

## WILLIE THE SPACE DOG

Willie was a shaggy dog that belonged to the Wilson family. The Wilsons lived near Cape Canaveral, Florida, [where/ haven/ quiet] NASA staged flight liftoffs into [blare/ space/ needs]. Willie was usually frightened by the [noise/ bank/ free] made by the liftoffs, but, as [who/ else/ the] sound became more familiar, he gradually [fact/ got/ in] used to it. As time went [sob/ fat/ by], Willie became downright curious about what [was/ tree/ line] going on at the NASA center. That's [come/ when/ true] all the trouble started!

One afternoon Willie wandered [vine/ grew/ down] to the NASA center. He noticed [list/ that/ new] a lot of people were gathered [middle/ around/ only] a large, white airplane, or what looked [to/ meow/ far] Willie to be a [least/ model/ ticks] of an airplane. He liked to stand in [speak/ little/ crowds] of people because they usually threw [lent/ lack/ food] on the ground and Willie was [very/ toot/ ice] hungry. He followed his nose and [clear/ began/ inner] eating whatever he found.

Soon he [month/ walked/ times] to the ramp of the aircraft [and/ why/ kick], seeing that a door was open, [music/ fasten/ walked] on inside. He was curious about [sand/ time/ all] of the equipment and licked [radio/ some/ news] of it to see what it [tasted/ garden/ chair] like. Suddenly, the craft began to [shake/ keep/ item] and a deafening noise could be [tacos/ employ/ heard] from the outside. Willie was so frightened [right/ very/ that] he raced for the door to [get/ coop/ you] out. Too late!

The craft was gaining [cake/ power/ weak] for a liftoff and Willie was trapped [spoon/ inside/ crown]! Oh boy, thought Willie, I'm going [to/ row/ ate] be in big trouble, as the spaceship left [earth/ pride/ fishy] bound for Mars. "Houston, [brick/ this/ slabs] is Cape Canaveral. Do you read [saw/ me/ can]? Houston, we have a problem. I [house/ dances/ repeat], we have a problem. Something is obstructing [our/ fit/ rice] view," said the scientist at Cape Canaveral. "Houston, [rot/ we/ no] believe there is a dog inside [tub/ lip/ the] ship!"

Meanwhile, on the spaceship Willie [stared/ tough/ woods] down at the earth that had [jeans/ gripe/ been] his home. I'll never get back [home/ fox/ men], he thought miserably. Willie knew that [if/ ask/ new] he ever did make it back [call/ home/ sale], he would probably get a spanking [pit/ for/ wasp] wandering down to the space center. [Hop/ Wit/ He] set himself to examining the ship [push/ less/ from] top to bottom. Gradually, Willie became lighter [with/ and/ tell] lighter until he was floating around [lay/ the/ walk] cabin room! What in the world [is/ low/ but] going on? thought Willie. He did [hole/ not/ will] know about zero gravity.

Down on the [movers/ ground/ going], NASA had made arrangements to halt [able/ done/ the] mission. They programmed the flight to [deals/ return/ alone] to earth. Everyone wanted to see [are/ the/ lift] dog that had gone into space. Willie [did/ all/ oil] not know it yet, but he [try/ boy/ was] going to be the most famous [boom/ dog/ you] in the world!