

# Jack Russell Terrier



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**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:** The Jack Russell Terrier was developed nearly 200 years ago in Southern England and were named after Reverend John Russell. These dogs were used for fox hunting.

**BREED APPEARANCE:** The Jack Russell stands about 10"-15" tall and weighs about 15-18 pounds. This breed is available in shorthair, wirehaired, and broken (a combination of the two). Their coat is mostly white with some black, tan, and/or brown mixed.

#### **WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED:**

This breed is very intelligent and entertaining. They are very athletic, bold and friendly. They are known to be overly affectionate as well!

#### **WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED:**

Jack Russell's tend to be hyper and cannot be trusted off-leash. If this breed is bored, it may bark or dig holes.

## Perfect Pet Rating



## Overall Breed Rating



5 Paw Rating: 1 = Poor, 2 = Adequate, 3 = Average, 4 = Good, 5 = Excellent

*Rating system for perfect pet includes the following categories: Will this breed bite my child? Would they kill other animals? Are they easy to train?*

*Rating system for overall breed rating includes all categories.*

**PLUSES:** With a firm owner this breed can be very entertaining and a great family pet.

**MINUSES:** They have a strong personality and may dominate a weak-willed owner.

#### **WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?**

A mild manner or passive person may be pushed around by this dog.

#### **DO THEY SHED?**

Jack Russell's shed very little. Their coat requires little maintenance.

#### **WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?**

This breed is unlikely to bite anyone. However, EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!

#### **WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?**

Jack Russell's are typically friendly towards other animals, but may become dominant around other dogs.

#### **WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?**

Jack Russell's are very active dogs! Extensive daily exercise is required.

#### **ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?**

This breed is intelligent and learns quickly.

#### **WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?**

Overall this breed is very healthy. They do suffer from some deafness and sight problems; they should be tested at birth. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.

