



Panda wins the 2025 Palm Dog for its performance in “The Love That Remains” by Hlynur Pálmason, succeeding Kodi



2025 Palm Dog Winner © Saraya Ursine / Woopets

On Friday, May 23, the Palm Dog jury reconvened on the Croisette to honor the successor to Kodi, the canine star of *Le Procès du chien* by Laetitia Dosch (2024). For this 25th edition, the award went to a dog whose impressive acting left a lasting impression in *The Love That Remains*, directed by Hlynur Pálmason.

At the 25th edition of the Palm Dog, organized by independent animal media outlet Woopets in parallel with the Cannes Film Festival, all the spotlight was on the dog playing Panda in Hlynur Pálmason's drama *The Love That Remains*.

Anthony Pruvost, founder of the animal-focused media Woopets, and Toby Rose, who created the event in 2001, presented the award to the canine actor at La Plage du Festival on Friday, May 23. Adored by a crowd of dog lovers, film enthusiasts, and journalists, the Icelandic Sheepdog proudly received the bright red collar, bandana, and collar tag designed by the French brand Oria & Guizmo.

The star of this Icelandic film won over the Palm Dog jury with an outstanding cinematic canine performance. The four-legged actor portrays the loyal companion of a family going through a separation. The film, which spans a year in the life of the household, tenderly captures the bittersweet essence of faded love and shared memories across the seasons.

Panda delivers a moving performance, standing out as a true and talented star in his own right. It highlights the essential role of the dog in the home and the powerful emotional bond it forms with family members.

Panda succeeds Kodi, star of Laetitia Dosch's film « Le Procès du chien »

This year, the Icelandic Sheepdog takes over from Kodi, the Griffon mix who was in the spotlight in Laetitia Dosch's 2024 comedy *Dog on Trial*. In the film, the canine actor plays Cosmos, the loyal companion of a visually impaired man (François Damiens), who is put on trial like a human after attacking a woman. At the heart of this improbable and tumultuous courtroom drama, the dog is defended by a lawyer known for taking on lost causes (played by Laetitia Dosch), who does everything in her power to spare him from euthanasia.

The former shelter dog, whose acting talents were brought to light thanks to the Palm Dog, had been trained by the company Dog Trainer, which prepares animals for theater, street performances, film, and events, always prioritizing their well-being.



Kodi, 2024 Palm Dog © Woopets

"Sirat", by Óliver Laxe, receives the Grand Jury Prize

Several productions showcased the remarkable talents of our four-legged companions. Panda was not the only one to enjoy a moment of glory at the 2025 Palm Dog. While the star of *The Love That Remains* stood out, other dogs also made dazzling appearances on the big screen.

Like *Black Dog* by Guan Hu in 2024, *Sirat*, produced by Franco-Spanish director Óliver Laxe (who was present at the ceremony), received the Grand Jury Prize. This feature film centers on a father and son, accompanied by their Jack Russell, Pipa, as they search for their daughter and sister, who went missing several months earlier during a rave party held in the mountains of southern Morocco. Their journey takes them deeper into the desert and pushes them to confront their own limits. Now deceased, the canine actress who played Pipa was given a touching tribute.



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The Palm Dog carries a powerful message

Through this iconic event—where a love of animals meets a passion for cinema—the learning and understanding abilities of “man’s best friend” are brought to center stage. Just like world-renowned actors, dogs are entitled to their own version of the Palme d’Or.

Beyond recognizing the best canine performance in film, the Palm Dog jury also pays close attention to the conditions on set, where the physical and mental well-being of furry performers must be a top priority. Carrying a message of acknowledgment and respect, this prestigious ceremony raises awareness about animal welfare while celebrating the important place dogs hold in our everyday lives.

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.

More information: palmdog.com and woopets.fr.