

The Lion's Club dark dramedy

A woman who runs an animal rescue is blackmailed into kidnapping
Hollywood's hottest rising star.

A feel-good story about addiction, abduction, and murder.

Ellie knew this rescue mission was different, but the phone call from a stranger blackmailed her into accepting it. That's how she and Zoe, her best friend, end up rooting through dumpsters in East L.A. at a time when most law-abiding citizens are in bed.

Ellie rehabilitates abused and abandoned animals. Dogs are her specialty, though she has experience with other species. One particular lion from her past still haunts her. Expecting to find the usual abuse victim in need of emergency attention, she is prepared for anything. Except Jobe.

To her horror, Ellie discovers that the damaged creature tossed out with the trash is not a dog or a lion, but something far more exotic and dangerous. Jobe Ramsey – Hollywood's hottest star – lies covered in garbage, comatose and overdosed.

Ellie's instructions are clear: keep Jobe off the streets for six weeks or the world will discover her secret sin.

The two women take Jobe far from L.A. to Ellie's animal rehabilitation facility. Zoe works as a vet tech, but spends more time at Ellie's DogHouse than in her own home. Her husband has recently left for his second tour in Iraq, leaving her seething with unanswered questions and desperate to discover the truth.

They keep Jobe in a heavily modified cage that guards a secret even Zoe does not know, which Ellie will never willingly confess.

Zoe realizes Ellie is acting under another's instructions, but trusts her implicitly. After all, Ellie once literally saved her life. The two of them are uniquely qualified to get the drugged heartthrob clean again. Having him around helps take Zoe's mind off obsessing about her marital issues. Besides, what's a little felony between friends?

Jobe endures their unconventional version of "tough love," and must come to grips with the choices he made that put him at their mercy. As the clock threatens to run out on Jobe's career, Ellie discovers they are both pawns in the blackmailer's selfish scheme. And Zoe learns that the truth can be a dangerous thing.

Eventually, all three are forced to confront the results of their decisions and examine the responsibilities that accompany saving another's life and being a hero.

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