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character in a haunting performance where he manages to channel the spirit of Miles oh so convincingly, from the gravelly voice to the mercurial temperament.

But while the impersonation might be spot on, the surreal screenplay leaves a lot to be desired. The script eschews a conventional, chronological approach to storytelling in favor of a free form structure featuring a

Gregor) in search of a scoop about a rumored comeback. Dave Braden proceeds to circumvent a very skeptical Davis' disdain for journalists by agreeing to serve as his chauffeur and to procure cocaine on his behalf. Unfortunately, Dave also has a hidden agenda, namely, gaining possession of the master tape of Miles' next album, if it exists.

Meanwhile, the icon is conveniently

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series of vignettes focusing less on the man's music than his messy private life.

The picture's point of departure is 1975, when we find Miles in the midst of a self-imposed, five-year break from the music business. He spends his days barricaded in his New York apartment consuming copious amounts of drugs to mask the pain caused by a chronic hip condition.

The plot thickens with the intrusion into this fortress of solitude of a pushy Rolling Stone reporter (Ewan Mc-

gregor) given to reminiscing about his past, which allows for intermittent flashbacks, most about his tempestuous relationship with his first wife, Frances (Emayatzy Corinealdi). Too bad Miles' impressive body of work is given short shrift, except for the handful of classics on the soundtrack.

An improvisational cinematic portrait of a jazz giant whose prodigious cultural contributions play second fiddle to a plethora of his personal failings.

Very Good ★★★

Rated R for drug use, nudity, sexuality, brief violence and pervasive profanity

Running time: 100 minutes

Studio: Crescendo Productions

Distributor: Sony Pictures Classics



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Sweet as Sugar: Pets with Type II Diabetes

“She's got sugar” is a phrase I would hear quite commonly as a child growing up in the South. In my imaginative mind, I envisioned a kind woman holding bags of brown and white sugar heading home to make sweet potato pies, sweet tea and pound cake for her Saturday cook-out.



Dr. Jasmine Shanelle Streeter

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I later discovered that “having the sugar” was used to describe an individual with Type II diabetes. Humans aren't the only ones that can develop “sugar.” Dogs — and, more commonly, cats — can also acquire this complex metabolic disorder.

Type II diabetes or Non-Insulin-Dependent Diabetes Mellitus occurs when the pancreas secretes insulin, but there is resistance to the insulin. Insulin is a hormone created in the pancreas that allows the body to use sugar for energy.

One of the major predisposing factors of Type II diabetes in pets is obesity. Pets that are overweight, live a sedentary lifestyle or fed high-fat diets are most at risk of developing Type II diabetes mellitus.

Unregulated diabetic pets may have clinical symptoms that are similar to unregulated diabetic humans. Diabetic patients are characterized as having higher than normal levels of glucose in the blood.

Increased thirst and appetite, frequent urination, and unexplained weight loss are common symptoms owners report when a pet is diagnosed with diabetes.

Glucose may also be present in the

urine which can lead to frequent urinary tract infections. Left unregulated, diabetic animals may develop a life threatening problem known as ketoacidosis (excess buildup of ketones in the blood from fat breakdown). Pets that display these or any abnormal symptoms or behavior should always be taken to a veterinarian to diagnose the underlying cause of the problem.

Your veterinarian will work with you to create a plan that controls your pet's high blood sugar, sugar in the urine and avoid insulin induced low blood sugar. Giving the appropriate amount and type of insulin is imperative to getting your pets diabetes under control.

If you or a family member are diabetic, do not give your personal insulin to your diabetic animal in place of veterinarian-prescribed insulin. There are many types of insulin which can affect each pet differently. With appropriate treatment and early diagnosis, many newly diagnosed diabetic pets can achieve remission. No matter how sweet, pets living with long-term diabetes can still live happy, healthy, lives.

Do you have a pet-related question for Dr. Jasmine? Email your question to: drjasmine@theskanner.com.

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