

Wednesday's best TV: Wild Animal Reunions

Long-lost carers meet their animals again.



Wild Animal Reunions, ITV

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Wild Animal Reunions **8pm, ITV**

What is it like to re-encounter an orphan elephant that you helped raise but that was subsequently returned to the wild? Is there still a bond? Seemingly keyed off by the huge popularity on YouTube of footage featuring Christian the lion, purchased from Harrods as a cub in 1969, emerging from the wild to hug those who once cared for him, here's a documentary that captures scenes of cross-species understanding. Black bears and chimps feature, too. Caroline Quentin narrates. *Jonathan Wright*