

# ARE JACK RUSSELLS EASY TO TRAIN?

## — WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW —

Jack Russells are bright and eager, making them easier to train than some other breeds. They learn quickly but might not follow through on commands if they are distracted or not in the mood. Repetition, a good amount of exercise, and companionship are key.

### HOUSETRAINING

Many trainers highly recommend crate training because it gives your Jack Russell a specific place to call her own. If you have gotten your Jack Russell familiar enough with her crate, it's unlikely she will want to soil it. Use her crate as a tool as you teach her to go the bathroom elsewhere.

### AGGRESSION

Most of the aggressive behaviors in Jack Russells can be solved through an appropriate amount of exercise and play. Aggression happens more frequently when Jack Russells feel anxious or bored or have a lot of pent-up energy. Be consistent about their exercise, and you'll see less aggression.

### DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIORS

Don't just leave your Jack Russell puppy un-crated and home alone for 8 hours and expect him to sit still on the couch all day.

Exercise him before you leave for work in the morning, so he is already worn out as he waits for you to come home. Being proactive will prevent many frustrations later on.

### PLAYING

While it's easy to focus on the behaviors you don't want your Jack Russell to do, it's also essential to focus on the behaviors you do want. Keeping the fun alive in training your Jack Russell is just as important as eliminating the problematic behaviors.



### TRAINING YOUR JACK RUSSELL

There are a few things almost all dog trainers can agree on, especially with Jack Russells:

- They must learn to go to the bathroom in a specific place.
- They must not be overly aggressive to their owners, other people, or pets.
- They must not engage in destructive behaviors that harm their home.
- They will thrive off of consistency.
- They need to know who is boss.