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ELEPHANTS: BACK TO THE WILD

2 x 45' (ENG, GER)

An entire year of the life of orphan elephants is captured on film, where we witness them grow up and be reintroduced into the wild.

The film showcases the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust and its breeding and rehabilitation station for elephants. In two episodes, we are taken to two unique locations in Kenya and tell stories of the breeding, release, and conservation efforts of elephants. We use never before seen footage that perfectly shows the coexistence of elephants and the highly emotional relationships that elephant groups maintain. The result is a spectacular look at the wonderful animals and their habitat.



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Produced by:	Hoferichter & Jacobs
Partners:	MDR, arte

1. The Orphanage of Elephants - Nairobi Nationalpark

We follow the rescue of a baby elephant. Once rescued, it will be transported by plane to the breeding station and raised with love and commitment. In order to satisfy the little pachyderm's urge to move while in the breeding station, there is sometimes an adorable football match between the animals.

2. The Return of the Elephants - Tsavo-East-Nationalpark

We accompany the first steps of a two-year-old elephant who is just starting his release program. We also observe the story of two young elephants in their first night in the wilderness on their own. Captivating film footage allows us to truly learn how elephants behave in the wild.