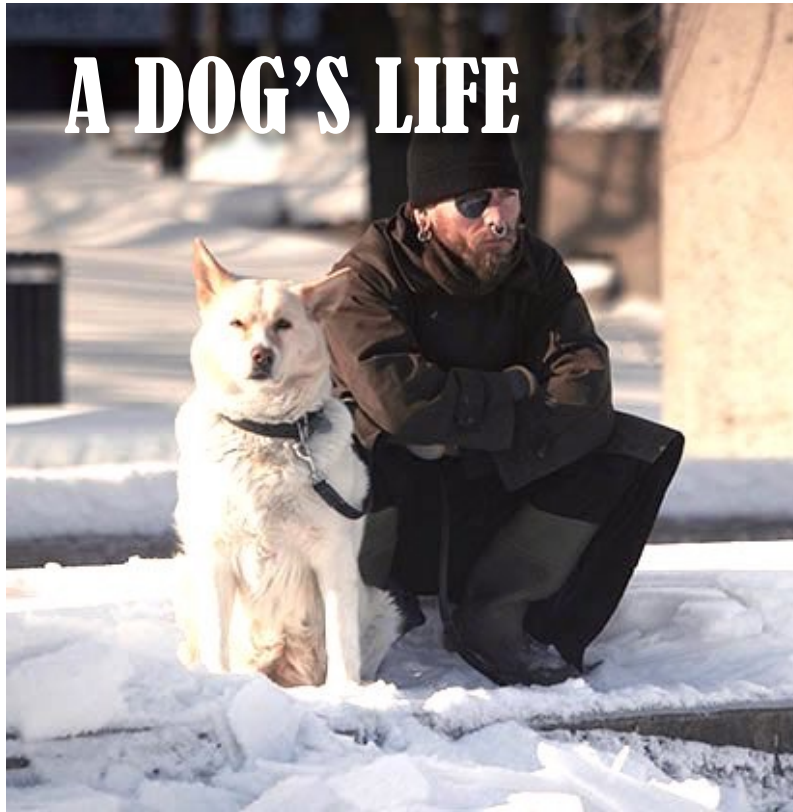


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"In large cities (and ours) with a substantial homeless population, it's a common sight to see panhandlers on the sidewalk huddled up on a cold winter's day with their loyal dogs. Some wonder how they can afford to take care of a pet, let alone themselves. What's important to realize is that these dogs provide many homeless people with a lifeline—they offer unconditional love to those who have often suffered abuse, as well as stability and warmth on cold nights. But few shelters accept pets, forcing people already isolated and marginalized to make the incredibly difficult decision to give up their beloved animals if they want a roof and a bed. Most choose to live outside instead.

A Dog's Life offers touchingly poignant stories of life on the streets of Toronto and Montreal by exploring the unique relationship between people struggling with homelessness and their canine companions." - *Lynne Fernie - Hot Docs*
by Director H  l  ne Choquette 67min 2015 14A some subtitles
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Our guest: Dr Jane Vermeulen who founded Vets For Pets in 2009 to help care for the animal companions of homeless and low-income pet owners in Victoria. The clinic is partnered with Our Place Society and is completely funded through donations and volunteer veterinary professionals from Victoria and southern Vancouver Island. When the program started, there were 6 volunteers and 8 pets were seen. Now, there are over 15 volunteers and over 70 pets are seen each month. **More about Vets for Pets:** <http://vetsforpetsvictoria.com>

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