

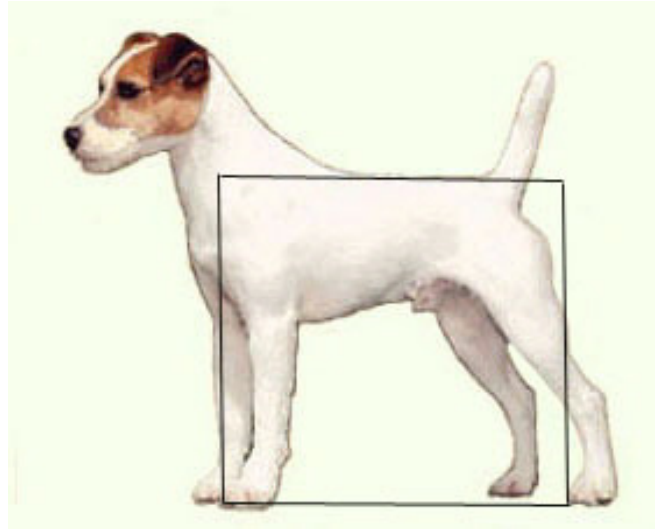
Understanding the Parson Russell Terrier, the Jack Russell Terrier and the Russell Terrier

Over the last several years the general public, as well as the members of the canine sporting community have been totally confused and perplexed with the multitude of names and name changes, all referring to the same breed of dog. Compounding the difficulty has been the recognition of the new Russell Terrier in both of the major American registries. This brief explanation of the different breeds will hopefully clarify some of the confusion involved in an attempt to assist interested parties with understanding the differences in the names and the breeds of these two terriers.

Russell Terrier



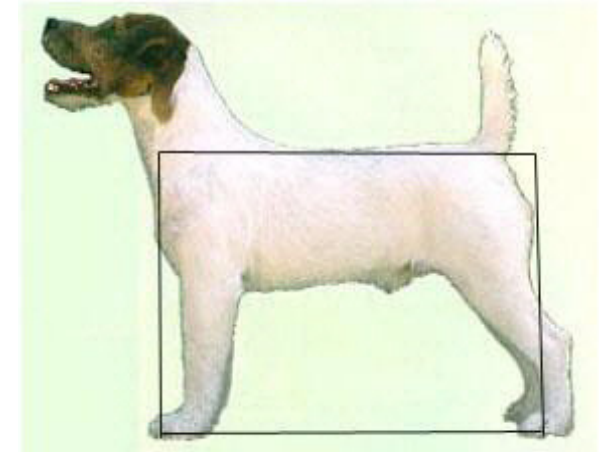
Parson Russell Terrier



The AKC Parson Russell Terrier

In the 1990's a group calling themselves the Breeders Association, formed within the Jack Russell Terrier Club of America (JRTCA), an independent registry for the Jack Russell Terrier. Over time they became themselves another independent Registry for their style of Jack Russell Terrier. In 2000, they achieved AKC recognition as Jack Russell Terriers. In 2003 the name was changed to Parson Russell Terrier. This move was to define the breed type as the Parson Type, the long legged style of the Terrier, making the breed distinctly separate from the shorter more rectangular bodied type of dog. Registries around the world had always recognized the Jack Russell Terrier as the "longer and lower" style of dog and the longer legged version was known worldwide as the Parson "Type" Russell Terrier. The AKC Breed Standard recognizes a square body type or proportion measuring between 12"-15".

Russell Terrier



The AKC FSS Russell Terrier

In 1995, the American Russell Terrier Club formed the first domestic registry exclusively for the Russell Terrier. And it was the ARTC who ushered the breed to AKC recognition. In 2005, the shorter and longer bodied fox working terrier, was officially admitted into AKC FSS. Historically, although bred from similar bloodlines of the Parson type, enthusiasts infused very dissimilar strains of blood to develop a smaller version of fox working terrier that could be more easily transported in terrier bags and work in smaller earthen dens in more rugged terrain. Australia has been designated the country of development for this breed. The AKC Russell Terrier being slightly longer than tall, has a rectangular appearance with legs 50% of overall height. Russell Terriers are from 10 to 12 inches tall.