



Viewers unite!

Congratulations on the editorial in the May 2011 issue. You are saying all the things that I have been on about for weeks! There is too much of the same stuff on TV, but a doggie twist would be excellent entertainment and educational. Perhaps we should all lobby the TV companies running the most popular channels that benefit from advertising doggie products...

Margaret Maurin, by email

Happy returns

Thank you so much for donating the *Dogs Today* magazines to Dog Theft Action (DTA) at Crufts. They really were a godsend and helped us to boost our Scanner Appeal. This means that we can purchase some more microchip scanners to donate to smaller dog welfare and rescue organisations and breed rescues, so that any stolen dogs in their care will be identified and returned to their rightful owner.

The trustees of DTA very much appreciate your continued support.

Margaret Nawrockyi, Dog Theft Action



Jack of hearts

I've just read your Fido Facts on Jack Russell Terriers, and found myself nodding in agreement. I have two, both of them 'rescues'. Dixie is now elderly, but was aged around six and blind when he came to live with us. He is a great dog, very brave and my hero, boldly running about a dark world with no fear. He's even been known to try sneaking a hedgehog into his bed, but probably not for a cuddle!

Jay came to us as a puppy no one else wanted because he was born with a deformed hip. Now aged five, he jumps over the furniture, barks from the windowsill, hurtles up and down stairs, and loves travelling in the car.

Most of the time, though, he's happy to bury himself under the duvet, or curl up in front of the gas fire or on the back of the settee in the sunshine. He's a handsome dog, almost girly compared to the sturdier Dixie.

Jay is very bright and quickly mastered the Dog Tornado toy, labelled as difficult. He loves attention and enjoys training, although he's not always as obedient as we'd like. He has a wide range of vocal sounds with different meanings. He snores loudly when he's asleep, too.

Neither dog is particularly fond of digging or going down holes, but they do enjoy 'helping' in the garden if we're trying to plant bulbs or seedlings.

No one choosing a pet from this feisty breed will have a quiet life, but they are great characters, affectionate and energetic.

Keryn Collins, by email



Just 17...

Shortly after I adopted Morgan, my Beagle-Labrador-Jack Russell cross, from the Mayhew Animal Home in 2004, he introduced me to animal communication, which led me to leave a very successful 15-year career as a theatre stage manager where I was working with people like Alan Rickman, Peter Bowles, Felicity Kendal and the legendary Harold Pinter.

Morgan supported me while I helped hundreds of people with their animals through consultations and empowered hundreds more to realise their own animal communication abilities. He really is someone very special, though of course, I am biased.

Morgan helped me to write my first book, *Heart to Heart*, about my own animal communication experiences and the book is dedicated to him. Morgan is growing very tired now and no longer

teaches, but he still takes a keen interest in animal communication and food!

On 17 April his family and some of his closest friends celebrated his 17th birthday. Morgan put in a few requests and I stocked up on custard tarts, a sponge cake with 17 blue candles, and "as much chicken as I can eat!"

He received about 100 birthday wishes and emails! This is a testament to his special qualities and also the huge love people have for animals other than their own.

Morgan has managed to bounce back from a stroke and overcome a seizure. I'd like to share my gratitude to the excellent holistic care given by homeopathic vet Richard Allport, and acupuncture from Alastair Greenway. I'm sure that Morgan's own ability to keep going is mainly down to his sheer willpower and the 24/7 loving care he receives from his two-legged family. Oh... and the freshly cooked chicken!

He is the most important canine love of my life, my wise teacher and mentor. Morgan has always been good as gold and completely dedicated to bringing me along on my animal communication journey.

Happy birthday, Morgan, 17 years young! I love you.

Pea Horsley,

www.animalthoughts.com, by email

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