



## Public Media Distribution, LLC Secures the Home Entertainment Distribution Rights to the New Suzy's Zoo Animated Series *Adventures in Duckport*

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**San Diego, CA, September 2, 2015** – Lawless Entertainment is delighted to announce a deal with Public Media Distribution, LLC to handle the U.S. and Canadian home entertainment distribution rights for the new Suzy's Zoo animated series *Adventures in Duckport*, which is currently in production with Mondo TV.

The complete series will be composed of 52 x 11 minute 2D HD episodes and will be distributed by Mondo TV worldwide, except in North America which will be managed by Public Media Distribution, LLC. Lawless Entertainment will handle worldwide licensing and merchandising (except for some territories reserved to Mondo TV group) as well as distribution in North America.

BBC veteran Theresa Plummer-Andrews will serve as script editor for the series. Theresa's vast experience with kids' television will play a crucial role in developing a successful series.

The *Adventures in Duckport* series will feature the original Suzy's Zoo character set, which includes the duck Suzy Ducken and her friends Jack Quacker, Penelope O'Quinn, Corky Turtle and others. The series will be targeted to children ages 4-8 and will follow the fun-filled adventures of these adorable characters as they interact, and show respect and love for, the elder members of their community. Suzy, Jack, Penelope, Corky and all their friends will do their best to help their elderly neighbors, even if they end up in a pickle doing so!

A sample of the *Adventures in Duckport* animated series will be presented for the first time at MIPCOM 2015.

In March 2015, Public Media Distribution, LLC released *Suzy's Zoo: A Day with Witzzy* (\$6.99) on DVD. This DVD is approximately 50 minutes and features 26 adorable two-minute stories that follow the duckling Witzzy and his stuffed animal friends.

"It is a true thrill to have my characters come to life and live out their stories for the world to see," says **Suzy's Zoo creator, Suzy Spafford**.

"Suzy Zoo continues to be a success in the USA, and we know it will become a worldwide brand thanks to the great partners that are joining this amazing project." says **Matteo Corradi (CEO) for Mondo TV**.

“I’m delighted that we’re distributing *Adventures in Duckport* and I am looking forward to making these characters and stories available for fans to bring home.” said **Debbie Ries, General Manager, Wholesale, for Public Media Distribution, LLC.**

“We are thrilled to work with the Public Media Distribution team again,” says **Cathy Malatesta, President of Lawless Entertainment.** “The wonderful world of Suzy’s Zoo continues to bring smiles to children throughout the world!”

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## **Notes to Editors:**

### **About Lawless Entertainment**

Lawless Entertainment is a Los Angeles-based company that creates, co-produces, distributes and markets both animated and live-action programming throughout the world for both film and television that is headed up by President Cathy Malatesta. Lawless works with content providers and has relationships with top film, television, home video, online and mobile distribution entities throughout the world.

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### **About Suzy’s Zoo**

Suzy’s Zoo was established in 1968 by award-winning San Diego artist, Suzy Spafford. Deriving from Suzy’s own childhood memories, it evokes the spirit of a time when kids were free to explore their surroundings and have adventures of their own making.

The stories begin when Suzy Ducken and her next-door neighbor Jack Quacker decide to build a tree fort in the big old tree between their houses. Their nearby neighbor Corky Turtle is the ballast of the group with his scientific and practical ways of making things work. Suzy’s best-friend, the girly and opinionated Emily Marmot, is the comedy relief, with the redeeming quality of ALWAYS bringing the refreshments for their adventures. Jack, the leader of the group, has a burning desire to be able to fly all over Duckport and the entire Beak Isles. Ever-impatient, he is always trying out a device to get him airborne. Suzy is the straight-man in the group, with her even temperament and diplomatic ways. But she has her moments of frustration, too—especially about Jack. Tagging along is the pesky but lovable Ollie Marmot, Emily’s twin. Ollie competes with Jack for speed and bravado. Their adventures are about invention, involvement, cooperation, sharing, and exploration—and involve junkyards, tools, dirt, attics filled with old stuff, school, family, chores, the other interesting characters in the town of Duckport, and a sense of belonging to a widely mixed community of animal folk.

There are many superb licensing partners that sell Suzy's Zoo images on such products as infant clothing, greeting cards, bedding, books, tableware and games. These products can be found in the mass market as well as in specialty stores.

For more info visit [www.suzyszoo.com](http://www.suzyszoo.com) or [www.witzyanfriends.com](http://www.witzyanfriends.com).

### **About Public Media Distribution, LLC**

Public Media Distribution, LLC, is a leading media distributor both domestically and internationally. We offer high-quality, distinctive programs to our customers, including award-winning documentaries (*I.O.U.S.A.*), television series (*The Sixties*), dramas (*Fortitude*), and popular children's programming (*Suzy's Zoo*, *Mia and me*) in multiple formats including DVD, Blu-ray, digital download, and digital streaming.

### **About Mondo TV**



Mondo TV is listed in the Star segment of Borsa Italiana, has its registered office in Rome and is a Group made up of four companies; the Group is a leader in Italy and among the primary European operators in the production and distribution of television series and cartoon films for TV and the cinema, and is active in the related sectors (audiovisual and musical distribution, licensing, media, publishing and merchandising).

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