



## **MY DOG: THE PARADOX (*Animated Short Film*)**

**Runtime:** 6 minutes

**Written & Directed by:** Matthew Inman

**Produced by:** [Imaginary Planet](#)

**Format:** Animated short

**Language:** English

**Status:** Festival run (2026)

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## **LOGLINE**

From the creator of **The Oatmeal** and **Exploding Kittens**, *My Dog: The Paradox* is a darkly funny animated short about a dog named **Rambo** – and the weird, tender, chaotic paradox of loving an animal that will one day break your heart.

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## **SHORT SYNOPSIS**

Rambo isn't just a dog – he's a lovable, ridiculous creature wrapped in contradictions. Based on the acclaimed comic book, *My Dog: The Paradox* is a fast, funny, and heartfelt reflection on the strange bond between people and their dogs.

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## ABOUT THE FILMMAKER

**Matthew Inman** is the creator of **The Oatmeal**, one of the most-read webcomics in the world, and the co-creator of the hit card game **Exploding Kittens**. He is the New York Times best-selling author of multiple books, including “How to tell if your cat is plotting to kill you,” and also was the writer and showrunner behind the Exploding Kittens Netflix series. Matthew is also the recipient of an Eisner Award, as well as the Bob Clampett Humanitarian Award. He was also named the “Champion of Bears” by the National Wildlife Federation in 2013. Known for sharp humor and unexpectedly emotional storytelling, Inman brings his distinctive voice to animation with *My Dog: The Paradox*, blending comedy with sincere reflection.

## PRESS

*“A deeply touching ode to that strange bond people have with their pets.”*

-Variety Magazine

<https://variety.com/2026/film/news/matthew-inman-viral-cartoon-my-dog-the-paradox-short-film-1236660046/>

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## FESTIVALS / RELEASE

*My Dog: The Paradox* will be released in various festivals throughout 2026. Festival submissions are in progress.

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## CREDITS

**Written & Directed by:** Matthew Inman

**Produced by:** [Imaginary Planet](#)

**Starring:** Matthew Inman, Eric Bryan Moore, Allie Brosh

**Storyboard direction:** Hannah Friesen

**Creative direction:** Barret Thomson

**Executive Producer:** Jared Hobbs

**Produced by:** Lotty Vigue

**Original music by:** Shirley Song and Jina Hyojin An

**Based on the book:** “My Dog: The Paradox” by Matthew Inman

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