

6th Animal Film Festival Official Selections

ABSENT REFERENT explores the ways images of medical violence are looked at and talked about. Rikka Grondahl, Sweden 10:14 SHORT

A FILM ABOUT ANIMALS (for my children to watch when they are older) After a sobering trip to film Cambodia's disappearing wildlife and rain forests, a filmmaker tells his children the truth of what he witnessed in a filmed 'letter.' **Eric Metzgar**, USA 12:24, SHORT *1st Place \$1000*

A MOTHER’S MONOLOGUE A documentary about people who volunteered to watch a film about animal industries while eating a meal of meat. Marzieh Kamyabi, Iran, 8:20 SHORT

ANIMA: ANIMALS. FAITH. COMPASSION. The Guibord Center on behalf of Animal Defenders International (ADI) brings leaders from twelve different faith traditions together to speak out against cruelty towards animals. Jennifer Jessum, USA 11:35 SHORT, **Dr. Lo Sprague, Ex. Producer**

AWARE The AWARE Wildlife Center is a non-profit that cares for injured and orphaned Georgia wildlife and promotes peaceful coexistence with our animal neighbors. Jeremy Cournyea, USA 7:08 SHORT


CAPTAIN AUNOFO Tonga's first female whale watch captain, Aunofo Havea, wants to change the way humans interact with whales. Amy Taylor, New Zealand, 7:15 SHORT

FELINE PARALYSIS is the condition in which a person is unable to move due to the presence of a cat on one's lap. Annie Laurie Medonis, USA, 4:56, SHORT

FINDING SATAN is the story of an unbreakable bond between soldiers - one human, one canine - showing the power of healing that comes when two American war heroes are finally reunited. Jondaniel Cornett, USA, 14:22, USA SHORT **Frances Arricale, producer**

THE FIREFOX GUARDIAN This mesmerizing journey through dense bamboo jungles in Nepal explores a special bond between the unique ‘Firefoxes’ and Menuka, a village girl. Gunjan Menon, India, 14:00, STUDENT *2nd Place \$750*


Cash awards for Best Feature, Best Shorts and Best Students made possible by the Amber & Adam Tarshis Foundation.


 **GOOD FOR US** An exploration of veganism through three views: personal health, the environment, and animal ethics. **Adam Peditto**, USA 20:52 SHORT

HURRICANE HEROES Mercy for Animals’ powerful new documentary shows the lengths people will go to to save animals during times of peril. **Shawn Bannon**, USA, 10:10 SHORT *3rd place \$500*

I AM I AM: A MUSICAL EXPEDITION This is a musical expedition as Harry Hmura discovers and shares his passion with great apes in the wake of his work on the hit video-game Halo: Combat. **Harry Hmura**, USA, 8:46


ISLE OF DOGS PARODY If you plan to see the film Isle of Dogs, we hope you'll take action for these real dogs! Brittany Gustafson, USA, 1:00 SHORT

 **JOAQUIN PHOENIX: WOOL DOESN’T SUIT ME** An eye-opening video of sheep shearing changed things for Joaquin Phoenix —what he thought was a harmless process is anything but. Lisa Lange, USA, 1:50 SHORT

 **JUDAS COLLAR** In outback Australia, a wild female camel is captured and fitted with a tracking device known as a Judas Collar. This scripted film (not a documentary) is based on a the real-life practice and explores the importance of connection and the tragedy of self-sacrifice. Alison James, Australia, 15:00 SHORT *2nd Place \$750*

VEGAN STRONG: LEILANI MUNTER The Daytona 500 goes #VeganStrong with race car driver Leilani Münter and Impossible Foods to show fans the benefit of a vegan lifestyle. Asher Brown, USA, 3:14

LIVE YOUR MOST COMPASSIONATE LIFE This short film mixes a powerful motivational speech with engaging imagery that is aimed to inspire the viewer to make a positive change in their own life. Jonathan Rosenberry, USA, 4:07 SHORT

All films are intended for mature audiences.  **PINWHEEL** *not appropriate for young children or those who are sensitive to graphic content.*
Names in BLUE = Filmmaker in attendance for discussion Q&A.

MERCY’S KENNEL G.K. Simpson is a former dog breeder who takes viewers into a world where money talks, pit bulls are the currency and media perpetuate many of the stereotypes maligning this misunderstood breed. **Tracy Bishop**, USA, 1:24:04 FEATURE, *Best Feature, \$2000*

MY PAINTBRUSH BITES A man battling reclusion and a racehorse on the brink of death save each other in unexpected ways. Joel Pincosy, USA, 16:03 SHORT

ON THE COVER A nature photographer enters a forest and to his surprise, all of the animals begin to pop up in front of his camera, only to have their image on the cover of the magazine. Yegane Moghaddam, Iran, 4:20 ANIMATED STUDENT *1st Place \$1000*

REBOOT Humans have finally destroyed planet Earth. As the last people board the ship to Mars, the earth breathes a sigh of relief and the boundless resilience of nature springs into action! Ellen Osborne, USA, 4:00 ANIMATED SHORT

SANCTUARIES: A NEW LIFE Short documentary about sanctuaries dedicated to the rescue of farm animals in the south east of the United States. **Paula Castro**, USA, 9:37 STUDENT

WHERE ARE YOU FROM? “Where are you from?" is a music video that brings awareness to issues such as global warming, climate change and wildlife conservation. Juan Cristiani, Uruguay, 2:34 ANIMATED SHORT

WILLOW: 7 WEEKS IN AQUARIUS takes us inside the challenges of animal rescue in the face of BC's worst ever natural disaster. **Erin Parks**, Canada, 13:54 SHORT

6th Animal Film Festival Schedule

Saturday Feb 9, Gold Miners Inn Ballroom 7 - 10 pm
Center for Animal Protection & Education (CAPE)
Introduction film.

Welcome:
JP Novic, Executive Director, CAPE, Shelley Frost, Director AFF.

Tarshis Short Film Awards Presentation:
Amber and Adam Tarshis and Zoe Novic
CASA DE CARNE, **Dustin Brown**, Last Chance for Animals, 1st place \$3000
FACE IT, Ethan Eliam, PETA, 2nd place \$2000
ALIENS, Jess Wesberg, Mercy for Animals, 3rd place \$1000

Special Guests:
Jan Creamer, co-founder, CEO and President Animal Defenders International (ADI) and Tim Phillips, Vice President, ADI, to discuss ADI's global rescues in Guatemala and the lion preserve they are founding in Africa.

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JOAQUIN PHOENIX: WOOL DOESN’T SUIT ME

ISLE OF DOGS PARODY

JUDAS COLLAR

ON THE COVER

ABSENT REFERENT

10 Minute Intermission

REBOOT

I AM, I AM: A MUSICAL EXPEDITION
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LIVE YOUR MOST COMPASSIONATE LIFE

GOOD FOR US
On stage, **Adam Peditto**, director, introduced by Zoe Novic

SANCTUARIES: A NEW LIFE
On stage, **Paula Castro**, introduced by Lee Zasloff, AFF Sponsor

The Tarshis Short Film Awards
The AFF is proud to partner with The Amber & Adam Tarshis Foundation which provides cash awards to winning films :30 - :90 seconds in length that successfully, creatively and convincingly highlight the issues of animal suffering in modern food production and laboratory research.
\$3,000 **CASA DE CARNE**, Last Chance for Animals, **Dustin Brown**
\$2000 **FACE IT**, PETA, **Ethan Eliam**,
\$1000 **ALIENS**, Mercy for Animals, **Jess Westberg**

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WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

FELINE PARALYSIS

A MOTHER’S MONOLOGUE

AWARE
Tarshis Film Awards General Categories Amber & Adam Tarshis and Zoe Novic.
Intermission 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
Pre-ordered vegan lunch provided by Backporch Market 530-271-7111 Order deadline: Fri Feb 8, 6pm

CAPE Introduction Film; JP Novic

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**Inspiring compassion through film:
How to get active!**

Many of the films screened at this year’s Animal Film Festival provide ways in which we can help the animals whose stories are told. Please visit the link below to learn how you can help make a difference!

<https://www.animalfilmfestival.org/get-active>