



# Hollywood & Wine

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## You often film in Vancouver and Toronto. What do you miss most about Canada when you're away?

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## Is there a particular wine you look for in the United States?

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Emmanuelle with a pitbull at the grand opening of Best Friends Animal Society Pet Adoption and Spay/Neuter Services.

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**Best Friends Animal Society** is a national, non-profit, animal welfare organization building no-kill programs and partnerships that will bring about a day when there are No More HomelessPets®. The society's leading initiatives in animal care and community programs are coordinated from its Kanab, Utah headquarters, the country's largest no-kill sanctuary. This work is made possible by the personal and financial support of a grassroots network of supporters and community partners across the nation. [www.bestfriends.org](http://www.bestfriends.org)

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