



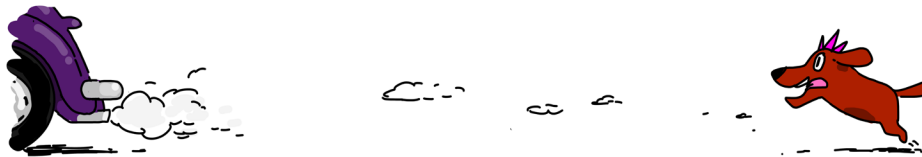
Dogs are special. They can bring healing. They can bring laughter. They can bring inspiration. They can bring joy. Bring a dog into your heart and you will find yourself changed forever. Dog Stories about dogs changing people, and the world, for the better. And doing it in unexpected and hilarious ways.

We'll tell ten stories about very good dogs. Dogs that love to run. Dogs with one leg that play in the mud and pick up sticks way too big for them (like Charlie up there). Dogs that never learned how to use their bark to stand up for themselves. Every day dogs.

But **also** fantastical dogs. Dogs that that don't obey the Earth's gravity. Dogs that polymorph every time they bark. Dogs that travel through time to eat biscuits from every civilization ever (my 8-yo niece wrote that one).

But **also also** Dogs with purpose. Dogs who help people in pain. Dogs that love. And dogs that are just happy to be alive.

Dogs make life better. And we will show you how in ways that will make you double over with laughter and cry tears of joy.



Format

Dog Stories is an animated anthology series. Ten 11-minute episodes. Each by a different writer, telling a dog story that's unique and personal to them. Guest-directed by animation directors with a style uniquely matched to each story. Each story, a small animated film designed to move the audience to in a way that no other format can.

The goal? Laughter. Tears. A spark of hope. And of course, new customer signups and current customer retention cause animation is still a business!

Here are some Dog Stories that I would like to tell:

Colossus: A Giant's Heart in a Teacup-Sized Body,

Colossus thinks she's a giant. But the only giant-sized thing about this Toy Pom is the ridiculous trouble she gets herself into.

Pickle: The Dog Who Flips Gravity Every Time He Barks.

Bern Chalmers is a nebbish kid. He's always wanted a dog. But he's scared of the chaos it might bring into his life. So are his strict parents, who have instituted a "No Dogs!" policy in their household. But when Pickle comes into the picture, Bern's whole life is upended. Figuratively AND Literally! Bern gets up to all sorts of hijinx as he tries to hide Pickle from his parents. But also finds himself changed a little too...

Daffodil: "I Am Alive Just To Snuggle."

You don't have to live a big life. Finding joy in the small is just as good. Daffodil is SmallBu's character (Lindsay Small-Butera & Alex Butera) and I wanna work with them to make their short!

Charlie: One-Legged Wonder.

Don't tell Charlie they can't do something. Cause they will.

Dog Knight: The Winningest War General

Humans gain rank by winning battles. Dog Knight gains rank by avoiding battles using face licks and snuggles and general dog love. Imagine an alternate universe where all the great wars have been avoided. We start during the Hun invasions of ~400AD and jump forward in time as the immortal Very Good Boy prevents war all the way through the Multiverse War of 12040AD.

Steven: The Dog Who Runs.

A story about the joy of living life unbridled. Based on Dave Eggers' *After I Was Thrown In The River And Before I Drowned*.

Floyd & Mona: The Lovers Who Cheat Death.

Time. Distance. Death. Nothing will keep Floyd & Mona apart.

Fudge: She Who Rescues.

You may think you are rescuing her, but she is rescuing you.

TimeDog : The Time-Travelling Rescue Dog.

A story written and by my 8-year old niece about a dog that leaps across time to save people and eat biscuits. Hopefully in that order.

These are just some stories out of my own life and experience We should give other people the opportunity to tell their own unique Dog Story! Maybe you have one! Let's tell it!

Why Dog Stories?

Our family's first dog was Gold Rush Lucky John. I was 6. The John came from me. I wanted a name that was special...a name only I could call him...a name that would bond us... **John**.

John was a Very Good Dog.

We would run and play and trip and fall and get dirty and roll around in the dirt. We'd pretend to fight and wrestle and then stop when we got tired. We'd sneak people food when the parents weren't looking. We'd sleep in the back of the van on trips.

I moved schools a lot. Didn't have a lot of friends. We'd meet new people. Then they would be gone. John was always there. I loved him. I hoped he loved me back. He seemed to.

One day, he died. I wasn't even there.

This show is for John.

Why Jim?

I'm really good at writing, directing & producing animation. I'm really REALLY good at building teams, setting a direction, and guiding them through making amazing stuff that expresses their own personal story. Trolls. TrollsTopia. Home. Big Nate. And now, I wanna do that with y'all to make Dog Stories.

Don't get me wrong, I wanna direct a couple of these. And write at least one.

But I'm extremely excited to collaborate with other creatives. And executives. And people. :)

- jim m, August 2021

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