

# LIFE notes

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*Made for Each Other Edition*



## Upcoming events

Dear Friends:

I once heard a joke told by the legendary Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz about whether your dog or your spouse is your best friend. Coach Holtz kidded, "Lock your dog and your spouse in the trunk of your car. After an hour, open the trunk. Who do you think is going to be happy to see you?"

Of course, he was only teasing. But, it is a fact that the human-canine bond is unique in nature, not only one that dates back to the origin of both species but one that continues to shape how we both live and feel, work and play today.

Now, for the first time, that distinctive and unparalleled bond is illuminated on film. *Made for Each Other*, a quietly rhapsodic, insightful, and deeply engaging exploration of the primordial relationship between dogs and human beings, premieres on Amazon in June.

June 5, 2019

***Made for Each Other Premiere***  
***Amazon.com***

October 5, 2019

**2019 Hero Dog Awards Gala**  
**Beverly Hills California**  
**By Invitation Only**

January 3, 2020

**LIFE's 26th Annual Lady in Red Gala**  
**The Breakers Palm Beach**  
**6:00 pm**

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(Dear Friends continued)

I am proud to have once again teamed up with six-time Emmy Award-winning documentarian Ric Burns, director Bonnie Lafave, and their Steeplechase Films to create and produce this fabulous film. As you will recall, our two previous films together were *Debt of Honor: Disabled Veterans in American History* and *VA: The Human Cost of War*.

As I know both from personal experience and in the work I do with animal welfare organizations - and as all of you who have dogs also know - the bond between humans and dogs is one cemented by unconditional love. That's one of the reasons that dogs are always referred to as 'our best friend.' Yet, even though I know this to be true, I always wanted to know why. And what *Made for Each Other* does so well is answer that question in such a moving and insightful way.

The 60-minute documentary features intimate, insightful and riveting footage of dogs and human beings at work and play -- shot in diverse locations across the United States, including research laboratories, kennels, rescue shelters, training facilities, hospitals, convalescent homes, game preserves, dog runs and backyards from Alaska to Atlanta and beyond. The film is a loving and clear-eyed exploration of this most important of all intra-species relationships.

*Made for Each Other* considers how humans think about dogs and what we know about how dogs experience the world around them, revealing their remarkable biological features, cognitive capacities and communication skills, all of which have contributed to their ability to "come over to our side" - to accommodate themselves to life with humans. The film illuminates some of the ways in which dogs have increasingly become a source of fascination for scholars across a variety of disciplines, including archaeology, genetics, psychology and sociology, and details the latest scientific investigations that expose the complexity and depth of our relationship with dogs. All of this makes it clear that the more we learn about dogs, the more we understand about ourselves.

The film premiere on Amazon will be available June 5, 2019. I hope you will watch it and come to understand - as I have - that our dogs are not just our best friends. We are truly *Made for Each Other*.

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