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DOGS ON THE INSIDE
A WIN-WIN TALE FOR PRISONERS AND PUPS AIRS ON
DOCUMENTARY SHOWCASE

Los Angeles, CA – July 19, 2019 – Scientology Network’s DOCUMENTARY SHOWCASE, the weekly series providing a platform for Independent filmmakers whose goal is to improve society by raising awareness of social, cultural and environmental issues, presents *Dogs on the Inside*, a heartwarming story of the resiliency of a dog’s trust and the generosity of the human spirit in the unlikeliest places.

DOCUMENTARY SHOWCASE premieres Fridays at 8 p.m. ET/PT on Scientology Network.

Co-directed by Breen Cunningham and Douglas Seirup, this award-winning documentary tells the emotional story of the strong bonds that are formed between inmates of a correctional facility and the rescued stray dogs they help train to prepare them for potential adoption.

With the number of abandoned dogs overwhelming shelters in the Southern United States, a program was created by the nonprofit organization Don’t Throw Us Away to rescue stray, abused and abandoned dogs from kill shelters and have them undergo an 8–10 week program of obedience training by select inmates at the North Central Correctional Institution in Gardiner, Massachusetts.

The aim of the program, as the film powerfully shows, is to allow inmates and dogs to work together on a second chance of building a better life. By bringing the dogs into prisons, hardened inmates are reminded of their own humanity and capacity for caring. Intimate interviews with the prisoners reveal how the companionship of their dogs raised their own confidence in their abilities to effect positive change. The long-term success of the program, for both the adopted dogs and the inmates who re-enter society, is nothing short of remarkable.

Dogs on the Inside won the Viola M. Marshall Audience Choice Award at the Rhode Island International Film Festival, as well as earning the Best Feature Documentary at the Rockport Film Festival.

ABOUT BREAN CUNNINGHAM

Brean Cunningham is a documentary filmmaker and co-director of *Dogs on the Inside*. He was also a cinematographer on *Crystal Lake Memories*, a behind-the-scenes documentary anthology about the making of the *Friday the 13th* films.

ABOUT DOUGLAS SEIRUP

Douglas Seirup is co-director and editor of *Dogs on the Inside*. Doug discovered his passion for making documentaries when he co-founded Expect Miracles Productions. His experience includes working as a production manager on commercials and in the editing department for the film *Righteous Kill*.

The Scientology Network debuted on March 12, 2018. Since launching, the Scientology Network has been viewed in 237 countries and territories worldwide in 17 languages. Satisfying the curiosity of people about Scientology, the network takes viewers across six continents, spotlighting the everyday lives of Scientologists; showing the Church as a global organization; and presenting its social betterment programs that have touched the lives of millions worldwide. The network also showcases documentaries by Independent filmmakers who represent a cross section of cultures and faiths, but share a common purpose of uplifting communities.

Broadcast from Scientology Media Productions, the Church's global media center in Los Angeles, the Scientology Network can be streamed at scientology.tv and is available through satellite television, mobile apps and via the Roku, Amazon Fire and Apple TV platforms.

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