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Palm picks up worldwide rights to *Sun Dogs*

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Palm Pictures has acquired worldwide rights to Andrea Stewart's documentary *Sun Dogs*, about the Jamaican dog sled team that enters the 2006 UK Dog Sledding Championships in Scotland.

Palm Pictures will finance the project, which is currently filming in Jamaica and is expected to be completed by the end of the year. A late 2006 theatrical release is in the works.

Palm Pictures chief Chris Blackwell and head of acquisitions and production David Koh negotiated the deal with Stewart and executive producer Danny Melville.

Stewart is also producing. Blackwell, Koh and Leigh Ingleby will serve as executive producers alongside Melville.

"Jamaica is possessed with a dual spirit - a cool place with a hard edge," Stewart said. "Despite chronic struggle, its character shines through its vibrant culture. Their humour and confidence fascinates the rest of us as Jamaicans take on challenges from Bobsled to Dogsled. It is this unique spirit that *Sun Dogs* will document."