



Young Jack Russell

Jack Russells are a cheerful, intelligent and athletic breed. You should also know they can be predisposed to the following ailments. Examinations twice a year and routine diagnostics to catch problems early, when they are easiest to treat, are recommended for the life of your dog.

Periodontal Disease

Description

Periodontal disease, which is inflammation and infection of gum tissue, occurs when plaque and tartar are allowed to build up on teeth. It progresses to gum recession, and bone and tooth loss.

Early Detection

Recommended: oral exams twice a year and annual dental cleanings.

Why Needed

Periodontal disease can contribute to:

- Pain
- Difficulty eating
- Jaw bone and/or tooth loss
- Kidney, liver and heart disease
- Behavioral changes

Diabetes

Description

Diabetes mellitus is a serious medical condition where your pet cannot control their blood sugar levels due to problems with insulin production or function. Common symptoms include drinking and urinating more than normal, along with unexplained weight loss or gain.

Early Detection

Recommended: annual urinalysis and bloodwork to check blood glucose levels, liver and kidney function.

Why Needed

Diabetes can contribute to:

- Liver and kidney damage
- Hyperglycemia
- Lethargy
- Cataracts
- Shortened life expectancy

Arthritis

Description

Arthritis is when a joint becomes inflamed, and is often associated with pain and/or swelling of the joint. The pain from arthritis occurs due to the damage to the joint from disease, daily wear and tear of joint, and strain against stiff joints.

Early Detection

Recommended: orthopedic examinations twice a year. Regular radiographs if signs develop. Your veterinarian may also discuss weight management as a preventive measure.

Why Needed

Arthritis can contribute to:

- Pain
- Swelling
- Lameness
- Reduced mobility
- The need for surgery

Optimum Wellness Plans® and Jack Russells

Included in the Active Prevention Plan

- Oral examinations twice a year*
- Annual dental cleaning
- Orthopedic examinations twice a year*
- Annual urinalysis
- Blood work including glucose level check

*Part of the comprehensive examination



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