



**Welcome to the World of the Jack Russell Terrier!**

There is hardly anything as much fun or as exciting as a puppy, especially the exuberant Jack Russell. They are full of energy and charm. They want to chew and play hard. The JRTCA is the Club that is all about the Jack Russell Terrier and its unique qualities and opportunities. The JRTCA is, in some ways, an open door to the special shared love of this unique dog. The JRTCA offers a website packed with information to learn from and stay informed about our terrier. The member's only site which explores deeper and offers a more in-depth discussion of the Club and the terrier, with much education available to members.

You will quickly learn that you need to protect your puppy from itself. All electrical cords and hazards, as well as any poisonous plants or household products, must be eliminated from the puppy's reach so it does not come to harm.

The puppy has sharp little teeth that love to grab onto things. They will pretend your socks, with you in them, are a dragon and they are going to slay the dragon. It is all in play yet hard wired as the courage of this brave dog appears before they get their adult teeth! Don't allow your puppy to chew your fingers. Give the pup a safe toy to chew or a raw bone to work on. Always be the leader of the pack and reward good behavior. This is a dog that is of outstanding intelligence and energy, with the need all of its life to have sufficient physical and mental activity.

The JRTCA has Club Representatives in almost every state you can call with questions about the Club and your dog. If you bought your dog from a JRTCA member, be sure you received a pedigree and a signed stud dog certificate so you

can register your dog. JRTCA breeders follow a Breeder's Code of Ethics that the Club is proud of. You should feel comfortable asking your breeder any questions along the way. It is good to let the breeder know how your puppy is progressing. They may well assist you and teach you anything you may want to know about your dog. The best breeders care about you and the fate of the puppy in your care. They will want you to be a happy team together. Keep an open communication with the breeder of your dog. Most breeders are a wealth of information and terrier experience. Most are happy to hear from you and help with any behavior questions you may have and extend training advice.

At one year of age, you are encouraged to register or record your terrier with the JRTCA. The registry is one of the best registries ever created for dogs. Each dog is registered on their own merit, based on a JRTCA veterinarian form specifically designed for the Jack Russell Terrier, photos, and a pedigree, ensuring that a terrier is breeding quality. Upon completion of the registration, you will receive a registration certificate and a personalized pedigree with your dog's photo. Your dog's records will remain in the JRTCA's permanent file.

A spayed or neutered terrier can be recorded very easily, without a pedigree, and can enjoy the many trials and certificate programs offered by the JRTCA. You will receive a recording certificate, and your dog's records will remain in the JRTCA's permanent file.

The JRTCA restricts inbreeding to PROTECT the soundness and future of the health of our dogs. The Club desires to PRESERVE the unique qualities and abilities of the Jack Russell. The JRTCA encourages you to WORK your terrier by giving it a job to do, whether it be companion or hunting. If not used for hunting, your terrier will still need a job (WORK). A Jack Russell puppy or adult without a "job" is not a happy Jack Russell. There are many fun things to do to use the mind and body of this energetic; loyal, fearless, humorous companion. It can be as simple as chasing or retrieving a ball, to something competitive like agility.

It is good right away to know the slogan for the JRTCA is PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND WORK THE JACK RUSSELL TERRIER. Because the Jack Russell is a hunting dog by instinct and nature you need to know a puppy will explore and be looking for things to hunt, be it a sock under the bed or a gerbil in a cage. The highest honor for a terrier is to successfully exhibit the ability to retain the instincts to successfully hunt.

The JRTCA offers many activities in the form of terrier trials. Terrier trials are listed by location and/or month at the Club


website: [www.therealjackrussell.com](http://www.therealjackrussell.com). Terrier trials are great fun for dog and owner alike, offering a variety of activities.

By talking with other owners you will soon find that JRTCA members are as outgoing as most of the dogs. We are a friendly group who love our dogs as much as you do. Terrier trials are about having fun with your dog. Competition is friendly and made for the dogs and people to enjoy. There is racing and lure coursing. Dogs have the opportunity explore a tunnel to simulate a hunt below ground. It is called a "go-to-ground." Jack Russells take to agility and some to obedience. All seem to enjoy getting a good chance to bark at each other when we gather at the JRTCA National Trial each year. It is the largest gathering of Jack Russells and their owners in the world - three days of fun packed terrier mayhem with quick paced activities to do from trailing and locating using the terrier's nose to follow a scent line to finding rat scent in hay bales set in a maze for the dog to figure out. Dogs and people get to play and enjoy the fun of all the different activities available to do in three glorious dog filled fun days! There is a delicious banquet and huge raffle each year. It is open to current members of the JRTCA and their registered or recorded Jack Russells.

One of the best perks of membership besides our unique and often admired registry and recording system is our Club magazine "TRUE GRIT." Members are encouraged to contribute articles and pictures of their dogs. Information is shared through the magazine. The articles are very interesting and educational about the qualities of being the pet of a Jack Russell Terrier. News about genetic research along with amusing stories is included. There is a light side and a chance to share the adventures of life with a Jack Russell through "TRUE GRIT." The magazine is loaded with true stories about the grit of the terrier. It is a magazine you will want to read from cover to cover when it comes out four times a year.

As a member, you will also receive periodic electronic bulletins about any current information/activities in the club.

Jack Russells are unique little dogs. They are highly intelligent, extremely active, and have extreme senses that allow them to do the earthwork they were bred for. They require special knowledge, training and handling. Learn all that you can learn about Jack Russells. Join the JRTCA and learn from their publications and many years of published knowledge and experience, as well as current issues of True Grit.

**Tear off, complete and return membership application portion of this form to receive \$10.00 of your first year of membership!** 

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**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**Dues:**

- \$45 Single Adult**
- \$50 Family** (2 adults, same address)  
*Also includes minor children under 18 years*
- \$25 Youth (10 up to 18 years)**  
*Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_*
- \$15 Family Youth (10 up to 18 years)**  
*(resident with adult member)*  
*Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_*
- Outside U.S. add \$15 —**  
**payment by credit card only**

*Adult members must be 18 years of age; youth members must be 10 years up to 18 years. Individual youth memberships offer limited club privileges, including True Grit subscription, eligibility for terrier registration and certificates; no voting privileges. A Family Youth membership does not include True Grit.*

*All memberships run yearly from January 1 to December 31 with membership fees due each year. Applications for new memberships received during the last two months of the year (November through December) will automatically be carried over to the following calendar year.*

**IMPORTANT: APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED TO BE PROCESSED**

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth Member Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(10 up to 18 years only)*

**Street:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How many dogs do you own?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of minor children:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Where did you purchase your Jack Russell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW PUPPY COUPON**  
**\$10 Off**  
**FIRST YEAR OF MEMBERSHIP**



Do you belong to any other Jack Russell Terrier organizations? Yes  No

If yes, which one(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive JRTCA E-News Bulletins? Yes  No

PLEASE ENCLOSE A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER WITH SIGNED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR COMPLETE CREDIT CARD INFORMATION BELOW.

Mastercard  Visa  Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

### DON'T FORGET TO SIGN APPLICATION!

Persons applying for membership in the JRTCA, or renewing a current membership, must not be a member of a conflicting JRT organization as defined by the JRTCA, and must not register their JRTs with any conflicting organization or any all-breed kennel club. Conflicting organizations include any organization promoting kennel club recognition/registration of the JRT. In accordance with the Bylaws and regulations of the JRTCA, membership may be terminated, suspended or refused by the JRTCA Board of Directors for any conduct which may be considered likely to prejudice or damage the image of or interfere with the efficient running of the Club, or compromise the breed in any way.

I hereby apply for membership in the JRTCA as indicated above. I agree to abide by the objectives and purposes stated in the JRTCA Constitution and Bylaws, JRTCA rules and operational policies, and the JRTCA Breeders Code of Ethics. I certify that I do not belong to a conflicting JRT organization, nor do I register my Jack Russell Terriers with any all-breed kennel club or conflicting registry. Furthermore, by my signature on this application, I hereby agree that all terms of the Membership Application and any disputes which may arise by and between the JRTCA and me shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and the rights of the parties shall be governed by, the laws of the State of Maryland, as if all parties have signed in the state of Maryland. Furthermore, I consent to the jurisdiction of, and agree that the sole venue which is proper for the resolutions of any and all disputes between the JRTCA and me is the Circuit Court for Baltimore County in the State of Maryland.

Next to signature, if applying for joint or family membership, please print the names of both members or "one adult only". One adult signature will indicate all adults and family members living at the same address agree to the terms and conditions above.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

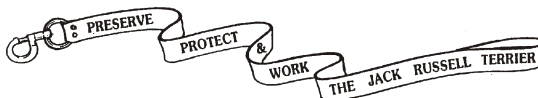
\*Membership Fees are Non-Refundable.\*

Follow these basic steps to help your puppy to be all that they can be.

**Obedience Training and socialization:** Take your pup for long walks, to friendly feed stores, to the park or other safe outings. Avoid strange dogs that might not be friendly or properly vaccinated. Teaching your pup basic obedience can save its life. Remember that Jack Russells can be aggressive with other dogs, so always keep them leashed. They will also follow their nose, often to abandonment, after a squirrel, mouse, or anything that moves so control is very important!! Jack Russells are very intelligent, and firm but gentle training is very important.... They need to know you are in charge, otherwise they will very quickly be in charge!

**Crate/Potty Training:** A crate provides your puppy with a place of their own where they feel safe. It protects them when you are not at home or when you have visitors. It is recommended you feed the pup in his crate and give him treats there as well. This will establish the crate as a good place to be. It will also assist in potty training; if you take the pup outdoors to potty immediately after removing from the crate, and/or feeding in the crate, they will quickly get the idea. However, remember - "You should not use the crate for periods that exceed the length of time the pet can actually control the urge to urinate or defecate. If you are gone for long periods each day, you will need to provide a larger confinement area. You may want to consider using an exercise pen or small room. Provide an area large enough so that if your puppy has to potty when you are gone, he can do it in a space that is separate from his sleeping area. A 15- to 30-square foot area is adequate for most puppies. If he chooses a specific place to eliminate, cover it with paper to make cleanup easier." (1)

**Vaccinations:** Your puppy's vaccinations should be complete prior to being taken into public places. One or two shots do not constitute completion....ask your vet when it is safe to take them into public areas. It is usually best to wait until they are at least three months of age and full vaccinated.



**Feeding:** Always feed premium dog food. The better the food, the healthier your terrier will be over its lifetime. Read the ingredient label...the first five ingredients are the most important. Be careful not to overfeed or over-treat. A terrier's weight should be 1 lb. per inch of height. JRTs are experts at begging and this little habit will cause the dog to get fat.

**Secure fencing:** Secure fencing is probably the most important thing you can do for your Jack Russell Terrier. They are such keen little dogs, and so smart, that they will want to follow their noses to explore and chase anything that moves (or sometimes doesn't!). Jack Russells can be escape artists, and are very capable of squeezing through a 2 1/2" wide opening, so be sure that gates and bottom of fences and secured areas are tight. They will dig. If you see a hole starting you can fill it with poop and cover it with dirt. Usually they will not dig in that same place. Check the yard often for signs of digging.

**Children:** Although JRT's generally love children, it is not recommended that you leave your puppy alone with a child. They are not recommended for children under the age of seven, as they will not tolerate abuse, even unintentional abuse given by a small child. Always be vigilant. They will be a wonderful companion for your child if your child is properly taught how to handle a terrier.

Should you have to relinquish your terrier for any reason, please contact your breeder. The JRTCA Breeder's Code of Ethics requires that a breeder should take back any pup they have produced for that dog's lifetime. You can read the BCE at <http://www.therealjackrussell.com>

(1.) From Iams' Potty Training Puppy information <http://tinyurl.com/yeowl2r>

To learn more about the Jack Russell Terrier contact:

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