



# DEN TALK

Oct 1, 2007

## UPCOMING PLAYDAYS

September 29  
10am-2pm Erwin Park, McKinney, Texas

November 24  
10am - 2pm Erwin Park, McKinney Texas

### SWJRTN Trial

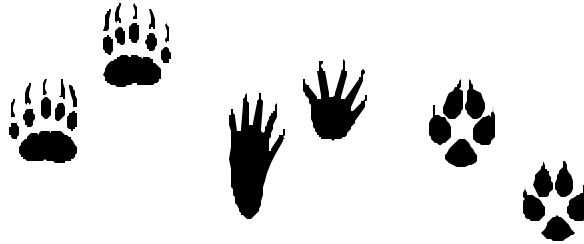
Trial Chairs: Mitzi Day and Kay Ritter  
November 3 & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Hopkins Civic Center, Sulphur Springs, Texas  
Conformation judges:  
Thelma Loomes and Sandhi Rogerson  
GTG: Jerry Stoecklien and Becky Whaley  
Racing: David Day

### GCJRTN Trial

Trial Chairs: Robyn Reed and Rick Wright  
March 2 & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Grimes County Fair grounds, Navasota Texas  
Conformation Judges:  
Terri Batzer and Catherine Brown  
GTG & Racing: Lupe and Angela Saldivar

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Letter from the President,

Greetings everyone. Hope you've enjoyed your summer. Hunting season is upon us. We have several great working judges in Texas; please contact them and get your terrier out in the field.

Jack Russell Terriers are used to hunt groundhogs, fox, raccoon and badger. See if you can identify the tracks above. Answers below.  
Terriers usually are used to locate dens, sets of the quarry they are hunting. Terriermen and women will use locator collars on their terriers, so when a terrier enters the earth they can be located and dug to. Deben Locator collars are one type of collar that are used. You may purchase these from the JRTCA store [www.terrier.com](http://www.terrier.com) or from Deben Industries [www.deben.com](http://www.deben.com). Please learn more about hunting from our Texas working judges.

The fall trial planning is underway. Mitzi and Kay have some new exciting trophies that I'm sure everyone will enjoy winning. Our fall trial is in Sulphur Springs the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of November. The trial flyer is up on our club's website. If you don't have access to the Internet, contact me (972-734-3799) and I'll send you a trial flyer. The judges for the November trial are: conformation will be Sandhi Rogerson and Thelma Loomes. GTG judges are Jerry Stoecklien and Becky Whaley. Racing will be judged by David Day.

Spring trial plans are not far out. The trial Administrators will be Ed Seifert and me. Mitzi will be the trial secretary. We have named one conformation judge, Ms Gaye Redpath.

Volunteers are needed for trials and playdays; please contact Mitzi, Kay or me and get involved.

SWJRTN and JRTCA 2008 Memberships are due. Please visit the SWJRTN website and send your completed application to Linda Lujan.

Happy Hunting,  
Debbie West

Answers: Badger, Raccoon, Fox

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**SWJRTN November Trial News****AUCTION & RAFFLE**

**ATTENTION ALL KIDS – We need your help at the November trials in Sulphur Springs!! This is your opportunity to earn great prizes while raising money for Russell Rescue and your SWJRTN Club.**

We are looking for enthusiastic kids to help sell raffle tickets at the November trials in Sulphur Springs. For every \$100 worth of tickets that you sell, you will earn 5 free tickets to use in the raffle. The kid who sells the most tickets will earn a gift certificate to Old Navy Clothing store! To volunteer, just go to the raffle table at the trials on Saturday morning and check in with Sandi Galloway.

**ATTENTION ALL ADULTS – We need your help in obtaining donations for our raffle and silent auction at the November trials in Sulphur Springs!!**

As you know, this has been a bit of a rough year for Russell Rescue. So many dogs, not enough homes or money to pay vet bills. Our club has also had some challenges with worn out equipment. We need your donations. This fall, we will hold a regular raffle plus a silent auction for larger items. All money raised will go to help Russell Rescue, Russell Research and your SWJRTN club. If you have donation items please bring them to the raffle table at the trial before 10am on Saturday morning. We also need volunteers to help working the table! If you have any questions, please call Sandi Galloway at 940/321-9065.

**ADOPT A SOLDIER NOW**

Now more than ever they need your support. Whether you are one person, a group, an organization or an institution, show our military your gratitude by donating items for care packages, letters, pictures, etc.

Possible care package items you can include are: non-perishable snacks, cookies, raisins or dried fruit, granola bars, nuts, handy wipes, lip balm, disposable cameras, batteries, phone cards, sunscreen, all types of reading material, crosswords, stationery and postcards.

Contact Priscilla David with your questions at [rafterj7ranch@verizon.net](mailto:rafterj7ranch@verizon.net)

**See the letters from soldiers in this newsletter.**

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**Other Affiliated Texas Club News**

Gulf Coast Jack Russell Terrier Club Texas Two Step IV & V will be held March 1 & 2, 2008, at the Grimes County Fair Grounds in Navasota. The Conformation judges will be Terri Batzer and Catherine Brown. GTG and racing judges are Lupe and Angela Saldivar. Get up to date information at [www.gcjrtt.onefireplace.com](http://www.gcjrtt.onefireplace.com)

Sooner State Jack Russell Terrier Network will have their 2008 trial over Memorial Weekend May 24 & 25. Judges are not confirmed; please check their website for more up to date information.  
[www.soonerjrtt.com](http://www.soonerjrtt.com)

Piney Woods Jack Russell Terrier Club will host their 2008 trial on Jan 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>. Conformation judge will be Nancy Breakstone and all other judges are pending.  
Contact Jim Gibbs for additional information  
[jgibbsdvm@aol.com](mailto:jgibbsdvm@aol.com)



## SOUTHWEST JACK RUSSELL TERRIER NETWORK

(Established 1988)

www.swjrtn.com

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Dues: (select one)

- \$20 Single Adult       \$30 Family (2 adults, same address)       \$200 Lifetime Membership (per person)
- \$15 Youth Membership (ages 10-18)

**Adult members must be at least 18. Children re included in family membership, but do not have voting privileges. Youth memberships do not have voting privileges. All memberships must be renewed annually by December 31 of the previous year. Applications for new membership received during the last three months of the year, October through December, will automatically be renewed for the following year.**

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

Application must be signed and include a check made payable to S.W.J.R.T.N.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Check One:** NEW MEMBER       RENEWAL       Change of Address

Breeder: NO       YES       If YES, Kennel Name registered with JRTCA: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ How many Jacks Russell's do you own? \_\_\_\_\_

From whom did you purchase your JRT? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own other working terriers? \_\_\_\_\_ How many other dogs do you own? \_\_\_\_\_

**DO YOU BELONG TO ANY OTHER JRT ORGANIZATIONS?**      NO       YES

**IF YES, ORGANIZATION NAME(S)** \_\_\_\_\_

Persons applying for membership in the SWJRTN, or renewing a current membership, and members of their immediate family, shall now be a member of a conflicting JRT organization or any kennel club (i.e. JKC, States Kennel Club, AKC, etc.). Conflicting organizations include any organization promoting kennel club recognition/registration of the JRT, (i.e., JRT Breeders Association (JRTBA) or Parson JRT Club of England).

I hereby apply for membership in the Southwest Jack Russell Terrier Network. I agree to abide by the objectives and purposes stated in the SWJRTN constitution and certify that I do not belong to a conflicting JRT organization, nor do I register my terriers with any kennel club.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please returned signed application and check to:      Linda Lujan, Treasurer  
4917 Ellensburg Dr.  
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### Spanning the Jack Russell Terrier

The chest is the determining factor as to whether a terrier may follow its intended quarry underground. Too large and the terrier is of little use for underground work. You may think the fox is a large animal and it may appear so. However, the bone structure of the fox is finer than that of a terrier, plus it has a loose-fitting pelt, which lends itself to flexibility. You may not wish to work your terrier. However, there is a standard to be attained, and span ability is a must in the Jack Russell Terrier.

How to span? With variations of hand sizes, a more precise statement of average hand span is required. The way to explain this is to take a round object of four and a half inch diameter, place your two thumbs and index fingers together forming a circle - this is your span.

Some people will not be able to cover the distance, and others may have an overlap. When spanning, bear in mind their +or - factor and be able to gauge the four and a half inch diameter. Four and a half inches is approximately 14 inches circumference. The average terrier's chest size is 12 inches to 14 inches. Their height will look and be balanced, allowing heart and lung room, with the flexibility to follow its quarry underground.

The shape of the chest should not be round (barrel-chested), but rather the shape of an egg in profile, large end uppermost, allowing free movement of the forelegs. Terriers with too large of a chest will put out the elbows causing poor movement.

Where do you span a Jack Russell Terrier? The terrier must know it's going to be handled. Don't grab or suddenly place your hands on a terrier. The terrier must be on the ground, with the forelegs off the floor. Place your hands in a direct line down around the chest directly behind the elbows.

Submitted by Cson Johnson

### Treasurer's report

The club's current balance as of September 2007 is \$6,666.91

November judges' airfares, ribbons and some trophies have already been reduced from our account.

### Conformation News

#### The Southwest Jack Russell Terrier Network Needs Your Help

As our Fall trial approaches we are in need of volunteers to make sure everything runs smoothly. Being a volunteer is a great way to get to know people better and learn more about how trials work. There are different areas and times that help is needed, even just 30 minutes of your time is greatly appreciated. We set up things on Friday afternoon and take everything down after we are finished on Sunday. If you will be busy with your dogs during the trial please consider helping out before or after the trial.

Here is a list by date and area that need some help, if you see a time and spot that will work for you contact Mitzi Day, Kay Ritter or Debbie West. We will also have some sign up sheets at our playday September 29, 2007.

#### Friday:

- o We need help setting up all areas of the trial: Racing, GTG and Conformation. Set up will start around 2pm.

#### Saturday:

- o Racing will need catchers and lure runners.
- o Go to Ground needs 2 scribes to work in 2 hour shifts while GTG is open.

#### Sunday:

- o Racing and Go to Ground needs help in the same areas
- o We will need help taking down each event as well as clean up

Thanks to all of our club members for all the help you have given in the past and all the help you will give in the future. Without our Board of directors, trial committees and great membership none of this would be possible. The best way to feel at home in any club is to get involved. I have been a member of the SWRJTN since 2002 and enjoy it more and more every year!

Janel Vincent  
Conformation Chair

### Soldier Letters

Dear Priscilla,

Hi, how are you? I hope that you are doing great & everything is wonderful in your neck of the woods. Thank you so so much for the AWESOME care package that you sent!! Everything is so great, thank you so much for everything Priscilla!! I really love the anysoldier.com website, it is such a terrific website and I am so appreciative of the people who run it!!

Well, things here in Afghanistan are going okay for now. Spring is here & so we are expecting more action coming soon since the weather is nicer now. It is getting to be so hot and the sun is always in full force. I am a redhead with fair skin & freckles so I definitely have to apply sunscreen often with my job. My platoon stays busy each and everyday with a lot of different missions and when we don't have a mission we have to work on our HMWWVs because something is always wrong with them!!

The culture here in Afghanistan is totally different than anyplace in the States too. It is hard for me to understand how the women in this country can be treated so badly and how they are completely segregated from the men & boys. The women (and girls 16 yr. & up) wear veil like covers called "burkas" and I just can't even imagine having to cover myself up all the time so that no one would see my face. The Afghan men are totally shocked when they see female soldiers & I love it because it just emphasizes to them how great America is and how wonderful our freedom is to us.

The FOB (Forward Operating Base) I stay on is surrounded by gorgeous mountains. Some of them are still snow-capped and some are alive & kicking with a bit of vegetation. The people in this country are trying to make it better by building roads and other things but they still have a long way to go. I am part of the PRT team here in Asadabad and we help the Afghan people improve their own way of life. Right now they are very dependent on us but we hope as the years go by that that changes. This place isn't too bad and I am very proud of what all the troops are doing to help this country. I am proud to be one of the many soldiers helping this country to hopefully make a strong come back in the future. Well Priscilla, I am going to close this letter for now but I will write again soon!! Thank you so much for your support and the absolutely terrific care package that you sent!! Thank you!! Take care, God bless and I look forward to hearing from you again!!

Your friend, Stephanie

2nd letter from Stephanie McTague

Dear Priscilla,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for the incredible care packages that you sent to soldiers in my PLT!! Everything you sent is wonderful, thank you for all the terrific goodies Priscilla!! My PLT & I truly appreciate your support and everything you do for troops all over the world!! You are absolutely SPECTACULAR Priscilla!! Thank you so much for everything! My PLT was ecstatic to see all the great things you sent!! Take care & God bless!!  
Your friend, Stephanie

Card from SSG Tamara Williams

Mr. & Mrs. David,

I wanted to send a note of thanks! Thank you all for the wonderful toiletries, goodies and love that you put into the care packages. The soldiers enjoyed it a great deal! Thank you again, and God bless you!  
A grateful soldier,  
Tamara

The soldiers that we send care packages to don't always have time to write a response. The cards & letters that I have received are precious to me & I am so happy to share them. I carry them in my purse at all times, just in case I find someone that wants to see them.

Please remember that I will have all necessary information with me at trials for anyone interested in sending their own care package. It is an awesome feeling that I get every time I walk up to the counter at my post office & mail another package.

These are OUR people, in other countries, putting themselves in danger for a cause. We owe them something. This is such a small something that we can all participate in. It matters not whether you believe this war is right or not. It matters that we let our troops know that we care about THEM.

AnySoldier.com is the most awesome website you will ever visit. Please visit.

Priscilla David



### Researchers Seek Gene Mutation Causing Primary Lens Luxation

Researchers at the University of Cambridge Veterinary School and the Animal Health Trust are working to identify the gene mutation that causes primary lens luxation (PLL), an inherited eye disease found in many terrier breeds. Ultimately, they hope to develop a direct DNA diagnostic test that will help breeders identify affected and carrier dogs.

PLL is an autosomal recessive trait, which means affected offspring must inherit one copy of the mutated gene from each parent. If not treated promptly, the disease could cause severe pain, secondary glaucoma and even blindness. Currently there is no test for the disease before clinical onset, and thus no way of knowing whether a young dog will develop PLL or whether animals that appear normal carry the disease gene.

According to researcher David Sargan, M.A., Ph.D., at the University of Cambridge, the terrier breeds most affected by the disease in the United Kingdom are Ormskirk Terriers (Lancashire Heelers), Miniature Bull Terriers and Parson (Jack) Russell Terriers. Fifteen percent of Ormskirk Terriers, a herding dog bred from the Manchester Terrier and Welsh Corgi, are affected with PLL.

Less affected breeds are Tibetan Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Patterdale (Fell) Terriers, and both Smooth and Wire Fox Terriers. The disease has also been reported in the Bedlington Terrier, Manchester Terrier, Scottish Terrier, West Highland White Terrier, Border Collie, Brittany, German Shepherd Dog, Pembroke Welsh Corgi, Australian Cattle Dog, Norwegian Elkhound, Chinese Crested Dog, and Chinese Shar-Pei.

Understanding PLL involves understanding the anatomy of the eye. Located behind the iris and pupil in the front of the eye, the lens looks like a small glass marble. It is a flexible, transparent structure made up of many layers and surrounded by a clear, watery fluid. This fluid, called the aqueous body, is responsible for maintaining normal eye pressure, or intraocular pressure.

The main function of the lens is to focus light rays on the retina, located at the back of the eye, Sargan explains. This is where visual images are formed and sent to the brain. The vitreous body fills the back of the eyeball behind the lens. Like the aqueous body, it contains a clear, watery fluid, covering the retina.

#### When Luxation Occurs

The lens is held in place by tiny fibers called suspensory ligaments, or zonules.

When primary lens luxation occurs, these ligaments become loose. Either a partial dislocation, or subluxation, of the lens occurs, or the ligaments become totally detached, causing a complete dislocation, or luxation.

In both types, the lens could be displaced forward into the aqueous body of the eye, called anterior luxation, or backward into the vitreous body, called posterior luxation. Though it is believed to be an inherited condition, lens luxation could also occur secondary to other eye problems including inflammation, cataracts, glaucoma, cancer and trauma, Sargan says. It is important to determine which disease came first to ensure proper treatment.

In most cases of primary lens luxation, the lens displaces into the smaller anterior eye chamber, he explains. This produces acute signs and frequently is accompanied by glaucoma and corneal edema, or an abnormal accumulation of fluid in the cornea. Glaucoma, caused by the build up of intraocular pressure from the displaced lens into the aqueous body, could damage the optic nerve and lead to blindness if not treated promptly.

A complete anterior luxation is considered a medical emergency. The dog experiences intense pain and may paw at the affected eye or rub his head on the ground. Tearing, squinting, excessive blinking and obvious visual impairment may also be evident, and the dog's eyes may appear asymmetrical or cloudy.

"Full luxations are usually quite evident to owners," Sargan says. "If your dog is suffering from discomfort or his eyes become reddened or milky in appearance, take him to the veterinarian as soon as possible. If the eyesight is to be saved, you must act quickly."

If secondary glaucoma is not yet severe and the luxation is recent, the prospect for saving vision is increased. However, a veterinary ophthalmologist should surgically remove the lens as soon as possible, Sargan says. If the surgery was successful, the dog should have some vision. Although not able to bring objects into proper focus, dogs are able to adapt fairly well by relying more on their other senses, he says.

The chances of saving vision are reduced if the lens has been luxated for a long period of time or if glaucoma has been present for longer than 72 hours. In this case enucleation, or removal, of the eye is recommended. Removing the lens alone will not improve the pain. Some owners may elect to replace the contents of the removed eye with a prosthetic silicon ball.

To help watch for signs of PLL, owners of at-risk breeds should be sure

**Researchers Seek Gene Mutation Causing  
Primary Lens Luxation continued**

their dog has a thorough eye examination at his annual veterinary evaluation. A veterinary ophthalmologist should be consulted for a more thorough examination. Often in the early stages of the disease as the ligaments start to weaken, the lens becomes partially detached, or subluxated, and begins to wobble. An ophthalmologist can detect early signs of disease using specialized equipment. It also may be helpful to have a veterinary ophthalmologist familiar with your dog in case of a future emergency.

Unfortunately, in most cases, when one eye luxates completely the other one usually follows, within weeks to a couple years, Sargan says. Owners must monitor their dogs closely, and preventive lens removal of the second eye is often recommended.

Mapping the PLL Gene Sargan and his colleague, Cathryn Mellersh, Ph.D., of the Animal Health Trust, began mapping the PLL gene mutation in October 2005. In their work, they are comparing large numbers of DNA sequences from dogs affected with PLL to a control group of dogs not affected but with similar characteristics. They have exclusively used DNA samples from dogs in the United Kingdom; however, they are now seeking samples from dogs in the United States to increase diversity. Their research is sponsored by the United Kingdom Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation Fund and the AKC Canine Health Foundation, which includes funding from Purina and the American Kennel Club.

Their goal is to find the position of the mutation causing the trait. "In our study, we used about 430 markers across the whole of the genome and initially about 80 dogs of two breeds, the Miniature Bull Terrier and the Ormskirk Terrier," Sargan explains. "We now know that the mutation lies within a short interval comprising less than 0.1 percent of the genome.

"However, we are still not in a position to confine our studies to a single gene. If our samples are less related or come from additional breeds, then we'll see more background variation, which will allow us to get closer to the disease locus. The final stage will be to sequence the genes in this minimal region in affected and normal dogs, looking for the mutation."

**Breeding Dogs with PLL**

The most troubling aspect of PLL for breeders is the fact that the disease



occurs in adulthood, with onset typically between the ages of 2 and 7 years. "There is no way of knowing whether a young dog is a carrier of the mutated gene or whether he may develop PLL after producing several litters that may themselves carry and spread the disorder," Sargan says.

"If you own a dog that has suffered from a lens luxation, you should not breed the dog. If your dog is the parent of a dog that has suffered lens luxation, you also shouldn't breed either the parent or the dog with PLL. In most breeds I would even advise against breeding siblings of affected animals. In breeds where the disease occurs most frequently, such as the Ormskirk Terrier in the United Kingdom, this may cause problems with loss of genetic diversity."

Ultimately, it is the hope of the researchers in the United Kingdom to develop a DNA test for PLL once the gene mutation has been mapped. "A DNA test would give a clear indication before a dog is bred whether he will be affected by PLL, and also an exact knowledge of whether the dog is a carrier of the mutation causing lens luxation," Sargan says. "With this knowledge there will be a means to prevent any dog from suffering from this condition in the future."

Article submitted by Mitzi Day





## Rescue News



My name is Clancy and I am three. I am sweet and lovable. I do not like storms. If you are interested in me please fill out the online app and put my name as dog of interest. My foster Mom will contact you.  
[petersenjrt@msn.com](mailto:petersenjrt@msn.com)

**Bailey.**

I was surrendered to a shelter. The shelter has too many dogs and my time was up. Summer is especially hard. Shelters are overflowing and they do not have the staff or space to take care of us. Good dogs go down everyday. What a shame! I am a 20 month old female. I get along with other dogs but cannot go home with small children. Please click Adoption, fill out an online app, and put my name as dog of interest. [petersenjrt@msn.com](mailto:petersenjrt@msn.com)

## JRTCA Nationals Trial

The JRTCA trial will be held October 19, 20 and 21th at Havre de Grace Maryland at the Stepping Stone Museum. Our club will be presented by Linda Lujan, Mitzi Day, Janel Vincent and Debbie West. Club member David Day will be judging the Go-To-Ground during this trial.

Our club will make a donation to the Battle of the Baskets. We will use the theme "Celebrating the Jack Russell Terrier, Preserve, Protect and Work the JRT." Some of the items that will be donated are X-pen, crate, pet meds, and many many more items. We'll get pictures and it will be in the next SWJRTN Newsletter. This is the third year the JRTCA has had the Battle of the baskets and hopefully our club will be the next affiliated club to win this honor.

Have a wonderful winter. Enjoy your holidays with your friends, family and terriers.



# The Jack Russell Terrier Club of America, Inc.

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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Adult members must be 18 years of age; youth members must be 10 years up to 18 years. Individual youth memberships offer limited club privileges, including True Grit subscription, eligibility for terrier registration and certificates; no voting privileges. A Family Youth membership does not include True Grit.

All memberships run yearly from January 1 to December 31 with membership fees due each year. Applications for new memberships received during the last two months of the year (November through December) will automatically be carried over to the following calendar year.

### Dues:

- \$45 Single Adult**
- \$50 Family** (2 adults, same address)  
Also includes minor children under 18 years
- \$25 Youth (10 up to 18 years)**  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
- \$15 Family Youth (10 up to 18 years)**  
(resident with adult member)  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
- Outside U.S. add \$15 —**  
**payment must be in U.S. dollars**



**IMPORTANT: APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED TO BE PROCESSED** →

### PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If Youth Member, Age of Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ (10 up to 18 years only)

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: A/C: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been a member previously? Yes  No

Address Change? Yes  No  How many dogs do you own? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a breeder: Yes  No  Number of minor children: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you belong to any other Jack Russell Terrier organizations? Yes  No

If yes, which one(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like an application to register your kennel name? Yes  No

**PLEASE ENCLOSED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER WITH SIGNED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR COMPLETE CREDIT CARD INFORMATION BELOW.**

Please charge to my: Mastercard  Visa  Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Persons applying for membership in the JRTCA, or renewing a current membership, must not be a member of a conflicting JRT organization as defined by the JRTCA, and must not register their JRTs with any conflicting organization or any all-breed kennel club. Conflicting organizations include any organization promoting kennel club recognition/registration of the JRT. In accordance with the Bylaws and regulations of the JRTCA, membership may be terminated, suspended or refused by the JRTCA Board of Directors for any conduct which may be considered likely to prejudice or damage the image of or interfere with the efficient running of the Club, or compromise the breed in any way.

I hereby apply for membership in the JRTCA as indicated above. I agree to abide by the objectives and purposes stated in the JRTCA Constitution and Bylaws, JRTCA rules and operational policies, and the JRTCA Breeders Code of Ethics. I certify that I do not belong to a conflicting JRT organization, nor do I register my Jack Russell Terriers with any all-breed kennel club or conflicting registry. Furthermore, by my signature on this application, I hereby agree that all terms of the Membership Application and any disputes which may arise by and between the JRTCA and me shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and the rights of the parties shall be governed by, the laws of the State of Maryland, as if all parties have signed in the state of Maryland. Furthermore, I consent to the jurisdiction of, and agree that the sole venue which is proper for the resolutions of any and all disputes between the JRTCA and me is the Circuit Court for Baltimore County in the State of Maryland.

**APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED; IF JOINT OR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP, MUST INCLUDE SIGNATURES OF BOTH ADULTS. If there is only one adult in the household, please write "ONE ADULT ONLY" on the second signature line if joining as a family with minors.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* Note: Membership Fees are Non-Refundable. \*\*\***

### IMPORTANT

The JRTCA is adamantly opposed to recognition /registration of the Jack Russell Terrier by ANY all-breed kennel club, as it is believed to be detrimental to the preservation of the working Jack Russell Terrier. In keeping with this policy, JRTCA membership is limited to individuals who support the JRTCA's principles. Registration of Jack Russell Terriers (or any variant thereof) with any all-breed kennel club, or membership in any organization that supports all-breed kennel club recognition/registration, is not acceptable for application to membership in the JRTCA.

The Jack Russell Terrier is a unique working terrier that has remained virtually unchanged for more than 100 years because it has been preserved for work. It is an unspoiled type or strain of working terrier with unique character, working ability, great intelligence, sound physical structure, and broad structural differences within the standard. These characteristics must be maintained to preserve this terrier as it remains today. The JRTCA's unique registry, with its strict inbreeding limitations and health requirements, breed standard, Breeders' Code of Ethics, and working certificate, sanctioned judge and field trial programs are all designed to do just that. All those who support the JRTCA's principles are welcome and encouraged to join the JRTCA and help us preserve this great little terrier.

**DON'T FORGET TO SIGN APPLICATION!**