

Little pug dog peeks into a bright future

Owned by Clackamas student stars in a new Hollywood production, "Men of Honor," to be released Nov. 10

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Clifford, a four year old pug dog who can soon be seen in the movie "Men of Honor", is trying out star treatment.

Richard Kordosky, a student in Clackamas' drafting technology program, recently got the chance for a glimpse into the film business with his companion Clifford, a little pug dog who will soon be seen in the movie "Men of Honor," coming to Portland theaters Nov. 10.

Kordosky, who has lived his whole life in the Portland area, bought his dog Clifford about four years ago, not knowing that one day the pup would become a little movie star.

"I picked him out when he was six weeks old but the breeder wouldn't let me take him home. I had to leave him there for another week. I have had Clifford since he was seven weeks old," they explained Kordosky. "He is quite a character and a good companion. He has his own personality, he is really friendly and he has a happy attitude. On pictures he always looks like he is smiling, he is just a happy dog and everybody loves him."

In the summer of 1999, Clifford and his owner were given a chance many of us can only dream of, the chance to be involved in a movie.

"The neighborhood I live in is very dog friendly. There is a coffee store which Clifford and I visit almost every day. A dog trainer who was hired to buy a dog for a part in the movie "Men of Honor" happens to live in the same neighborhood and she goes to the same coffee store," said Kordosky. "Everybody there knows me and my dog and when it was found out that the dog trainer was looking for a bull type dog, some people at the store told her to get hold of me; that's how it all got started. Photographs of Clifford and some other dogs were

Columbia River, for eight weeks. "If they show all the scenes that Clifford was filmed in, he has got a couple key scenes," Kordosky said.

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Kordosky said. "Clifford plays the commander's dog at the diving training base. He also had some scenes with Sailor Gooding Jr., but I have no

idea how much of that they kept in."

Being involved in a movie was an exciting experience for both Clifford and Kordosky.

"Two trainers and I, we were able to go on a closed set on the Columbia River. It was a really neat to see how it all was done. I have never been involved in something like this before and it was amazing to see how many people are actually working behind the scenes," Kordosky commented. "I met Cuba Jr. for a brief period when he did some scenes with the dog, but it wasn't like I could run up to him and ask for his autograph and sit down with him and have lunch. It was very business oriented, those people

don't waste any time. For me, it was a lot of waiting and sitting around but it was fun at the same time, to be involved and to get a glimpse of the big stars."

While supporting his dog's career in the movie business, Kordosky has made plans regarding his own future too.

"I want to complete my degree here at Clackamas and get back out in the work force. I try to keep my expectations low. I am disabled; both of my legs are amputated below the knee. With the help of counselors and rehab I was able to go back to school. It's working out real well, al-

though I have missed a few terms because of ongoing health issues," Kordosky explained.

"Clifford is now hooked up with an agent, but whether his movie career will go on or not, he will always be my loyal companion."

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