



Yuri in "La Perra" crowned at the 26th edition of Palm Dog 2026



Photo caption: Yuri in La Perra, winner of Palm Dog 2026 © RT Features, Planta

Cannes – Excitement was at its peak this Friday, May 22, at La Plage du Festival to celebrate a quarter-century of passion between cinema and man's best friend at Palm Dog 2026. Following a particularly competitive selection, the jury of the 26th edition of Palm Dog has delivered its verdict. Yuri, a true revelation in *La Perra* directed by Dominga Sotomayor, succeeds Panda and claims the Croisette's most coveted collar.

To the applause of the international press and film industry professionals, the prestigious trophy was presented to the grand winner by Toby Rose, the historical founder of the award, alongside Anthony Pruvost, head of the Woopets media group (owner and organizer of the event).

A highly successful ceremony, made all the more symbolic as it celebrated the 25th anniversary of this unmissable

Cannes institution.

Yuri, a stray puppy adopted by the crew of "La Perra", wins the legendary collar

The jury was deeply moved by the performance of Yuri, the stray puppy at the heart of *La Perra*, the Chilean drama directed by Dominga Sotomayor. The feature film follows the daily life of Silvia, a solitary woman with a painful past living on an isolated, windswept island. When she takes in this destitute young animal, she decides to name him Yuri—the name she intended for the daughter she never had. But when the puppy suddenly disappears, this absence acts as a brutal trigger, instantly bringing her childhood traumas to the surface.

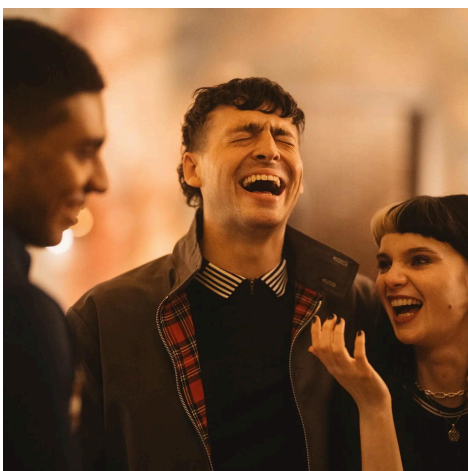
The young canine delivers a striking performance, becoming the true emotional thread of a poignant work. A disarming authenticity that goes beyond the realm of fiction: a

real street puppy rescued for the film, Yuri formed such a fusion-like bond with actress Manuela Oyarzún that the film crew decided to permanently adopt him at the end of the shoot.



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The Jury Grand Prize awarded to Lola, Terrier cross, from *I See Buildings Fall Like Lightning*



I See Buildings Fall Like Lightning.
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As tradition dictates, the jury also awarded its prestigious Grand Prize. For this 26th edition, it was Lola, an irresistible Terrier cross, who won hearts in British director Clio Barnard's film, *I See Buildings Fall Like Lightning*.

Adapted from Keiran Goddard's novel, this powerful social drama follows a group of five childhood friends from a working-class neighborhood in Birmingham. As they approach their thirties, Patrick, Shiv, Rian, Oli, and Conor see their youthful dreams collide with the harsh reality of adult life, precariousness, and social divides.

Amidst this group of friends threatening to implode, the little dog Lola acts as true emotional glue. Through her silent yet indispensable presence, she embodies the last innocent bond tying them to their shared past and brings them vital comfort. A highly deserved spotlight that concludes this magnificent list of winners.



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A historic legacy etched in cinematic history

By claiming this distinction, Yuri instantly joins a highly exclusive club of canine icons who have become legends in world cinema, such as the late Uggie (*The Artist*), Brandy (*Once Upon a Time... in Hollywood*), and Messi (*Anatomy of a Fall*). Since its creation in 2001, the award has established itself as a cult rendezvous of the fortnight, endorsed over the years by the greatest international filmmakers and actors. From Quentin Tarantino to Tilda Swinton, Demi Moore, and Ken Loach, major figures of the 7th art agree in celebrating the importance of this award, which has become synonymous with excellence on the Croisette.

Palm Dog: celebrating a passion for cinema, canine performance, and animal welfare

While Palm Dog highlights the comedic or dramatic genius of our companions on screen, this award goes far beyond mere performance. The event, firmly supported by Woopets' values, aims to be a true voice for ethics in the film industry. The jury makes it a point of honor to reward productions that guarantee a healthy, safe, and benevolent filming environment for these exceptional actors. More than just a glamorous nod, this 26th edition reminds us that respecting animal nature and preserving their physical

and psychological balance are the essential conditions for creating the magic of cinema.

About Palm Dog

Created in 2001 by esteemed journalist Toby Rose, Palm Dog is today owned and organized by Woopets, France's leading independent media dedicated to pets. Since taking over the event in 2023, the platform has perpetuated this prestigious ceremony in close collaboration with its founder.

This iconic event blends a love for dogs with a passion for cinema by offering four-legged actors their own Palme d'Or. Beyond the performance, the jury makes animal welfare an absolute priority by ensuring good filming conditions, thus carrying a strong message of respect and recognition.

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