## 'Dog Walkers'

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### It's always dog walkers who find the dead bodies, but there's so much more lurking out there...

'Dog Walkers' drags us off the beaten track and into different worlds. This cross-genre and cross-generational anthology presents a mix of mind-bending stories, unearthing the ridiculous to the sublime, the supernatural to the grotesque.

The tales to be told are endless in 'Dog Walkers'. With echoes of 'The Twilight Zone' and 'Inside Number 9', each episode brings the audience onto new paths.

#### 'Old Dog, New Tricks'

Retired local policeman CHARLIE (67) adopts a dog for company after his wife dies. Ex-sniffer dog WILL SNIFF can't leave his training behind and is the perfect match for Charlie to reinact his glory days in the force.

Starting small, the duo confiscate drugs and weapons off the streets, turning his dining room into an unofficial evidence room. When Will Sniff develops health issues, Charlie needs money fast and his good cop nature turns dealer.

#### 'Witches' Brew - A Tale About Greed'

Money-grabbing TRUDY JACKSON-HARTFORD (48) is hunted by a large dog, shepherded to the door of witch ZELDA WOODWELL (78). This cake-peddling cannibal tempts Trudy with a lavish spread and expensive trinkets. Over tea, Trudy is offered marriage with son WINSTON (40) and inheritance if she accepts the bait.

Imprisoned, Trudy uncovers a butchers' table and evidence of horrific events at the house, realising Winston and the dog are one and the same - transformed at will by the witch. Betrayed for the last time, Winston takes control of his future - and neither Zelda or Trudy live to tell the tale.

#### 'Bad Dog!'

SEAMUS (58) blames his German Shepherd ZEUS for the untimely death of his wife in a freak farm accident. He plans to kill the dog, driving to wasteland. Zeus senses his fate. Shotgun poised, safety off, Zeus lunges when Seamus takes aim. The shotgun discharges into Seamus' stomach. Zeus sits by his master watching him bleed out and eventually summons help.

The dog is hailed a hero and wins the heart of SALLY (32), a paramedic who re-homes the dog. That night, Zeus is crying, so Sally lets him sleep on the bed. However, Sally does not survive the night. Where will his puppy-dog brown eyes bring him next?

#### 'LUV U LINDA'

A dog's love is pure and unconditional. The love between two people is complicated. ALICE (25) wants DES back in her bed. Walking past his work every day in hope of rousing his attentions. Lovelorn security guard DES (26) obsesses about getting LINDA back in his life. He declares this with a giant sign pinned to railings. Linda is oblivious, Alice is jealous.

A lusty reunion by the bins reignites their problematic relationship, however Des was only in it to win back his dog Linda.

### 'Neanderthal Man'

Climate Change anxious ADRIAN (40s) and his dog BOBBY are jogging in the local bog. Bobby sniffs out a Neanderthal man, thawing under ice.

NENDA (40,001) is alive! Nursed back to health, Adrian introduces the Neanderthal into today's society - which he quickly rejects. Nenda coaxes Adrian to the mountains to reconnect with the land and <u>really</u> live! Can we survive without all our modern conveniences?

#### 'Phone Home'

Stray BAXTER discovers a dispirited, worse-for-wear E.T. living off-grid in the local woods: he's bitter, mean and intoxicated - and he won't let the dog play with his finger.

Over time, their unlikely friendship helps E.T. wean himself off his addictions. Sober E.T. re-routes a weak signal through Baxters' microchip and finally contacts his home.



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