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Jack Russell Terriers have been around for over a hundred years, but the breed has only been officially recognised recently when Australia recognised the breed in 1991. The breed takes its name from one of England's hunting parsons, the Reverend John (or Jack, as he was known locally) Russell from Devon, who established the breed in the early 19th century. (read more over page...)



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Being a keen fox hunter, the Reverend needed an agile dog with plenty of spirit that could keep up with hounds and have the courage to face up to its quarry underground. When not pursuing foxes, Jack Russell's were used as exterminators of vermin, such as badgers and rats.

This breed has 3 distinct coat types: Ruff, Broken, and Smooth. All coat types are predominately white-based colour with black and/or tan markings.

The "Ruff" is a true terrier-type coat with a harsh texture guard hair that's weatherproof with softer undercoat. This coat type includes a facial beard, brows, and leg furnishings. This is a hand-stripped coat.

The "Broken" is a terrier-type coat of weatherproof harsh texture and the same softer undercoat. However, the degree of the facial beard, brow, and leg furnishing is significantly reduced or sparse. This coat is also hand stripped/tidied but to a lesser degree.

The "Smooth" is a double coat with the outer guard coat is crisp due to a tight weatherproof shorter coat (not harsh like a ruff) with a tight soft undercoat.

With ruff and broken coat type use on the face, beard and brows, **Plush Puppy Let's Face It Shampoo**. This is a hypoallergenic sulfate-free low foaming shampoo designed for faces. It is a nil fragrance, no tear formula with the highest quality Blue Cypress Extracts, Panthenol with Pro-Vitamin B and SugaNate. These special ingredients clean, soothe, add moisture, aids healing, and has anti-inflammatory benefits. A small golf ball-sized amounts directly to the face and eye area allows you to thoroughly clean without causing irritation. Can be used in and around ears also with the same benefits. Its low foaming design allows easy rinsing yet complete cleaning. Can be used on smooths too.

When preparing any of the coat types it's important to consider 2 important things. 1. the predominantly white base colour and 2. Coat texture.

All coat types should use **Plush Puppy Herbal Whitening Shampoo** to tone the white base colour. Use at 1 part shampoo to between 5 up to 10 parts water. The less dilution (1:5) the stronger the whitening effect. Dilute in a mixing bottle and apply to a wet coat. Lather and then rinse. This reduces the warm/red/yellow tones.



For those extra dirty coats use **Plush Puppy Deep Cleansing Shampoo** first shampoo. This is brilliant for more intense cleansing or to remove any unwanted build-up of products at 1:5.

For those that require extra whitening to feet, legs, etc use **Plush Puppy Wonder Blok**.

This product helps to maintain a white stain-free coat. It is not a bleach and contains no harmful chemicals, but

high amounts of naturally sourced vegetable surfactants and glycerin. This product is designed to gently remove unwanted warm/red tones to the coat. Best used on a damp/wet coat. Gently rub into the areas required to allow time (5-10 minutes) and rinse. For maximum effects repeat or allow a longer time for this amazing product to work. As with all products take care around eyes. For maximum effect try applying the day prior to bath day. Apply and simply leave on until the next day bathing.

For Ruff and Brokens use **Plush Puppy Texture + Shampoo** - another product that can be used after the whitening shampoo. Formulated to retain and improve coat texture. Recommended to thoroughly yet gently cleanse and deodorise the coat of Terriers with harsh or coarse coat without softening or compromising texture. It is ideal for boosting body and coarseness in coats. Formulated to be pH controlled, creates/ maintains texture, easy to rinse out and low irritant with a subtle apple fragrance. Use undiluted directly to areas or apply 1:10. Rinse thoroughly. This can also be used on smooth coat types as it will reduce the "fluffiness" and leave the coat tighter and flatter.

Do not use a conditioner. This will increase softness and not what these coats need. If you feel the coat needs hydration, use **Plush Puppy Seabreeze Oil** ½ to 1 teaspoon to a 2L (1/2 gallon) of water (depending on the individual dog and coat stage), apply liberally and work through the coat and leave in.



This is a water-soluble oil and is not greasy – it just adds all the goodness of Evening Primrose Oil, Calendula Oil, etc that sometimes is required to bring the coat up to a healthy vigour for the discerning show person.

For furnishings care use **Plush Puppy Reviva Coat** mid-week on the legs, face to protect. This is a great moisturiser to use without overly softening the coat. Hard to find things that will do just that. It is the perfect product for after-show bathing out of the furnishings to protect and moisturise.

Adding more texture **Plush Puppy Powder Puff Terrier**. It does clean and it does deodorise, and it does leave the coat like barbed wire. You will have texture like no harsh texture you have ever seen before. It has a faint odour of mandarin and ginger without being flowery or artificial or obvious and is applied by sprinkling onto the coat or applied with a brush or hands and worked in well. It's that easy. Just keep brushing or better still, blow dry to remove excess and you will have a clean dog with an amazing coat. Perfect for use before assisting in hand stripping and carding.

On show day apply **Plush Puppy Cover Up Cream** is a great cover for stains or discolouration. Excellent on "red" area on worn elbows and to the white on the muzzle. When you really need to cover stains your whites or intensify white areas. Apply with a barely damp sponge using a small amount. Build up coverage as required layer by layer. Add a tiny bit of **Plush Puppy Chalkestral** with your fingertips to the legs and face prior to applying the white powder or chalk as required whilst cream is drying. Brush off the excess when dry. You need something to help grip and to protect the coat from abrasion. Best of all is **Plush Puppy Fairy Frost**, an innovative approach to the usual methods of white chalking/adding powder to coats. Clings well and doesn't clump, it's fine and easy to use. Adds a crisp white tone and cover to all coats without creating harshness. The whitest, brightest powder around and clings – all day. Naturally sourced – no chalk or talc. Use instead of chalk. Can mix with your usual white powder. Best for glamorous perfect whites. Never gets clumpy, even when wet. Apply with the **Plush Puppy Ultimate Powder Application Brush**. Work well into the area where required for enhancing whites and cover.

Plush Puppy Wonder Wash for "those show day" last-minute emergencies too as this will clean up the whites, pronto. Just spray the area needed and work in with your fingers and towel off.

For those that require some extra hold use **Plush Puppy HOLD** is a strong sculpting spray scientifically formulated for shaping all types of coats on Show Dogs. The quick-drying formulation will not become sticky and will not build up. HOLD can be removed with ease by simply shampooing the coat. Contains Pro-Vitamin B5 to improve elasticity, moisture retention, and flexibility in their coat hair. We recommend using and storing at normal room temperature for a perfect mist spray. Optimum spray distance is approximately 30cm (12 inches).

For coats that are experiencing static try the **Plush Puppy Anti Static Coat Control**. This is an extremely performant spray that controls static electricity. It also adds to the protection, strength; and perfect finished look of the coat. Added benefits include a UV filter to stop sun damage and protect against heat. As it is lightweight in formulation, it will not go oily or cause hairs to stick together, nor will it soften strong texture coats.

The Jack Russell is a true working terrier, their coat and the protection it provides allows them to do what they are bred for. This must be both considered and respected in the preparation for the ring. Judges are educated to understand the coat and the desired texture. It is a dog show and best you impress the judges in your 2 minutes of fame.

An amazing breed that shines in the show rings worldwide when correctly prepared.

