

Perfect way to bow wow out!

Uggie bids Hollywood farewell at paw print ceremony

LOS ANGELES: Uggie, the lively Jack Russell terrier whose antics in Oscar-winning film *The Artist* stole audience members' hearts, became the first dog to leave his prints beside the likes of Marilyn Monroe and Clark Gable in front of Hollywood's famous Grauman's Chinese Theatre.

Dressed in a black bow tie and posing for photographers, Uggie sank his paws in cement in a ceremony that also marked his retirement from the movies.

The 10-year-old canine, who hit the big time as French actor Jean Dujardin's cute sidekick in the silent movie, will appear at charity events, his trainer said.

"Everybody thinks I am great trainer. I don't think so. I think he is just a great dog," trainer Omar von Muller said at the paw print ceremony on Monday, thanking Uggie's fans and his thousands of followers on Twitter and Facebook.



Puppy love: Uggie getting a kiss from Lassie, a descendant of the original Lassie, during the paw print ceremony. — AFP

Filmed in black and white, *The Artist* won five Oscars, including best picture, in February. Fans mounted a campaign to have Uggie nominated for an acting Academy Award in his own right, but the pooch was ineligible under rules that say acting awards can only go to humans. — Reuters