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Reel Time Images presents

“A Dog’s Life”

A fresh and playful look inside the mind of man’s best friend that asks, “What if everything we think we know about our dogs is wrong?”

**Premieres on CBC Television's *The Nature of Things with David Suzuki*
Thursday, November 21, at 8p.m. (8:30 NT)**

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Tuesday, October 15th, 2013 TORONTO - Reel Time Images is pleased to present ***A Dog’s Life***, a one-hour documentary that examines every detail of how our canine companions perceive the world - from the moment they take their first morning walk to the time they curl up at our feet to go to sleep. ***A Dog’s Life*** airs on Thursday, November 21 at 8:00pm ET (8:30NT) on CBC Television’s landmark program ***The Nature of Things***.

A fresh and playful look into the lives of the canine companions that many of us think we know so well, ***A Dog’s Life*** explores the widely assumed facts that may actually be based on faulty and out-dated research. Is your dog really like a wolf? Does she need you to be the “alpha” dog, so she knows where to fit into your pack? Do they really see in black and white? Is it true that dogs have an amazing sense of direction? From their celebrated sense of smell to their little known mathematical abilities, ***A Dogs Life*** is an exploration that travels from the familiar streets of London, Ontario to St. John’s Newfoundland, and all the way to Budapest Hungary.

“We have always been intrigued by how much dogs seem to understand and how closely bonded they are with humans”, comments filmmaker Donna Zuckerbrot. “What I didn’t realize was how many assumptions dog lovers have been making about their animals that are totally off the mark. It was fascinating for us, as dog owners ourselves, to meet and speak with all the experts at the forefront of canine research and to learn so much about how our dogs are really experiencing the world.”

Thousands of years before we learned to write, make pottery, or farm we formed a very unusual and enduring relationship with this most unlikely companion. Dogs ended up fitting so well into human society that we bred them into the most varied species in the world. But every one of them, from the giant Newfoundland to the tiniest Chihuahua, is descended from that most widely feared predator – the wolf. Through all of this, dogs and humans developed a deep mutual sympathy, which after thousands of years resulted in dogs not only preferring human company to that of other dogs, but also provided them with an uncanny ability to understand us.

Ironically, the ability dogs have to empathize with humans has caused us to anthropomorphize them, leading us to make false assumptions about how these animals perceive and experience the world.

Filmmakers **Daniel & Donna Zuckerbrot** of **Reel Time Images**, wrote, directed, and produced this fun and fascinating documentary that finally gives canine lovers 'a dog's eye view' on the world.

Reel Time Images previous award winning documentaries for CBC's *The Nature of Things* with David Suzuki include, ***Untangling Alzheimer's***, ***My Nuclear Neighbour***, and ***Bugs, Bones and Botany: The Science of Crime***.

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About *The Nature of Things*

The Nature of Things is one of the most successful series in the history of Canadian television. Hosted by the world-renowned geneticist and environmentalist, David Suzuki, the program is in its 53rd season, a landmark by any standard.

Every week, the influential program presents stories that are driven by a scientific understanding of the world. Stories full of adventure, drama and insight. Our programs entertain and provoke audiences by engaging with the people and personalities behind the science.

From the search for other life in the universe to the psychology of babies, from the furry animals that invade your backyard to the consequences of human progress, *The Nature of Things* throws open the door to the wonder and accomplishments of science.

About Reel Time Images

Located in Toronto, Reel Time Images produces award winning documentary films and television series for clients in Canada and around the world.