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INT. COMMERCIAL CASTING - CASTING ROOM - AFTERNOON

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START

Colin and Bark are sitting on their marks; Stevie is behind the camera; Gordon and Gina off to the side.

STEVIE

So, in the ad, the voiceover goes
"pet insurance? Who needs that?"
And then they bark together.

GORDON

Oh, I wasn't told we needed to
bark.

STEVIE

Can he not?

GORDON

I mean, yes, I just didn't...
nobody told me...

GINA

Not a problem for us.

STEVIE

Well let's just see what we can do.
Maybe Bark's bark will set Colin
off. Let's just try one.

GINA

Let's do it.

GORDON

Yep OK.

STEVIE

OK, and: "pet insurance? Who needs
that?"

Gina signals to Bark. He barks. Gordon signals to Colin.
Nothing.

GORDON

Collie, bark!

Nothing.

GORDON (CONT'D)

Ruff! Ruff! Bark! Bark, Collie!

Colin just stares.

GORDON (CONT'D)

I mean, if he could just open his
mouth, can't you just put the sound
of a bark in later?

STEVIE

Can you get him to open his mouth?

GORDON

Collie! Yummies! Open mouth! Food!

He demonstrates panting.

STEVIE

Umm... Gina, can Bark cock his head
on cue?

GINA

Absolutely.

She signals to the dog who cocks his head.

STEVIE

Great, can Colin just do that
maybe?

GORDON

Yeah he does that.

(to Colin)

Collie! What? Where is it? Where's
piggie? Where's little piggie?

Nothing from Colin.

GORDON (CONT'D)

Sorry, he's got a pig toy... I should've brought it.

STEVIE

No that's OK. Does he do any tricks?

GORDON

Not really.

STEVIE

Does he do anything on command?

GORDON

Um...

(to Colin)

Walk! Walkies! Walk Collie! Walk walk, Walk! You want to walk?

Gordon demonstrates. Nothing from Colin. The failure is palpable. Gordon's desperate.

STEVIE

That's OK. So Gordon, if I could ask you and Colin to take a seat outside-

GORDON

Are you serious? You're not casting him.

STEVIE

Umm... I think at this stage-

GORDON

Look at him! How can you look at him and say he's not getting the job?

STEVIE

You can't book every job.

GORDON

Yeah but you're not seriously casting that fucken tripod over Colin. Is it because she told you the crocodile story?

STEVIE

No, it's-

GORDON

Cos we've all got sad stories. Colin got hit by a car. By me. I hit him, there's your story.

(MORE)

GORDON (CONT'D)

Plus my dad died two weeks ago and we never told each other that we loved each other. There you go, two sad stories.

STEVIE

It's not about-

GORDON

And they're *true*. Her crocodile story is *obviously a lie!*

GINA

You think I'm lying?

GORDON

Blind Freddy can see that you're lying. You 1000% severed that leg yourself. I'm gonna call the RSPCA.

STEVIE

Gordon, your dog can't *do* anything. He just sits there. The only interesting thing about him is his wheels. I'm sorry, but your dog is not special.

GORDON

Excuse me?

STEVIE

I'm sorry that your dad died.

GORDON

How has that got *anything to do with this?*

STEVIE

I don't know. You brought it up.

Beat.

Colin barks. Gordon points at him.

GORDON

See? He can do it.

END