

Hello Susan,

My name is Heather Brook, and my best friend Jesse is currently 5 years old. He is a 5 year old, tri-color Jack Russell Terrier who loves adventure. Ever since I brought him home on my 16th birthday when he was 8 weeks old, we have been inseparable. We practically do everything together, and having a best buddy wanting to join in on any activity makes it that much more fun.

Jesse and I started learning from each other from the moment he came home. When he was 9 weeks old he taught himself how to sit up; realizing that it got him a lot of attention. From then on, we have been learning tricks and having a wonderful time doing so. Jack Russell Terriers are a high energy breed, and tricks are a wonderful way to channel their energy into something productive. Jesse loves learning new things, and enjoys thinking through a new challenge. Since the most important part of learning anything together as a team is the fun of playing together, I would stop, no questions asked, if Jesse decided he didn't want to do his tricks. Jesse chooses to do the behaviors, and has a blast making people smile and laugh.

Our main influence for doing tricks together was the enhanced communication and bond that came from spending time together. It is one of the best feelings in the world to see Jesse's eyes light up, and the see the huge smile on his face when he is doing the things he loves. Jesse and I train using Positive Reinforcement and Clicker Training. We use shaping, capturing, targeting, and some luring to teach behaviors. Jesse offers behaviors on his own, and I love it when Jesse has that spark in his eye when he is figuring out ways to get me to click. Even if Jesse couldn't do a single trick, it wouldn't matter. I love him for his unique personality, sweet antics, and overall devotion.

When not learning tricks together, Jesse and I love to rollerblade, hike, run together in agility, play Frisbee, hike, and swim. Jesse loves playing with his cuz ball, chasing squeaker tennis balls, digging in search for lizards, de-fluffing stuffed toys, and playing chase games. Jesse is always on his toes, and up for whatever adventure life throws his way.

Through our dedication, and hard work together as a team, Jesse and I have appeared in different media outlets. We have appeared on television shows such as The Rachael Ray Show and The Late Show with David Letterman. Jesse has also modeled in Petsmart, Bissell, Mighty Dog and Circle K advertising. Jesse's current work includes

commercials for Circle K, Wow! Cable Company, and the Virginia Lottery.

Jesse has inspired me to pursue the path of becoming a dog trainer, and to teach others that they can teach their dogs with the use of Positive training methods. I want to teach others that through time, patience, and a bond anything is possible. By incorporating their dogs into their family, teaching them how to properly interact with their world, and fulfilling their physical, mental, and emotional needs, they can have the perfect best friend that they always dreamed of. It just takes commitment, a positive attitude, and a willing partner to follow your dreams. =o)

You can see more of Jesse on YouTube at www.youtube.com/justjesse197 and follow him on his very own Blog:<http://justjesse197.blogspot.com>

Sincerely,

Heather Brook and Jesse