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Gates of Heaven

U.S.A. 1978

Director: Errol Morris Producer: Errol Morris Photography: Ned Burgess Supervising editor: Charles Laurence Silver Editor: Errol Morris Associate Editor: Brad Fuller Contributing Editor: Suzanne Fenn Sound: Jay Miracle Production Manager: George Csicsery

Running time: 82 minutes World Premiere

Cast:

Floyd McClure Ed Quye Joe Allen Lucille Billingsley Zella Graham Florence Rasmussen Carl Howard

Martin Hall Cal Harberts Scottie Harberts Dan Harberts Phil Harberts

Manimals

U.S.A. 1978

Director: Robin Lehman Producer: Robin Lehman Research and additional material: Paul Hagerman and Patricia A. Steidel Photography: Robin Lehman and Kelly Van Horn

Editor: Robin Lehman Sound: Robin Lehman Music: Heitor Villa-Lobos and Antonio Vivaldi Distributor: Phoenix Films

Running time: 30 minutes

Californian pet cemeteries: one that flops and one that succeeds; and the race between renderers and embalmers—this seemingly limited subject matter has provided Errol Morris in his first feature, Gates of Heaven, with a jumping-off point for a rigorously filmed, obliquely analytical study of contemporary America. Neither a put-on nor a put-down this is a revealingly honest and fascinating film. Robin Lehman's Manimals deals with pets in New York City—not cats and dogs, but everything from snakes, otters, and lizards to wild prairie wolves obliged to live in the desolation of a locked loft.

Errol Morris was born in New York City in 1948. He was closely involved with Werner Herzog on a number of projects, particularly in the making of Stroszek. Robin Lehman has made twelve shorts, several of which have been shown in the New York Film Festival. He was born in 1936 in New York City.

Short: The Dogs / U.S.A. Directors: Aviva Slesin, Iris Cahn / Running time: 4 minutes