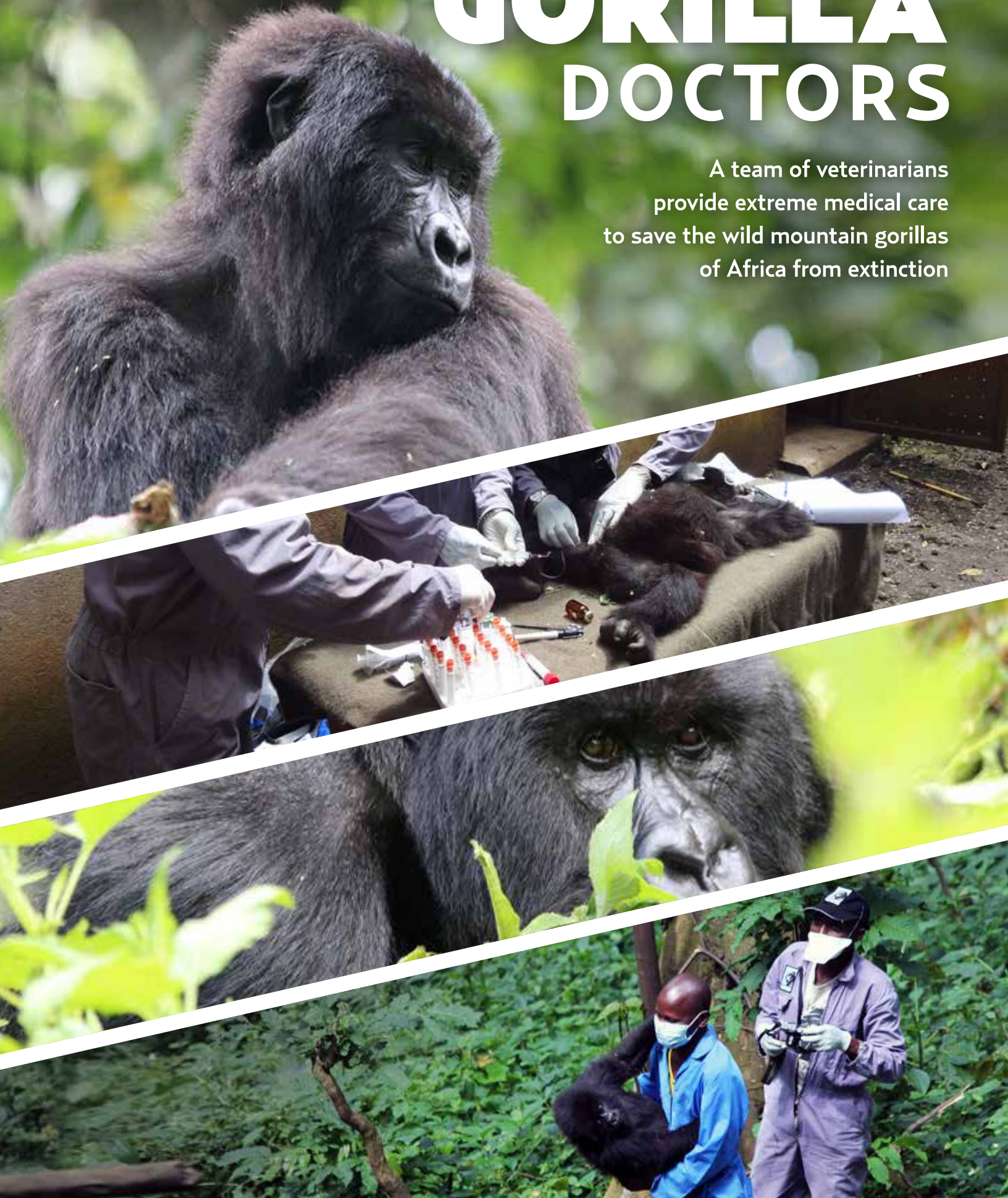


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A team of veterinarians
provide extreme medical care
to save the wild mountain gorillas
of Africa from extinction



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In the thick forest of Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park, an infant mountain gorilla has been caught in a snare. In order to treat it, a team of veterinarians will need to sedate his mother. But if the infant screams too much, the three 400-pound adult males will all attack. Everything must go perfectly, or there's no telling what could happen.

This pioneering group of vets known as "Gorilla Doctors" is led by Canadian Mike Cranfield. They do basic family medicine, and sometimes even operate on gorillas on the forest floor. It's risky and important work, as only 880 Mountain Gorillas are left in the world – all of them critically endangered.

The great apes are threatened on all sides, from poaching to habitat loss, to human disease transmission. And to make matters even worse, for more than a decade rebel armies in the Democratic Republic of Congo have routinely used the gorillas' mountain home as their base.

Through all this, Mike Cranfield and the Gorilla Doctors insist on their mission to bring the mountain gorilla back from the brink of extinction, one gorilla at a time.

Directed by Roberto Verdecchia and Michael Boland, "GORILLA DOCTORS" takes you to the spectacular Virunga mountains and the world of the mountain gorilla, putting you right alongside the jungle vets as they weigh the risks of intervening to save these great apes.

50 minutes.

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