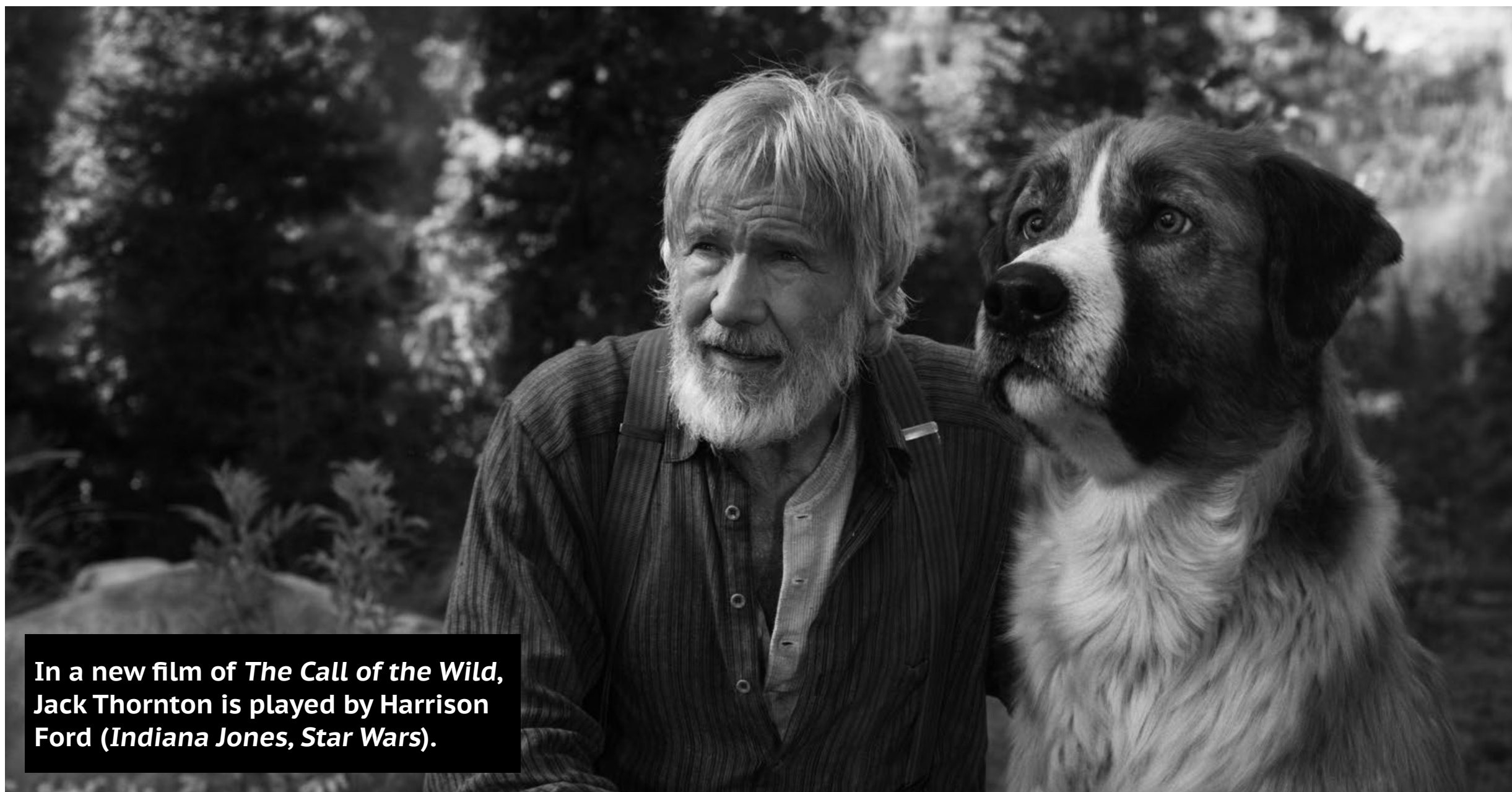


# The Call of the Wild

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In a new film of *The Call of the Wild*, Jack Thornton is played by Harrison Ford (*Indiana Jones*, *Star Wars*).

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**Buck is a happy pet dog with a comfortable life in California. But then he is kidnapped. He becomes a working dog in Canada.**



Dogs are vital for the gold prospectors in the Yukon. The dogs pull the sleds in the snow that the prospectors use for transport.

At first it is torture for Buck. The prospectors are cruel and

Buck has a violent rivalry with the dog that leads the pack. It is cold and he is hungry.

After many adventures, Buck finally meets a good man, Jack Thornton. The dog and the man love living in wild nature, a long way from civilisation, but it is dangerous. Buck meets wild animals like moose and bears and wolves. When Thornton dies, Buck follows the call of the wild. He becomes the leader of a pack of wolves. But every year, he returns to the place Jack Thornton died, to remember his friend.

American author Jack London wrote about Buck in *The Call of the Wild* in 1903. In his adventurous life, London went to the Yukon to prospect for gold in 1897. He didn't find gold and he only just survived: he had no food. ■

## Help

**meet** (v) *rencontrer*

**die** (v) *mourir*

**follow** (v) *suivre*

**find** (v, pret. found) *trouver*

**wild** (adj, n) *sauvage, la nature*



## The Klondike Gold Rush (1896-1899)

Prospectors found gold in the Klondike River, in the Yukon region of Canada, in 1896. 100,000 people travelled the isolated region but very few got rich.



**French actor Omar Sy plays Perrault, a French Canadian who is kind to Buck when he works with him.**



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