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**ABC NEWS STUDIOS' 'THE SECRET LIFE OF DANCING DOGS' FOLLOWS A PACK OF HANDLERS AND THEIR CANINE DANCE PARTNERS AS THEY PREPARE FOR THE WORLD'S GREATEST DANCING DOG SHOW**

**Six-Part Docu-Series Explores the Inspiring Connection Between Humans and Their Four-Legged Friends as They Leap, Pirouette and Hop Their Way to Dance Domination**

**'The Secret Life of Dancing Dogs' Premieres Friday, Nov. 17, Only on Hulu**



ABC News Studios\*

ABC News Studios' newest docu-series, **"The Secret Life of Dancing Dogs,"** shines a spotlight on the extraordinary world of dog dancing, also known as "Heelwork to Music," a competitive sport where people choreograph mind-boggling dance routines with their four-legged canine partners. Performances are judged using a dizzying array of criteria, including musical interpretation, choreography, and the bond between handler and canine.

The six-part series follows seven women from around the globe and their furry friends, whose tails never stop wagging, as they spend months preparing to compete on the world's preeminent dog dancing stage, Crufts, in England. ABC News Studios captures all the laughter and tears while our

cast struggles through national qualifiers, battles fierce rivalries, copes with personal traumas, and manages a tough training regimen, all in preparation for the ultimate dog dancing competition. All six parts of **“The Secret Life of Dancing Dogs”** begin streaming **Nov. 17**, only on **Hulu** in the United States, and on Disney+ in the United Kingdom and select other territories.

“The Secret Life of Dancing Dogs” follows Lorna Syrett and her border collie Nora (United Kingdom), Gina Pink and her working sheep dog Swagger (United Kingdom), Christine Bérczes and her Australian shepherd Meredith (Hungary), Marianne Elise Methi and her border collie Vega (Norway), Jennifer Fraser and her Australian shepherd Daiquiri (Canada), Sachiko Kuniyoshi and her border collie Alena (Japan), and Isa Randle and her chihuahua Lucky (United Kingdom).

Humorous and inspirational, this dog dancing series reminds viewers that there is a star inside everyone. Sometimes, everybody just needs a four-legged friend to let it shine.

“The Secret Life of Dancing Dogs” will begin streaming internationally on Nov. 17 on Disney+ in the UK, Ireland, Balkans, Canada, South Africa, Singapore and Philippines.

“The Secret Life of Dancing Dogs” is produced by ABC News Studios. Edward Hambleton and Claire Weinraub are executive producers, Haewon Yom is co-executive producer, and David Sloan is senior executive producer. ABC News Studios is led by Mike Kelley, and Reena Mehta is the SVP of Streaming and Digital Content.

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