

Thank you for your interest in Riosset Parson Russell Terriers

Firstly, a bit more about us;

We live on a beautiful farm in the countryside, and all our dogs enjoy an active lifestyle. Our Parsons work as well as show, and we also train with a local agility club. Having said this, we only have dogs with superb temperaments, and many of our puppies have gone to homes with young children, cats, and other animals.

We pride ourselves on healthy dogs - all of our dogs are tested for PLL, LOA and SCA;

Late Onset Ataxia (LOA)

Late onset ataxia (LOA) in the Parson Russell terrier (PRT) and Jack Russell terrier (JRT) is a disease of incoordination of gait and lack of balance. The onset age for the disease is usually between 6 months and 1 year of age, when owners may start to notice that their dog is showing changes in gait pattern (often weaving of the hind limbs) and some difficulty balancing. The disease is progressive and affected dogs become increasingly uncoordinated with difficulty balancing, which makes moving around and everyday tasks such as going up and down stairs difficult. There is no treatment or cure for LOA and affected dogs are often euthanized, typically around two years after onset, on humane grounds as their quality of life diminishes. The Animal Health Trust canine genetics research group has identified the mutation causing LOA. (*Source Animal Health Trust*)

Spino Cerebellar Ataxia (SCA)

The mutation for Spinocerebellar Ataxia with or without Myokymia and Seizures (SCA) was identified by the University of Missouri and a DNA test is available both through the Animal Health Trust and the University of Missouri. Affected dogs show signs of cerebellar ataxia as early as 2-6 months of age. At post-mortem examinations, degeneration can be found in the areas of the spinal cord that carry information to the cerebellum, hence the term spino-cerebellar ataxia. The coordination difficulties progress, but in addition other signs can develop. The majority of cases also develop myokymia, an involuntary twitching of the muscles. The myokymia also becomes progressively worse with age and can result in episodes of generalized muscle spasms and over-heating. In addition, a small percentage of dogs with SCA have true epileptic seizures, some as young as 10 weeks of age. Most dogs with SCA are also euthanized young due to poor quality of life. (*Source Animal Health Trust*)

Primary Lens Luxation (PLL)

Primary Lens Luxation (PLL) is a well-recognised, painful and blinding inherited eye condition that affects many breeds of dog, particularly terrier and terrier-type breeds including (but not restricted to) Jack and Parson Russell terriers. In affected dogs the zonular fibres which support the lens breakdown or disintegrate, causing the lens to fall into the wrong position within the eye. If the lens falls into the anterior chamber of the eye glaucoma and loss of vision can quickly result. (*Source Animal Health Trust*)

DNA Testing - Clear, Carrier or Affected

CLEAR: These dogs have two normal copies of DNA and are likely to be clear of the disease.

CARRIER: These dogs have one copy of the disease associated mutation and one normal copy of DNA. These dogs will not develop the disease themselves as a result of the mutation but they will pass the mutation on to approximately 50% of their offspring.

AFFECTED: These dogs have two copies of the disease associated mutation and have a very high chance of developing the disease.

We also BAER hearing test ALL of our adult dogs and puppies - due to the Animal Health Trust recently closing, we are now having to travel further afield to have the BAER testing done, so it will not be done until 6/7 weeks (previously done at 5 weeks).

Congenital deafness (deafness at birth) is recognised as a problem in many breeds of dog that carry the extreme piebald gene, demonstrated by a predominantly white coat. Deafness in these breeds can occur due to degeneration of structures in the cochlea. BAER testing can provide an instantaneous yes-or-no result through the assessment of the waveforms generated through the test. Deafness is a huge problem in the breed, although many breeders have tried to cover it up or blame ear infections/other reasons for puppies exhibiting deafness once they have left the breeder. All our pups come with a certificate issued by the vet - they are microchipped before testing, so the vet scans the microchip and tests the puppy, recording the chip details and the results on their certificate, so you can be certain you have the correct information.

All our pups have their first vaccination before they leave us, and two thorough veterinary health checks. When you come to meet our pups, you can always see mum, and often dad as well (we tend to own the stud dogs so that we can accurately assess health and temperament).

Riosset puppies are very well socialised - they are born and raised in our house (in the family kitchen) and exposed to household noises such as the vacuum, dishwasher, washing machine etc. They also socialise with our other dogs and cats. We cannot guarantee they will not chase a cat in the future, but they get used to having our (very placid) cats around them whilst growing up. They will get to go out in the garden as they grow, and start to explore - we also have chickens which we try to get them used to (again we cannot guarantee that this will mean they may never chase a chicken).

Riosset puppies leave us with a lifetime guarantee that they are welcome to return at any point in their lives. We ask everyone to sign a contract which states your dog must never be sold on - they must be returned to us if your circumstances change.

We have a great puppy community; we have a very active Riosset Owners WhatsApp group, which is handy for meeting up with other owners locally or asking for tips and advice. We also arrange a yearly get together at Wells-Next-The-Sea.

When you take your Riosset puppy home, you will have all the relevant Kennel Club paperwork. There will also be comprehensive health records; your puppy weight chart (we weigh every pup from birth), worming schedule, vaccination card, flea treatment details, parents health details and copies of their health certificates, photos of the parents and puppies as they grow, as well as the food they were weaned onto, treats, blanket etc.

We put breeding endorsements on every puppy that leaves us - there is no exceptions. This does not mean you can never breed from your dog; we will consider removing the breeding restrictions after one year (dogs) or 18 months (bitches) if we feel the pup has matured to the correct breed standard, and any relevant health tests are conducted. Please realise this is to protect the breed, as well as the future of your pup. As the Parson Russell is an 'at risk' breed, we feel really passionately about continuing a healthy bloodline.

Please be honest with us when telling us what you want to do with your puppy (breed/show/agility/family pet) as we will be assessing the temperament and conformation of every puppy from birth; this means we can guide you in the right direction when it comes to picking out your puppy. Not every pup is a show champion, nor does every one have the right temperament for agility - if you are honest with your future desires we can help you as much as possible.

If you have taken the time to read all of this information, and would still like to be added to our puppy list, please take a few minutes to fill out our puppy list form;

Name:
Address:
Working Situation:
Do you have children under 3?
Do you have other pets (dogs/cats/chickens/rabbits etc)
Are you looking for a Dog or Bitch?
Do you have a coat preference? (Rough/Smooth/Broken). Would you consider another coat type or firmly set on that type?
Do you have a colour preference?
Are you interested in (please circle those that apply): Family Pet Breed Show Agility Working
Do you have an enclosed garden?
Do you understand that we require all potential puppy homes to visit us at least once prior to collection day?
Do you understand that all puppies are sold fully KC registered but will carry endorsements which will only be lifted at the breeders discretion?
Do you understand that you will be required to sign a contract, preventing you from ever selling your puppy/dog - if for any reasons your circumstances change they must be returned to Riosset Parson Russell Terriers?
Please give an email address and phone number as a best means of contact: