

Man's (new) best friend

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Fido

Directed by Andrew Currie

Written by Currie,

Robert Chomiak

Starring Billy Connolly,

Carrie-Anne Moss,

K'Sun Ray, Dylan Baker,

Henry Czerny, Tim

Blake Nelson

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"28 Days Later" brought us zombies who move at faster clips. Now, "Fido" introduces zombies who mow the lawn, walk the dog and deliver the newspaper.

In the '50s-era town of Willard, zombies are the new hired help. The secret to domesticating a zombie is a metal collar developed by ZomCon: Collar 'em the second the body hits the floor and, thanks to the technology,

you've got a zombie at your beck and call. The security measure was developed after a zombie-producing virus took over the world, resulting in the great Zombie War.

On a block where new neighbor Mr. Bottoms, head of ZomCon security, owns six zombies, the Robinson family owns none. Afraid of being ostracized, Helen Robinson (Carrie-Anne Moss) brings home Fido (Billy Connolly) to the horror of her husband (Dylan Baker). Helen and her son Timmy grow close to Fido but Mr. Bottoms — a Zombie War vet whose motto is to keep your distance from everyone — disapproves of such chummy human-zombie relations.

Zombies have never been so touching. Whether or not you're a zombie flick addict, there's a lot to enjoy here.



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• Billy Connolly spent around 2.5 hours in the makeup chair every day.

• Carrie-Anne Moss' on-screen pregnancy was the real thing.

Billy Connolly as Fido