



Press Release

Animal-themed Movies on e

This spring e.tv brings you a range of great animal-themed movies that promises to keep you entertained. We've selected fun-filled and enjoyable movies for the whole family - and we mean the whole family - that promises to get a reaction even from Snoopy or Whiskers or whatever your pets name is.

The festival kicks off with *See Spot Run*, Saturday 2 September at 12.50pm.

Gordon Smith is an offbeat mailman who has never met a dog he couldn't handle. When he offers to baby sit James, the young son of his beautiful neighbour Stephanie, he hopes to spark her romantic interest in him. A hard working single mom, Stephanie thinks Gordon is just an overgrown kid himself, but circumstances force her to leave James with him while she is away on business. Meanwhile, FBI Agent Murdoch is trying desperately to find his runaway canine partner, Agent-11, who has escaped from protective custody. Thanks to the super dog's drug detecting abilities, he has incurred the wrath of local mobster kingpin Sonny Talia, who has put out a contract on the four-footed Fed. And as luck would have it, the dog seeks refuge in Gordon's mail truck, where he is promptly adopted by James, who names him "Spot." While Stephanie tries desperately to return home in the midst of a snowstorm, the fur begins to fly as the mobsters

catch up with Gordon and James at a local pet store... Starring David Arquette and Clarke Duncan.

- *Snow Dogs* – Saturday 2 September at 8pm.

When Miami dentist Ted Brooks finds out that he's been named in a will, he travels to Alaska to claim his inheritance. Once he gets there, however, his dreams turn to mush. Ted discovers he's been left a team of sled dogs. Not only do the dogs not warm up to him, but a crusty old mountain man named Thunder Jack feels as though the dogs rightfully belong to him. When Jack urges him to hotfoot it back to warmer climates, Ted becomes determined to learn to mush, no matter what it takes. Starring Cuba Gooding, JR. and James Coburn.

- *Breakfast with Einstein* - Saturday 9 September at 1pm.

Life couldn't be better at the Mueller household. Dad, a famous cartoonist, is desperately searching for a new comic strip idea while trying to avoid his fiancée's plea to marry. Ryan is madly in love with the most stuck-up girl in school, and young Joey has been left by himself since the death of his mother years ago. When Joey meets Einstein, it's friendship at first sight and the two lonely rascals team up against the world. Joey sneaks Einstein into the house, just as Dad demands peace and quiet so that he can finish his work. Einstein, who listens to no man, wreaks havoc on the Mueller household, making noise, tearing up furniture, and smashing Dad's prized possession, the Cartoonist's Lifetime Achievement Award. Now both Joey and Einstein are stuck in the dog house. But Joey gets an idea: enter Einstein in the upcoming Upside Down Dog Show. First prize is \$500, just enough to fix Dad's trophy and to prove that Einstein is good for the family. Starring Thomas Gottschalk and Priscilla Presley.

- *Soccer Dog* - Saturday 9 September at 8pm.

Nostalgic over his days as a soccer player, Alden, a successful businessman, convinces his wife Elena to adopt a young orphan, Clay. Although he lacks interest in the game, Clay joins the Crocker Stampedes to please Alden, but is a major disappointment. Things change when Lincoln, a stray dog trying to avoid the local dogcatcher, crosses Clay's path. A natural born soccer player, Lincoln soon becomes the Stampedes' star player. Rallying the town behind him, Lincoln not only takes the team to the PeeWee League championship, but unites Alden and Clay as well. Starring James Marshall and Jeremy Foley.

- *K-9, Saturday* – Saturday 16 September at 1pm.

Dooley works on the San Diego narcotics squad. He is an eccentric guy who has pizzas delivered to his car and likes good steak. He is working on a stakeout of a local drug dealer when he barely escapes with his life as his car is blown up. He asks the department for a new car, but they give him a new partner instead - a police dog called Jerry Lee. Jerry's good at sniffing out the criminals, but Dooley doesn't really hit it off with his new partner until Jerry saves his life. Starring James Belushi and Mel Harris.

- *The Animal* - Saturday 16 September at 8pm.

Bungling police file clerk Marvin Mange gets a variety of unexpected new physical abilities when he is rescued from an accident by the eccentric Dr Wilder, who secretly repairs Marvin's body with animal parts. Afterwards, with no memory of the operation, Marvin appears normal, but inside, he never knows which beastly behaviour will emerge. After sniffing out a drug smuggler, Marvin is a hero, but things get more complicated when he meets and falls for Rianna, a former tree hugger who now volunteers at a local animal shelter. As Marvin's mountain lion vibes kick in, all hell breaks loose, not only at the shelter, but at the local butcher shop. As the animals within him start to take over, Marvin's world gets wilder and more unpredictable by the minute. Starring Rob Schneider and Colleen Haskell.

- *White Fang* - Saturday 23 September at 1pm.

Jack Conroy is a young man trying to fulfil his father's dying wish to find gold in the treacherous Yukon valley. His incredible journey begins when he meets a veteran gold miner who guides young Jack to his father's claim. Along the way, Jack discovers a kindred spirit who will change his life forever... a magnificent wolf-dog named White Fang. From the taming of the wolf, to the taming of the wild, He must find the courage to conquer his fears and become a man in this spectacular outdoor adventure! Starring Ethan Hawke and Klaus Maria Brandauer.

- *Cats and Dogs* - Saturday 23 September at 8pm.

A secret, high-tech struggle rages in neighbourhoods everywhere - between cats and dogs - totally undiscovered by humans. This battle for world domination has been held in balance by an uneasy truce - until now. Scientists have developed a vaccine that cures humans' allergies to dogs - but not to cats - and the cats must destroy it. A power-mad Persian, Mr. Tinkles, leads a massive feline attack on man's best friend, and crack canine agents spring into action to defeat the diabolical feline mastermind. This isn't cute. This isn't cuddly. This is war! Voice talents by Alec Baldwin and Toby Maguire.

- *Dunston Checks In* – Saturday 30 September at 1pm.

As manager of the Majestic Hotel, Robert Grant is trained to handle the most chaotic situations with ease. He can deftly juggle the needs of his staff, his clients, his two sons and his cold-hearted, gold-digging boss, Mrs. Dubrow, without breaking a sweat. There's nothing he can't handle. That is, until Dunston checks in. Forced into a life of crime, Dunston is an orangutan and the captive partner of the slippery low-life-cum-jewel thief, Lord Rutledge. When Dunston flees his malevolent master, a desperately hilarious chase ensues. Dunston, like some simian Indiana Jones, swash buckles his way

through a marble and mahogany gauntlet of mischief. Dunston is about to turn a five-star hotel into a three-ring circus. Joining Dunston in his madcap antics is Robert's young son, Kyle, who rescues the orangutan from Lord Rutledge. Together, Dunston and Kyle make some merry mischief in the glamorous hostelry, much to the chagrin of the Majestic Hotel's frantic staff and befuddled guests, not to mention the out-of-her league Mrs. Dubrow and a determined but inept animal control officer named La Farge. Before Dunston's through, the Majestic - and the city of New York itself - will be wishing for the quieter times of a previous simian visitor... King Kong! Starring Rupert Everett and Faye Dunaway.

- *Dr Dolittle 2* – Saturday 30 September at 8pm.

In *Dr. Dolittle 2*, the now-famous doc has more patients - two-legged and four-legged - than he can handle. But his animal friends want more than office visits. The outraged critters want to save their forest from unscrupulous human developers, and they're seeking Dolittle's help. Dolittle concocts a plan to save the forest: Find an endangered species the law protects. He discovers a lone endangered Pacific Western Bear, Ava, living in the condemned forest. But she needs a mate and Dolittle thinks he's found one in Archie, a city-dwelling, wise-cracking, fast food-loving, circus-performing bear. Although Archie initially resists the idea, Dolittle convinces him there's love to be found in his natural habitat. Dolittle and his dog Lucky head to the forest to try and teach Archie the ways of the wild. Unfortunately, it's hardly a love connection for the mismatched bears, as Ava is unimpressed by Archie's bumbling antics. And Lucky's love life with a local wolf isn't faring much better. Will Dolittle's animal friends start walking picket lines? Can he come up with the right prescription to bring Ava and Archie together, and save the forest? Will Lucky get lucky? It's down to the wire, as Dolittle and company give the money-hungry land-grabbers a taste of real bargaining power - wilderness style. Starring Eddie Murphy and Kristen Wilson.

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