" which premiered at the Festival. For ten years, [Howard Quigley](#), Panthera's executive director of jaguar programs and cougar expert, and Derek Craighead, president of Craighead Beringia South, have directed field research that has intensively tracked and studied both collared and non-collared cougars to understand their movements, population dynamics, predator-prey relationships and interaction with other large predators, including wolves, grizzly bears and black bears.

Exclusively screened this week at the Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival, this film is an exciting and intimate view into the secret life of cougars struggling to survive in the severe landscape of snow and ice, cliffs and caves in the northern Rocky Mountains and will air later in the year on National Geographic.



About Panthera

Panthera, founded in 2006, is the world's leading organization devoted exclusively to the conservation of wild cats and their ecosystems. Utilizing the expertise of the world's premier cat biologists, Panthera develops and implements global conservation strategies for the largest, most imperiled cats – tigers, lions, jaguars, cheetahs and snow leopards. Representing the most comprehensive effort of its kind, Panthera works in partnership with local and international NGOs, scientific institutions, local communicates and governments. Visit <http://www.panthera.org/>

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