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dog breed guide...

Parsons Jack Russell Terrier

This is a lively breed and was developed for active work and still to this day is used to help hunt foxes and catch vermin. Despite its working nature it still makes for a fantastic pet, especially if you are always on the go. You can take him out jogging with you, up to the yard and in the local pub. The Jack Russell has an abundance of energy so be sure to give him plenty of exercise and play time. There are two types of coat: smooth and rough. Smooth coated Jack Russell's only needs to be brushed once a week, whereas the rough coated needs hand stripping or trimming every four to five months as well as being brushed once a week.

Temperament

The Jack Russell is very intelligent and trainable. These two attributes contribute to making this dog a good hard worker for his master and also a good family pet. They don't tend to be aggressive to other dogs, however, as with a number of other breeds they will stand their ground against other dogs if needs be. Another side to this breed is that it has incredible stamina, which in turn helps to make it a very successful working dog. Taking this into account, if you are considering getting a Jack Russell make sure you are able to give it plenty of exercise and this dog has been described as, 'ideal for the dynamic country family.'

Size and Coat

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Life Expectancy

13-15 years