



Kodi, star of "Le Procès du chien" wins the Palm Dog Woopets 2024



Kodi wins the Palm Dog Woopets 2024 © Soraya Ursine / Woopets

The 24th edition of the Palm Dog Woopets, held this Friday, May 24, at the Cannes Film Festival, has crowned a new canine star for its memorable performance. This year, the award goes to Kodi, from the film "Le Procès du chien" directed by Laetitia Dosch. The Griffon mix succeeds the famous Border Collie Messi, who left a lasting impression in Justine Triet's "Anatomy of a Fall" (2023).

Stars of the big screen, cinema enthusiasts, dog lovers, and representatives from the animal industry gathered at the Croisette to see Toby Rose (the event's creator in 2001) and Anthony Pruvost (the founder of Woopets) present the prestigious Palm Dog Woopets red collar to Kodi. This emotional moment took place at La Plage du Festival. Adored by the crowd, the canine proudly wore this chic accessory, made by the French brand Oria & Guizmo.

Through his breathtaking canine cinematic performance, the star of Laetitia Dosch's film dazzled the Palm Dog Woopets jury. In this comedy, Kodi plays the role of Cosmos, the four-legged companion of a visually impaired man (François Damiens). The animal finds itself at the center of an improbable and eventful trial after committing a bloody attack on a woman. Avril (Laetitia Dosch), a lawyer accustomed to lost causes, decides to represent him to prevent euthanasia.

Kodi delivers the best canine performance at the Cannes Film Festival

Thanks to this animal event, created in 2001 by esteemed British cinema journalist and animal lover Toby Rose, "man's best friend" also gets his Palme d'Or, akin to great actors. Each year, a jury of renowned film critics honors the best canine performance at the Cannes Film Festival.

During this 24th edition, several productions showcased the remarkable abilities of our four-legged companions. However, Kodi from "Le Procès du chien" stood out.

In addition to highlighting the undeniable acting talent of the Griffon—coached by the Dog Trainer company—this film questions our relationship with animals and the place they hold in society.



Le procès du chien, by Laetitia Dosch

Kodi Succeeds Messi, the Canine Star of Justine Triet's "Anatomy of a Fall"

In 2023, the Palm Dog Woopets was won by Messi, who played the role of Snoop in Justine Triet's award-winning film, "Anatomy of a Fall."

Since his consecration, Messi has continued his journey in the cinema world alongside his owner, Laura Martin Contini, an animal coach. Today, he continues to make a name for himself and is a true star! This year, Messi was even honored with a seat at the Oscars. "He thus increases the visibility of dogs in the film industry," notes Toby Rose.



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Eddie Peng, the actor behind "Black Dog" receives the Palm Dog Woopets Grand Jury Prize

This year, another feature film won the hearts of the jury. "Black Dog" by Guan Hu, received the Palm Dog Woopets Grand Jury Prize. The filmmaker tells the story of Lang (Eddie Peng), an ex-convict working for a patrol tasked with ridding his hometown of stray dogs.

The young man, released from prison on the eve of the Beijing Olympics in 2008, befriends one of the strays. A meeting that marks a new beginning for these two lonely souls.

Eddie Peng and his greyhound friend © Soraya Ursine / Woopets

Learn more about Woopets

Woopets is the leading French media dedicated to pets and all those who love them. It offers daily news, expert advice, practical guides, and breed sheets. Since acquiring the Palm Dog in 2023, the pet-friendly platform has partnered with this prestigious annual ceremony in collaboration with founder Toby Rose.

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