

Letters to Dogs

The Tails We
All Know and Love



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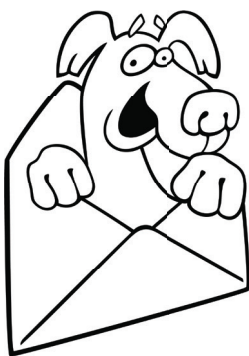
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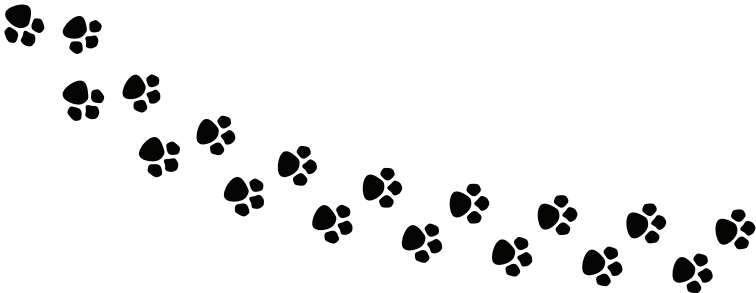
This book is dedicated to my family.
Thank you for encouraging me to
be creative, to laugh like there is
no tomorrow, and to live like today
is the last. Also, thanks for always
entertaining my jokes, even when
they really aren't funny.



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INTRODUCTION

Whether you're a fan of dogs or not, we all know "that dog."

It may have been a canine from the dog park, the neighborhood, the hiking trails, or the greenways and downtowns . . . but we all have the "you won't believe the dog I saw today" story. Maybe you've seen a dog acting weird and it made you laugh. Maybe you have noticed dogs with the best manners. Have you been entertained by a certain canine's antics or been frustrated by another's bad behavior? Or maybe, there's one certain dog that has scared you to death. No matter the dog, just like us, they all have unique characteristics and distinct personalities.

The following is a collection of fictional letters written to say the things we've always thought, but not said out loud.

Two things my MeMe and Papa always said was to (1) keep it short and sweet, and (2) remember that laughter is the best medicine. So that's what I did. I hope these letters bring a smile to your face, a giggle to your gut, or an outright laugh in your belly.

Dear Rita,



Please don't ever cause yourself to lose an eye. You wag your tail so ferociously; I fear it may be inevitable. It's like a lion tamer's whip grazing right below your ocular socket. The sound your tail makes when you get excited smashes the sound barrier. It's like a Boeing CH-47 Chinook helicopter taking off from the local training ground, or like a loose tire losing its tread while traveling at significant speeds down the interstate. Also, please be aware of this phenomenon when you're around other canines, so they won't endure the fury and pain caused by the strike of your tail. Grandma still refuses to come over unless you're outside and stay there, based on her doctor's advice. Her legs just can't handle it.

With all love and respect,

Jerry



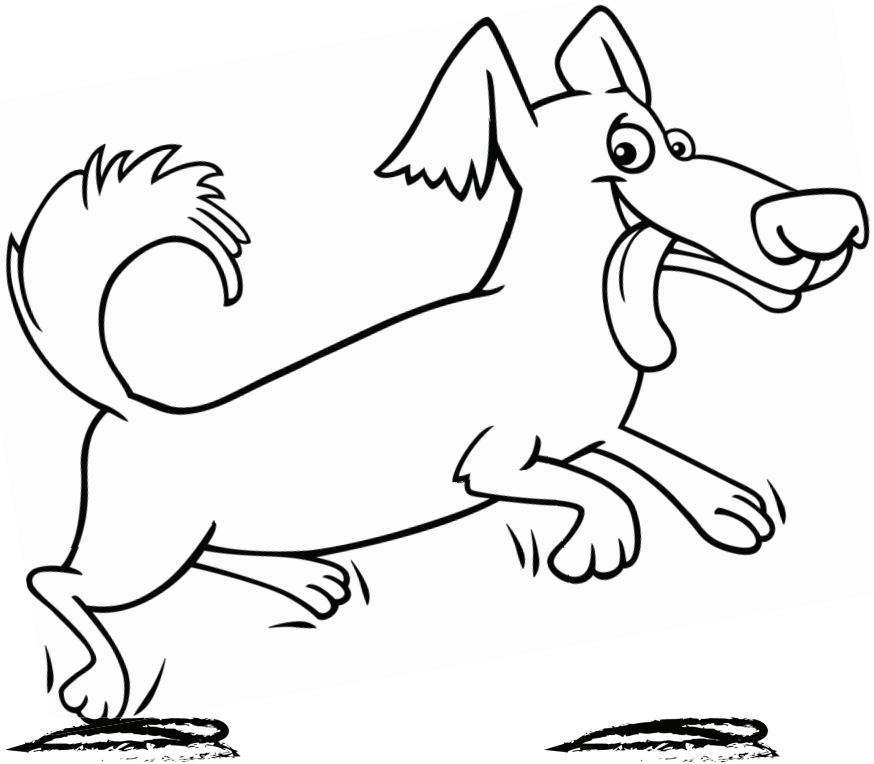
Dear Dog Down the Road,



Our family would like to thank you for the enjoyment you bring us on each walk. We have nicknamed you “The Egyptian King” because of your lightning-fast body faints and pace changes. This new title is based on our favorite soccer player from a powerhouse, west coast, British town team, located in a port that once housed the Titanic. Seeing your owner play defense and try to stop you is a sight to behold. That poor gentleman doesn’t stand a chance! Left, right, body faint, change of pace, and goooooooooaaaaaallllllll!

You are by far the most talented athlete we have ever witnessed. Forget Saturday and Sunday television—we get out lawn chairs around 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. every day of the weekend in anticipation of you sinking him again. Please don’t ever stop being you and working hard. We believe in you.

Your biggest fans,
The family down the street



ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Ryan Donald is an avid dog lover, an American writer of pet humor books, and currently serves as the Business Development Manager at a cybersecurity company (a fact which his dogs do not care about at all, as long as he brings home the bacon).

Before serving in this position, Ryan worked as a commercial construction project manager, an electrician, in the retail and commercial industries, an investment banker, a landscape consultant for the NFL, and an aspiring professional golfer (all jobs his dogs weren't impressed by). But most important, Ryan was voted "wittiest" in ninth grade (a prerequisite for a book with pet humor, according to his dogs).

Ryan now resides in Greenville, SC, with his family and dogs, who are a constant source of entertainment and inspiration for his dog books.

