

Lemur Kingdom



Common Sense Review

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Animal Planet has taken the same formula that made *Meerkat Manor* so compelling and applied it to ring-tailed lemurs in Madagascar. But this show doesn't have the soapy angst of its predecessor; if anything, the drama seems more Shakespearean, as two gangs of lemurs duke it out between each other -- and, in the case of the one gang, amongst themselves.

The show works very well. Obviously, it's impossible not to compare it to *Meerkat Manor*. Fortunately, it's not a direct copy. LEMUR KINGDOM looks at two rival gangs rather than focusing on one. And humans are seen in this one, partly because the lemurs live so close to a tourist camp. But, ultimately, what makes *Lemur Kingdom* is the nature of the animals themselves.

This is compelling storytelling, with distinct characters (impressive, considering how alike they all look!).