

He is the star of books, movies, and TV shows. Maybe you know him from the film *The Mask*, with Jim Carrey. Perhaps you know him from the TV show *Frasier*, or maybe you saw him in the film *My Dog Skip*. He is full of energy and [1]



_____, and many people think he has a great [2] _____ of humor.

He (or she) is the Jack Russell terrier. A terrier is short-bodied dog, originally [3] _____ for hunting. "Terrier" comes from the Latin word meaning "of earth." For example, foxes live in [4] _____ in the earth. And these dogs learned to hunt foxes and animals living below ground.

A Jack Russell terrier is [5] _____ by its white coat and brown spots. The first Jack Russell terrier was [6] _____ by John "Jack" Russell. He was a church minister who enjoyed hunting and [7] _____ dogs. A dog breeder mates animals so that they produce specific [8] _____ and traits.

The tradition behind the Jack Russell terrier is this. Mr. Russell saw a white terrier with brown spots over her eyes, ears, and on the [9] _____ of her tail. The dog's name was Trump, and it belonged to a milkman. Mr. Russell bought the dog, and he [10] _____ it. From this dog came a [11] _____ of dogs called Jack Russell terriers.

Obviously, Trump produced babies with white [12] _____ and brown spots. Mr. Russell [13] _____ his dogs for these color traits. But he also [14] _____ his terriers for other traits, too. Jack Russell terriers are [15] _____ to be high energy dogs. They need a lot of exercise and activity. They also [16] _____ to be intelligent, athletic, [17] _____, and vocal. These traits are important for hunting. They also can be very [18] _____ traits for dog owners and trainers.

Most dog lovers can [19] _____ a Jack Russell terrier. But they probably do not know who John "Jack" Russell was. He lived from December 21, 1795 to April 28, 1883. Like all breeders of his day, he relied on a basic knowledge of dog [20] _____ and dog health. And so he was able to breed a dog for a clear purpose. He also created one of the most famous dog breeds in the world, the Jack Russell terrier.



THINK ABOUT IT

1. Which word means "when animals produce young animals." (A) reliable, (B) qualities, (C) breeding, (D) hunting.
2. In this story, the word "vocal" means (A) energetic, (B) athletic, (C) productive, (D) noisy. What does the word "vocal" usually mean?

WORD FOCUS: LIST NEW OR HARD WORDS

verbal

He's a *** person. He talks a lot.