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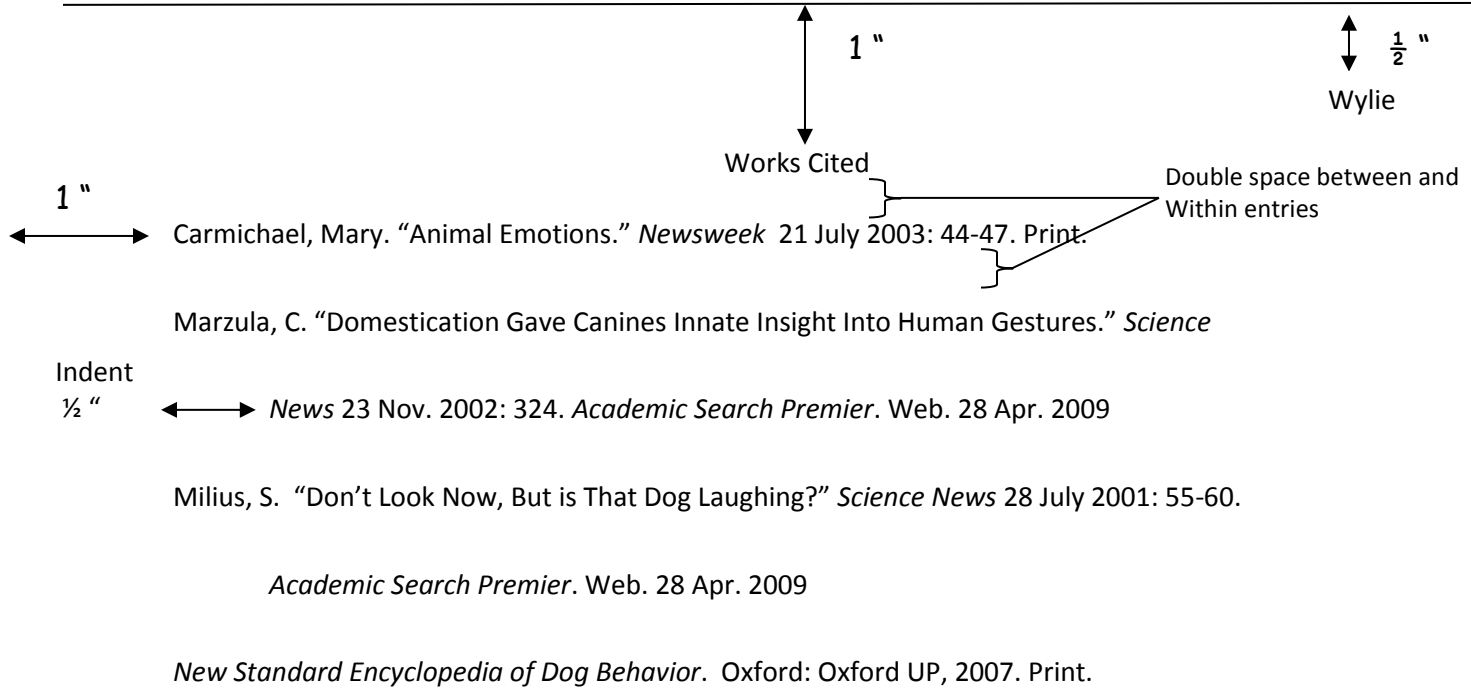
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When playing, dogs exhale in a distinct way that some describe as a laugh (Milius).



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