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Fact Sheet: Jack Russell Terrier

Dog type: terrier

History:

- Jack Russell Terriers were bred as hunting dogs in the south of England in the early 1800s.
- They worked with huntsmen and their foxhounds.
- They were trained to find foxes and drive them out of their dens.

Do you know...?

- The Jack Russell Terrier gets its name from a Devonshire vicar, the Reverend John Russell who bred the terriers in Devonshire, England in the mid-to-late 1800's. John Russell was known locally as Parson or Reverend Jack.
- John Russell bred the Jack Russell Terrier from a little terrier called 'Trump' that he bought from a milkman in Exeter.
- Jack Russells were mostly white so they could be seen easily during the hunt.

Jack Russells as pets:

- Bold, happy and lively.
- Need regular exercise.
- Naturally chase after things – keep them on a lead when out.