



A REALLY WILD SHOW

JOE PASQUALE'S BACK IN THE JUNGLE - BUT HE'S ALL ON HIS OWN



Joe sets off on his adventure



He's a real fire starter

When funnyman Joe Pasquale was crowned king of the *I'm A Celebrity*... jungle in 2004, at least he could share the camp with fellow stars.

But for new series *Alone In The Wild*, he's back in the jungle and it's just him, a camera and a machete.

Along with cricketer Andrew Flintoff, *Dancing On Ice*'s Jason Gardiner and ex-SAS man Chris Ryan, the celebs have headed into some of the world's most isolated places.

But they're not competing alongside or against each other - each show focuses on a single star on a solo challenge. And Joe's has to survive in the Guyanese jungle.

"I'm A Celebrity... was just a gameshow with a

premium rate phone line at the end," he tells *HotTV*. "This is survival - just you and the elements. You are totally on your own - no safety net or camera crew or doctor lurking just out of shot. I was given a week's survival training, shown how to use the camera and then dumped in the jungle."

And he had to cast aside his usual creature comforts, too.

"I had a hammock, a machete, mosquito repellent, a water bottle and a tarpaulin to give me something to sleep on," he recalls. "It rained for 20 hours a day, so everywhere flooded."

Also taking part is British Olympic skeleton gold medalist Amy Williams, documentary maker Donal MacIntyre and subject of film *127 Hours* - Aron Ralston, the man who cut off his own arm after it

was trapped under a boulder. And Joe admits he isn't quite up to their levels of toughness.

"I'm not as hard as them yet - I'm like Noddy with a headache," he explains.

Joe admits he managed to lose all his belongings within five minutes and says his encounters with the Guyana wildlife kept him going.

"There were parrots and amazing blue butterflies the size of your hand," he recalls. "The howler monkeys scream all day and night."

"I was told to expect caimans, jaguars, piranhas, vampire bats, rats and spiders the size of a man's fist - but weirdly the most dangerous thing out there is myself with the machete. If you put yourself out there you can bleed to death in minutes."

■ *Alone In The Wild*, Weds, 9pm, Discovery Channel.

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Joe's not the only celeb to face a challenge this week. Following last night's first live show, Bruce and Tess introduce the seven celebrities waiting in the wings, who will dance either a cha-cha-cha or a waltz. There's no elimination this weekend, but the scores given by the judges are carried over to next week.

King of the Jungle Joe

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