The first artificial satellite was launched on the 4th of October 1957. It orbited the Earth about fifteen hundred times. The satellite existed for three months and the whole world watched its flight.

The weight of the satellite was about 84 kg and its diameter was 58 cm.

The second satellite was launched on the 3d of November 1957. There was the first space traveler onboard. It was a dog. Her name was Laika. The flight proved that a living being could be sent to space.

Here you can see the photo of Laika.

The first satellites were launched in 1957. At that time they couldn’t be returned back. There was no good protection from high temperatures and they were destroyed in the atmosphere.

In 1960 a spaceship-satellite was launched from cosmodrome Baikonur. Onboard there were two famous dogs: Belka and Strelka. You can see them over there. Their flight lasted for 25 hours. They made 18 orbits round the Earth.

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