



# THE RDOC DOG GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

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Hi everybody

Welcome to the July edition of the Kids Dog Guardian newsletter. For those of you who are new members, let us introduce ourselves. We are the Dog Guardian newsletter co-editors' dogs - Tyler, Julie's pup, and Morgan, Jill's pup. We decided the Kids newsletter needed articles written by us. We want to give you guys our perspective of being responsible around us.

## **We Are Special** by Tyler

This month I am going to tell you about my friend Tyke. Tyke is a Jack Russell. She is a tiny thing, but boy is she ever bossy. I guess that's because she is older than me, she thinks she can boss me around. Woofie! Woof! She is 13 years old, while I am only 11, still a young gentleman. 😊

Jack Russells come from England. They are very good hunters. According to Wikipedia, they live between 13 to 16 years. They come in black and white, white and tan, and white colours. The males weigh about 7.5 kg (16 lbs), and are about 33 cm (13") tall, and the females are smaller and lighter. Jacks have lots of energy, and are very smart but stubborn.



**Tyke**



According to Tyke, "We are not really stubborn, maybe determined or very keen. I think that it is important to point out that we are very playful. I love to play with anybody, and if nobody is around I just play by myself. My Grandma says I am very entertaining. She loves throwing a ball up the stairs and watching my excitement! What can I say? Grandmas are easily entertained." 😊

Tyke told me she liked going to doggie classes to learn how to behave. She says, because she is so full of energy, it was important for her to learn how to put all her enthusiasm into doing things that people like her to do instead of just being hyper.

I really like the article "[Jack Russell Terrier Personality: Small Dog, Big Attitude](#)" written by Amy Brannan.

Yep, Tyke is a small dog with a big attitude, and, yes, she loves to work and lives to play. 😊

Some Jack Russells became very famous and have books written about them. "[The Jack Russell Dog Detective](#)" series sounds very interesting.

Others became TV stars, like [Wishbone \(TV series\)](#)

I am so glad Tyke likes me, even though I am not famous. I just like to do everyday fun stuff like chasing balls and chewing on toys. 😊

## Very Useful Things To Learn *by Morgan*

We are starting a new section this month. It's called "Very Useful Things To Learn". Yep, you guessed it, we are going to tell you about things we learned that make us safe, well behaved, and (best of all) earn us lots of cookies. They are easy skills to teach us. Tyler told me that the most useful thing he learned was to sit. He sits at the door, and magically Julie opens the door for him. When they go for a walk and Julie stops, Tyler automatically sits beside her. Sitting earns Tyler lots of cookies. It also makes him safe. On their walks, Tyler sits when Julie stops so she can make sure it's safe to cross the street. That's nothing. Tyler also knows the hand signal for "sit", so when he is off leash running toward Julie and a car suddenly appears, Julie just has to do the hand signal for sit. Tyler automatically sits until the car passes.

There are many ways to teach "sit". Here are 2 ways shown by the American Kennel Club in the "[Teach Your Puppy These 5 Basic Commands](#)" By Paisley Lunchick, RVT

Scroll down to "How To Teach a Dog To Sit". Look at the 2 pictures. Ask an adult to help you read the instructions and watch the video. With your adult friend's help you are all set to teach your pup to sit.



## **Dogs' Den** *by Morgan*

Over the last year we shared with you all our thoughts about having fun and being safe around us. Now it's your turn.

Ask us questions about things you want to know about dogs. Email your questions to [morejulie@hotmail.com](mailto:morejulie@hotmail.com) and we will try to answer them.

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*Here is this month's question from Tyler:  
"Is it true that we dogs can smell more things  
than you kids?"*

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Yes, it is true. According to the article ["Surprising Answers for 15 Questions About Your Dog"](#), we can smell things way better than you guys, anywhere from 10,000 to 100,000 times better. Wow that's a lot! We have a larger area in our brain that helps us smell things more than you guys. It's 40 times as big. We are just a big smelling machine. Woofie! Woof! 😊

## **Colouring Contest** *by Morgan and Tyler*

The picture on page 13 of ["The Fido, Friend or Foe?" Activity booklet](#) explains that dogs wag their tails for many reasons. Sometimes they are happy, but other times they wag their tails because they are afraid or scared. In the picture below, our smiley pup asks us not to go up to a dog you don't know, even if he wags his tail.

Print out the picture on the next page, colour it, and scan or take a photo of it, then send it to us at [morejulie@hotmail.com](mailto:morejulie@hotmail.com) with your email address.



**Not every dog that wags its tail is friendly**

**Puzzle** by Tyler

Look at each row of pictures. Which one in each row doesn't belong?



(Answers are on the last page)

## Thank You

A big thank you goes to our committee for proofreading this newsletter. We really appreciate your help. You are the greatest. A special thank you goes to Kit Watson for the final proofreading of the newsletter. *Tyler and Morgan*

### Answers to the puzzle:

ROW 1 – House – Silly house hiding in the happy face row 😊

ROW 2 – Tent

ROW 3 – Fireman – Bet he likes to eat fruit 😊

ROW 4 – **X**

ROW 5 – Candy – Candy in the sky. That's silly 😊

ROW 6 – Canada flag

ROW 7 – **A**

ROW 8 – Diamond shape – Did you get this one, or did we trick you?

How many did you get right? I got 7 right. I missed number 6. The flag did a good job hiding in row 6. I didn't see it.

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