# A Dog Named Triumph

## Suggested Grade Level 5

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<th><strong>Objective</strong></th>
<th>Write a news story that summarizes what happened to Triumph the dog using the information you find at <a href="http://www.triumphthedog.net">www.triumphthedog.net</a>.</th>
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| **Materials**  | • AVMA poster  
|                | • Library  
|                | • Internet access |

## Procedure

- The teacher shows a photo of Triumph the dog and explains the role that veterinarians played in the biomedical research involving Triumph.
- The teacher has the students research what happened to Triumph and when it happened and create a timeline.
- Students now pretend that they are reporters for a local newspaper and have the assignment of explaining to readers what has happened with Triumph. Each student writes a news story that would appear in the paper explaining the significance of the medical research with Triumph and what it could mean for the future of humans who have a similar disability. Students should include who, what, why, where, and how information in their story. They should begin with a short title that will spark the reader’s interest and inspire them into wanting to read more about this amazing dog.
- **Additional activities**: Have students create a list of questions that they still have and would like answered about Triumph. As a class, select the three most important or interesting questions and send them to Moe (Triumph’s caregiver) at [www.triumphthedog.net](http://www.triumphthedog.net).
- Have students collect photos of Triumph from the Internet that tell her story. Arrange the photos on a bulletin board with captions to explain each photo.

## National Standards:

### Language Arts

- Writing elements
- Research

### Science

- Scientific inquiry
- Science and technology

## Ideas to extend this lesson

Students see what other biomedical research they can locate involving animals by conducting a Web search. *What animals were involved? What was the hypothesis? How has the animal or human world been affected by this research?*