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Lilly recovers last month at Angell Animal Medical Center in Jamaica Plain.

By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

A local heroic hound will sign “pawtographs” this weekend at a veterinary center in Jamaica Plain.

Lilly, an 8-year-old pit bull, gained fame last month after she was hit by a train and severely injured while rescuing her owner’s mother from railroad tracks in Shirley.

The MSPCA Angell Animal Medical Center announced this week that Lilly will attend the premiere screening of a film about dog behavior Sunday afternoon. After the showing, Lilly and her owner, Boston police Officer David Lanteigne, will take the stage so the pit bull can sign her “pawtograph” on movie posters that will be given to attendees.

Lanteigne adopted Lilly three years ago as a companion for his mother, who suffers from alcoholism.

On a night in early May, the mother lay unconscious on tracks near a railway crossing in the path of an oncoming train. Lilly pulled her from the railroad tracks. The woman was unharmed. The freight train engineer told police he tried to stop when he saw the dog and the woman.

The train struck Lilly, leaving the dog with severe injuries that required several surgeries, including leg amputation.

She will embrace the celebrity status that has followed the news of her heartwarming rescue this weekend when she signs her paw print for fans.

Lilly will be available for the signing after the premiere of “Tough Love: A Mediation on Dominance and Dogs,” which starts at 5 p.m. Sunday.

The hour-long film challenges the idea that harsher dog training methods are more effective than training that focuses on positive reinforcement.

Chad Montrie, the director, cinematographer and co-editor of the film and MSPCA-Angell behaviorist Terri Bright will hold a question and answer session

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as part of the event Sunday.

“This is a hard hitting documentary that will clarify for many people (including dog trainers, shelter workers and pet owners) how our historical notions of dog training strategies have evolved over time, causing us to look deep inside and ask profound questions about how we might revolutionize dog training in a way that’s kinder and more effective,” Bright said in a statement.

For more information about the film, [click here](#). The movie is scheduled to screen in the center’s auditorium at 350 S. Huntington Ave. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased [here](#).

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