

WISE DOG TAROT

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Introduction

The Wise Dog Tarot was created as a tool for healing that connects us to the intuitive nature of dogs. These 78 cards were designed to capture the loyal and protective energy dogs bring to our lives. When called upon this energy guides us into the present moment where peace of mind can be found.

The Wise Dog draws out the wisdom that dogs offer to each and every one of us unconditionally. With their patience, determination, and true love they teach us how to tap into our spirit, our internal guard system and how to speak our truth without fear. They teach us how to embrace pure joy and how to let our emotions create the restorative power of bliss. But most of all, they teach us how to sit in the moment, how to live in the here and now.

Have you noticed when you are feeling low how your mood shifts when you encounter the presence of a dog? They

bring you back into the moment, into the now. When they look at you and put their head on your lap they transfer over a bit of their essence—that part of their soul that is relentlessly optimistic. They share that irresistible energy that simply basks in the pure joy of being.

Hello, my name is Margaux (MJ for short) and for my entire life, I have been one of those creative type people who has always enjoyed dabbling. I have long held a deep seeded knowing that I was put on this planet to be an artist—from the time I was a child I knew this was my destiny. I just didn't know why and what my exact purpose was. Well, that was until 2017 when I was guided to create the Crow Tarot—my first tarot deck. Like a bolt of lightning to my soul, I discovered something magical. I feel joy when I create and while in the process of creating art time seems to slow down or stop altogether—there is a flow that I am drawn into and almost nothing else in the world matters. That is just one part of my work. The second half, and the

part that up to now was missing, was using my ability to not only create a lovely or functional piece of art but also something that connected on a deeper level to those who enjoy my work.

By creating tarot and oracle decks I am able to help others through my art. When these two components come together I feel complete bliss—not only do I get to use my talents to create, it is through that art that something greater manifests. My artwork helps others heal, and grow, and see their situation from a different perspective and hopefully find peace in the present moment.

Thank You!

Thank you for helping me create this tribute to the beautiful creatures that share our homes, our hearts, and sometimes—take over our beds!

Peace,

MJ

MAJOR ARCANA



0. THE FOOL

Are you free to enjoy life as it is, in the present without worrying about what may be lurking in the grass? The Fool asks you to embrace life at this moment, without expectation or judgment. When you show faith and a willingness to allow experiences to unfold at its natural pace without interference, you will create a space for progress without friction. If there is one word of caution that comes with the Fool, it is maintaining your balance to not fall into the trap of wasting valuable time or becoming complacent.

Keywords: Faith, spontaneity, carefree, frivolous, living in the moment

1. THE MAGICIAN

The Magician asks that you call up your personal power, that energy that sits within your soul waiting to emerge into the light. When you connect with your spirit ideas form, your attitude will become more optimistic, courage

blossoms within your heart and obstacles become nothing but yet another easy task, a small step on the path to success.

Keywords: Creative, action-oriented, alchemy

2. THE HIGH PRIESTESS

The High Priestess resides in the realm where the material world and the spiritual world overlap by a mere whisper. She is the one who communicates with your intuition. She is the one who stands on the sidelines, watching and waiting for the right moment to send you the information that will help you move ahead. Pay attention, as she is near. When you get that feeling in your gut when you hear a song, or see a word that you can't seem to shake—pay attention, it is a message just for you.

Keywords: Deeply connected to spirit, intuitive, messages

3. THE EMPRESS

The Empress is the mother, the giver of life, the goddess who is a creator and offers loving protective energy. She enters your life to pamper you and to help you connect with that mighty, powerful feminine energy that has a residence in your soul. You are a creator. It is at this moment that you are called on to bring into this world that which will create abundance.

Keywords: Nurturing, supportive, regal, generous, fertility, motherly

4. THE EMPEROR

The Emperor is the father, the benevolent ruler who seeks justice and a fair ruling for all. It is the Emperor who will hold you to your word. He will hold your actions to the light and ask that you stand before him accountable. His word is one of authority—of clear thinking and balance. When you step into his presence, be sure of yourself and be honest, as he has much to offer to those who show him respect.

Keywords: Fatherly, authority, fair and balanced, masculine energy, decisive, logical

5. THE HIEROPHANT

When you encounter the Hierophant, the time has come to get curious about your history, your culture, the traditions of your parents and your ancestors. The sage possesses a history, one that has traveled the road in both directions. He knows and understands each pothole. The call is for you to embrace curiosity and obtain wisdom. Accept the key of knowledge so that in the future, you can pass it on.

Keywords: Traditional beliefs, teacher, sage, wisdom, school, higher learning

6. THE LOVERS

You cannot truly love someone until you love yourself. Each lover brings to the relationship a passion born from truth and deeply held beliefs. When separate, each person holds their own, but together they form an

unbreakable bond created by trust, understanding and mutual respect. Together, they grow, creating deep grounding roots and large branches that stretch up into the stars where infinite possibilities wait.

Keywords: Individual beliefs, love, partnership, soul mates, compatibility

7. THE CHARIOT

Are your actions in line with your intentions? If so, you are probably moving at quite a quick pace towards your goal without many obstacles or setbacks. When actions and intentions work together in harmony, your progress comes swiftly and with ease. If the two are in conflict, you may feel out of control. The Chariot brings an electric energy that will help you reach a triumphant end with confidence. However, it asks that you find clarity to ensure a smooth path.

Keywords: Force, intense motion, action, ego-driven

8. STRENGTH

The energy of Strength becomes apparent when we experience life in the moment—when we ease into the here and now without concern for the future or regrets. It is in the space of peace that we find acceptance, and in that acceptance, we tame our wild side, the unruly part of us that reacts without constraint. When Strength is present, the call is to reach inward and find the courage that sits in your heart. You are ready to face a challenge without expectations and with grace.

Keywords: Soft skills, grace, patience, understanding, maturity, courage

9. THE HERMIT

A symbol of isolation and reclusiveness, the Hermit finds wisdom not in a city overflowing with eager gurus who claim enlightenment, but instead alone in the woods where the message is delivered silently by nature, so softly that only those who seek out its message, who lis-

ten with pure intent can hear it. The Hermit asks that you quiet your mind so that you can focus on receiving the wisdom that will help you handle a task or obstacle.

Keywords: Solitude, going inward for answers, meditation, quieting the mind

10. WHEEL OF FORTUNE

The fates have you in their sights and are looking favorably upon you as you have demonstrated a willingness to grow and learn from challenges or obstacles. A positive shift is coming. The wheel is moving, and in time, you will find that the struggles of the past were not in vain because they paved the way for a brighter future.

Keywords: The cycle of life, positive shift, change

11. JUSTICE

The idea of what is good and what is bad is relative and what may be perceived as beneficial today may end up being detrimental

in the future. Justice asks that you weigh each decision carefully using your knowledge, past experiences, and intuition as the outcome will not always be so black and white. You will need to consider that there may be grey areas.

Keywords: Balanced, logical, unbiased, decision-making

12. THE HANGED MAN

Just as life starts to move along, there is a snag, there is an event that seems to say “oh—not so fast,” and before you know it, you enter a state of suspension. The Hanged Man asks that you see this setback, not as an opportunity to focus on struggling, but instead as a chance to see your situation from a different perspective. It is a chance to grow, to heal, and to evaluate your position from every angle. You may discover something new that in the end, turns out to be fortuitous.

Keywords: Setbacks, stagnation, releasing control, seeing a new perspective

13. DEATH

The time has come to acknowledge an ending, to recognize when something has reached the conclusion of its time. Much like a caterpillar knows when it is time to make a cocoon, so that it can emerge as a butterfly, the time has come for you to shed beliefs or a relationship. Perhaps it's a memory that is keeping you from the change that will naturally usher in a new life—one in which you are free.

Keywords: Letting go, a passing, moving on, connecting with your purest self

14. TEMPERANCE

Life is a struggle, but the experience is also thrilling and beautiful. Some days are stressful, and then some are lazy and restful. Temperance asks that you seek out balance, hold life in both hands with love and acceptance so that harmony can be created.

Keywords: Balance, harmony, meeting in the middle, acceptance

15. THE DEVIL

The devil comes into our lives in many forms but rarely does he or she ever really reveal their true nature until it is too late. Only when we recognize our addictions are we capable of seeing the devil as it really is—how it bares its teeth at us. The sweet, charismatic exterior erodes with awareness. What you find yourself chained to is something that you not only willingly accepted but you hold the power to free yourself from. The Devil asks, are you strong enough to use the key you press so tightly in your hands to unlock the shackles that keep you tethered to your desires?

Keywords: Addiction, passion, loss of control, restrictions, weakness, bad habits, disconnection from spirit

16. THE TOWER

A sudden significant change is coming that will require you to rebuild, to move on, to consider the question “what now?”

is most comfortable. Here are a few of my “go-to” three-card spreads. Of course, you may discover or create other options that resonate more with you.

SPREAD IDEAS

1. Past (Foundation)

2. Present

3. Future

1. Current Problem/Obstacle

2. Source of Block

3. Advice for Moving Forward

1. Opportunity

2. Potential Benefit

3. Potential Obstacle

1. Your Emotions/Beliefs

2. Your Partner's Emotions/Beliefs

3. Source of Common Ground

1. Current Problem/Obstacle

2. First Action Step

3. Long-term Plan

Basic Symbolism

Bird: Messages from the other side

Butterfly: Change and metamorphosis

Cherry blossoms: Fresh starts and new beginnings

Crows: Intuition, connection to the other side

Daffodils: Rebirth and new beginnings

Falcon: Freedom, seeing clearly, wild side

Fire: Passion, creative power, enthusiasm

Fish: Creativity, good luck, and a deeper awareness

Gladiolus: Strength of character, honor and faithfulness

Heart: Life force, where the soul and body connect

Horses: Charging forward, passionate energy

Laurel wreath: Victory

Lotus: Connection to the divine

Magnolias: A new beginning, tradition

Mountains: Obstacles or hurdles

Pineapple: Hospitality

Pine trees: Wisdom, longevity, and peace

Poppies: Strength, perseverance

Red chrysanthemum: Love balance,
hope and protection

Salamanders: Passion, fiery energy, heat

Snow/Clouds: Confusion, lack of clarity

Sunflowers: Adoration and loyalty

Trees/Roots: Cause and effect

Violets: Love

Water: Intuition, connecting with your
higher-self

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Winnie	Teddy
Sadie	Nisby
Jax	Esther
Peanut	Bucket
Lotus	Willy
Jo	Mizuki
Stella	Meiko
Maggie	Shiloh
Dingo	Ribsey
Dilly	Lucia
Jake	Zara
Lela	Marley
Jolly Roger	Winry
Tenou	Carmen
Oscar	Mr Jenkins
Mr Sanchez	Luna

Keegan	Sab
Brigid	Murray
Athena	Nero
Isis	Mikayla aka Burrito
Aphrodite	Pip
Lilith	Zeus
Pip	Gypsy
Fly	Zero
Star	Gus
Zim	Bandit
Sadie Mae	Latte
Drake	Thunder
Rosie	Ananda
Bella	Archie
Turtle	Kaiser
Scout	Willow
Sadie	Talie
Norton	Elphie
Tink	Finnick

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



MJ CULLINANE

Artist and Author of Crow Tarot

Margaux Jones, aka MJ, is a Seattle-based artist, writer, mother, and lover of all things magical, especially crows. She attended Parson's School of Design, yet her unique technique of telling stories through digital collage is self-taught and has been her passion for over 10 years. Nature and its creatures are a familiar theme in MJ's work, however, having

grown up south of Boston her collages are heavily influenced by the energy of the city. Her work often merges the two worlds. Her path into the world of tarot was a beautiful accident that came out of a difficult time in her life. The process of creating Crow Tarot helped her rediscover her own wings, though at the time she didn't realize how life-changing the project would become. She simply fell in love with the process, the messages and the feeling each card evoked. The Crow Tarot, MJ's first published deck, has achieved a significant following and recognition with crow lovers and the tarot community. When MJ is not making art or writing for her Crow Tarot blog she is spending time with her daughter River, playing in nature, practicing magic, and finding new sources of inspiration.

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