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From hot spots and hidden gems to lots of local flavor It's your guide to L A the unscripted way and tonight the fur is flying all over So say hi Pepper Hello everyone and welcome to L A unscripted I'm Devin And tonight we're exploring the wonderful world of California's most beloved residents the furry ones from bunnies and wolves to birds and dogs It's all animal instinct tonight starting here at the Zoom room in Woodland Hills where pepper is getting some much much much needed training right Pepper Pepper I told you she needed training Where did she go We need remedial level That's pepper This is pepper here at Zoom Room Our motto is we don't train dogs between the people who love them So all of the work is done with you and your dog peppers Food motivated just like me That's ok Brand new dog training facility located and beautiful woodland hills We offer group training for dogs We do agility obedience tricks p classes private training Oh there we go Look at you Be the biggest little Billy go Let's go It is so crucial to get the proper training for your dog And the proper socialization So once we spend some time with you and your dog then we'll make an assessment and we will tell you what would be the best fit for you girl pepper We use hospital grade cleaner here In addition you might be noticing that the pleasing aroma it does not smell like dogs We actually have a hotel diffuser that pumps in just amazing great smelling scent that's not too overpowering But we do like to keep just feeling very inviting and clean and open We have a beautiful retail area We also do parties and all kinds of fun events So a lot of times we'll partner with bakeries We bring in dog cakes We make our own doggy doughnuts in house daily We offer lots of great products It's amazing Oh my God go go go get it Here comes here comes mama Good girl If you bring your dog here you know that it's clean it's safe Every dog that walks in our door has been vaccinated unless it's puppy preschool and there's always a trainer present to monitor for safety You do take under vaccinated dogs ages 2 to 4 months We call it puppy preschool and that is where we thoroughly extra clean the facility and we allow a safe space for those very small puppies because they do need to be socialized So we provide that safe space for that transition point in their lives and we're going to go up one up one say over Oh yeah Could work Drop it over over Yes Yes Good girl L A is a dog city like it it is amazing We love being in L A We love this The dog friendly attitude here dogs are basically Children and more so to some people before you know it Good Oh my God I wish we had Yes we love it We love it You

cannot be in a bad mood coming to work and being around dogs all day for myself I just it brings me such joy to get to be around the different dogs I get to become friends with the owners We genuinely take an interest in them and their lives and we genuinely want to help We want to further enrich the lives of dogs and humans They say a happy dog is a trained dog and this place definitely makes the training fun Now it's hard to believe that this little meatball is a direct descendant of the wolf But what about the werewolf He plays a werewolf on TV But in scripted brought Tyler Lawrence Gray to wolf connection for an incredible real life experience Ready Wow We were like in sync with that What's happening to us What are you doing out here This is how it starts get fangs get claws and then we start killing people What is it like playing werewolf It's it's incredible I mean it's it's a little funny When you're on camera and they're like all right now growl or like stuff like that When you got the role did you study wolves Do How did you like learn how you wanted to like be on set I definitely did I was I was looking up a lot of videos honestly of like you know humans interacting with wolves And um I've seen a few documentaries as well but I think probably the most important thing was just like seeing how they interact with one another My God I am in love with you know oh my God Good boy Oh my God Look at his eyes Good boys Wolves are important in many many levels Uh First uh from a mythological perspective they are one of the main symbols of power and altruism and heart and love and and family Then here at the ranch proving that how helpful they can be to inner city youth and veterans were suffering from uh from PTSD and and uh people trying to recover from that drug addiction The best thing we can do first is just sit at their level The wolf connection is a unique organization On the one hand we are a full animal rescue and sanctuary We rescue wolves and wolf dogs from all over the country is the dominant female of the pair Once the animals come here we rehabilitate them physically and emotionally and behaviorally and then they become part of my the other side of of connection which is we are a social emotional learning empowerment program for youth in foster care in underprivileged schools We work with gang members incarcerated individuals and military veterans Are there puppies here We currently have some youngsters youngsters youngsters that were rescued uh four months ago or so You're so sweet Oh my God you're so beautiful Oh my God I love your face right now We are in what we describe we call the the West Den which is our new development is a second wolf area wolf habitat I can't believe I'm here with wolves like with an actor wolf and a real wolf Like I

can't believe it It's one of those things you always just think about You're like oh well it's cool because we're just like doing it on TV But like seeing them in real life and not like CG I or anything It's it's crazy Do you think you learned something here today that you can take on screen Yeah Actually um their composure and just the way that they act around anybody they're able to stay really calm I think everyone kind of sees them as like these really scary ferocious animals that could like bite you at any second But that's not what I see at all Tell these puppies are absolutely adorable Oh how can I how can I have one I want a pet wolf So uh the best way to build a relationship with these animals is to become a sponsor Someone that can help uh financially with the care the feeding the mia puppies gonna be with us for perhaps 15 16 18 more years has access to have to the best part which is coming hanging out playing before I got into acting I always want to work with animals whether it was at like a sanctuary or you know anything like that So I think I'll definitely take you up on them Ok Here are two California residents We may not want to make wolves and bunnies but Olivia they were told he has the perfect place for you to go find your lucky new best friend Bunnies are the third most popular pet in L A and Bunny World Foundation is making sure they get good homes Bunny Foundation is a rescue It's a nonprofit foundation um that basically rescues bunnies from different situations We are um partners with L A Animal Services Siaca Pasadena Humane Society and plenty of others And we pull approximately 1500 bunnies a year and we rescue 1 to 4 bunnies a day Now we are with these adorable little babies And what kinds of things do they eat Um well 80% of their their diet is hay and then um they get um veggies lots of veggies You can see they finished everything I mean their favorites are Roma Cilantro Parsley I mean there's a whole list of even though we worked really hard on um bringing a lot of legislation to Los Angeles that improved the lives of the rabbits such as closing you know the rabbit sales and the pet stores uh backyard breeders have um increased their operation Instagram has helped a lot of those breeders and people are buying these little baby bunnies uh because they're cute um or just for Instagram shots and then three months later when they realize what they what they cost and what they need all of a sudden shelters are inundated with these beautiful baby lops baby lion heads all kinds of Netherland dwarfs And it's really sad People don't realize they they they live for 15 years just like you know dogs and they need space They cannot be put in a hutch or cage I mean they are very um rambunctious They need to live in in pairs They give you kisses like puppies They use litter box like cats and

they have a digestive system like a horse So it sort of you get three in one you can adopt all kinds of animals here in So Cal and when we come back the story of a sparrow that will blow your mind A unscripted from the zoom room in Woodland Hills will be right back Welcome back to L A unscripted I'm Devin and this is the zoom room in Woodland Hills the perfect spot as we go off script in the animal world This next story is one of my favorites and improves how no creature is too small to have a really big impact and its own documentary on May 6th 2020 I found a tiny injured one day old sparrow and I had no idea how much he would change my life That's a beautiful show I have found happy but he's helped me find your eyes are starting to open When I watched the first thing on your Instagram I started crying I didn't think he was gonna survive Honestly when a nestling like a day if a day old I mean he didn't have his eyes open No feathers No And their chance of survival without their moms at that age when they're healthy is like under 10% And then the pandemic hit So uh I lost all my income overnight My car had been stolen boyfriend my boyfriend I had broken up with with my boyfriend at the time and then my dog got sick again And so I was kind of just here stuck and and you know the whole world was going through it too Ok Come on And then you finally did find a rehabber did I did And so when the rehabber called me three days later instead of vet took a look at him due to the injury of his top beak we're going to have to euthanize right No that's just a no I picked him up and I was only legally able to pick him up because sparrows are an invasive species Here Every 20 minutes of every day from sun up to sundown I had to feed the little guy and I was in such a state of just um just despair and hopelessness And so he gave me like a sense of purpose every 20 minutes of every day from to sundown Oh my God I love you Baby bird Oh my God I'm so happy right now Happy You made me so happy How you beautiful Did you just pooped for you He just pooped He just poked for you So he puts himself to bed every night and he sleeps in a cage I close his cage I cover it and that's for safety So he doesn't fly to me in the middle of the night I go over and in the morning when he wakes up he'll chirp for me to come and let him out and then he comes and snuggles with me every morning He snuggles with you I literally have video from this morning of him smuggling Ok The most amazing thing just happened So he was playing in her plan and she said no playing in the plant and he stopped he came over here and I said does he does he know what you mean And he was no Yeah he knows he's not allowed in the plan And then and he said how many words does he recognize So he knows his name He

knows Happy He knows he knows you hungry for me W he knows you want war worm berries sprouts My dog's name was more than my dog who passed when I found Happy And there's a one of Happy's molted feathers in resin Yeah And it just sits right where happy sits So he when he snuggles that's where he sits So this has changed your life so much so much so that you wrote a book about it Tell me about the book Um It's a children's book and it's um it's about kindness really and how kindness is very healing Whether you are being kind to another being it's healing for that being but it's also healing for you So this is Finding Happy So this is your book and by the way I'm obsessed with the feel of it the way it looks This first page made me cheer up Tell me this This is the story of a little bird with a broken beak and a little girl with a broken heart And then you're doing a documentary Yes a documentary I saw the trailer for the documentary I'm not gonna lie I full on cried It was just the trailer That's when Hay inspired me to go on a worldwide journey to find out who else is listening We will just for good boy my nugget a boy Every time I do every time I was going I'm going he's moving his beat Do you see it The name Happy Such a perfect name because he is happy He makes everyone happy Do you feel like the universe kind of sit you There's not even a doubt in my mind There's not one person who could who could convince me otherwise I love happy I think I cried three times covering that story It really is one of my all time favorites when we come back More sweet creatures of so L A unscripted returns in just a minute Welcome back to scripted I'm de and this is the zoom room in Woodland Hills A great place to come teach your dog a few new tricks But if you want to grab a cup of Joe with fight Olivia has just the spot just like the sign says have a cup Save a pup at muddy pop coffee here in Eagle Rock It's L A walk your dog grab a cup of coffee hang out in the park for 10 minutes and keep going If you want coffee was founded in 2007 with the idea of what I call socialized business I saw these guys in Katrina when it happened rescuing these pit bulls out of deep water And I was like how do I help these unsung heroes that are making a difference in their community And I had a lot of friends in the animal world that were doing stuff And I figured what could I do I have a coffee roasting company So that's how it started But I ultimately wanted to build a place where people could have like a dog park and an big outdoor area to come and not only enjoy our product but also bring their animals and enjoy the environment of that So that's what we built here in U Rock We've worked with probably over 30 to 40 organizations in L A alone All our shops are built for local here alone Ok We've raised since

we've opened So like over \$150,000 for organizations in LA A couple times we've gone beyond that when the crisis is bigger than all of us Last year we raised over \$5000 to build shelters outside of Ukraine When dogs and animals were displaced there in Poland we always wanted to feel like community and local And when I built this place from pretty much scratch I just was given the walls and everything else and allowed to do what I'm doing in the back of the dog park I wanted to use everything local So all the windows came from old buildings in L A There's live wood throughout the store and that's all from one tree that actually was 100 that went down in Van Nuys And we use that throughout the store to repurpose it you think Oh this is more of a dog park Yeah More of a dog thing But the coffee is actually really good Tell me about your coffee bean Our coffee comes from all over the world But my brother and I have been hand roasting since 1992 I wanted to create an environment out here that was for people to work but also for the animals So we have two separate areas We have this patio which more of the animals are on leash But we also have a private gazebo and dog park That's all fenced in It's one dog at a time One person at a time to have a cup to save a pup is what it's all about It's just that handshake that you have with your neighbor How do you empower those people to make a difference So cute Olivia Now if you really love all creatures great and small this next place is a sanctuary that teaches all of us the downside of animal agriculture So it's just a 40 minute drive outside of L A and what we call the farm sanctuary It sits on a 38 acre piece of land and their mission is to save these adorable animals Oh is this ok Yeah Yeah Yeah He is extremely friendly If you wanna say hi hi He wants to check you out Yeah Farm Sanctuary is an organization that is working to change how we view and treat farm animals at the sanctuaries These animals are our friends not our food Hi cowboy How are you He's a big boy He is a big boy but he's actually not our our biggest So how big is Saffron That's a really good question I think Probably well over 2000 £500 maybe close to 3 3000 I mean look at the comparison with me and Saffron I know he's huge He's about 6 ft five farm Sanctuaries founded in 1986 We're the first organization of this kind There are now hundreds around the world maybe even thousands And these are sanctuaries where animals get to live out their lives We have here This is Lisa Lisa turtle after say by the bell Very Exactly So these pigs are also rescued Yes Yeah Yeah Every single animal here was rescued We do have one goat here who was born here We don't do any breeding but we rescued her mother when she was pregnant with her The animals who live at farm sanctuary were all rescued from the food industry

So we have cows we have pigs we have chickens we have turkeys sheep goats even horses Yeah Alice is wonderful Hi Alice So people can come here enjoy pet the animals Absolutely You can either book a private tour through us and that's a lovely way to be able to connect with the animals or you can come for a public tour We have public tours every Saturday and Sunday People can go to our website farm-sanctuary.org to learn more and you get to walk around you get to meet animals You get to give pigs belly rubs pepper And I say thank you so much to the zoom room in Woodland Hills And that is all the time we have for tonight I hope you enjoyed this unscripted animal tale I know pepper Did we see you next time everyone Good night