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### **Waldport Screenwriter To Premiere Award-Winning Animated Comedy Short**

Waldport, Oregon, May 14, 2025 – Waldport resident Craig Williams has set May 20<sup>th</sup>, National Rescue Dog Day, as the YouTube premiere date for *Retrieving Roadie*, his family-friendly, animated comedy short.

*Retrieving Roadie* is inspired by the true story of how Craig rescued a dog from a Texas kill shelter and ran the 1,700-mile gauntlet in a blizzard to reach his New England home. He's told this story for years and decided to share it on film...with considerable embellishments.

The film has won several awards and nominations, including Best Animated Film in the Oregon Short Film Festival Spring 2025, the Award of Excellence from the January 2025 IndieFEST Film Awards and Best Animation Short from the January 2025 Independent Shorts Awards.

To bring *Retrieving Roadie* to screens, Craig teamed with Producer/Story Artist Blake Larson along with Studio Tahluk Director/Producer/Animator Luke Stone and Animators Maxine Carey-Gorey and Jackie Gorman. Luke and Maxine's studio created sequences for 2024's *Blake Edwards: A Love Story in 24 Frames*, part of the PBS American Masters Series.

Craig has been writing screenplays since retiring from nonprofit prospect research in 2023. He previously worked for Samaritan Health Services, Linfield College and Dartmouth College.

About Retrieving Roadie Productions:

Craig Williams established Retrieving Roadie Productions in Oregon in 2023 to produce and promote his films. In addition to *Retrieving Roadie*, Craig has written comedy and drama feature films and a TV comedy pilot.

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