

# Cockapoo



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**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:** Cockapoos were originated in 1950-60 in the United States from breeding a Poodle to a Cocker Spaniel creating a hybrid. They have become quite popular and now have their own clubs and registry. This group of hybrids is serious about becoming a breed. The responsible Cockapoo breeders are working hard to eliminate both genetic and non-genetic diseases of this hybrid. Cockapoo Breeders are also participating with the OFA, CERF and other Health Organizations in testing for these health issues.

**BREED APPEARANCE:** There are three sizes of Cockapoos; toy, mini and standard. The height determines the size; the weight can be from body type or many other factors. There are three Coat types and any of them can be within the same litter. The Cocker Spaniel, the Springer Spaniel and the Setters all came from the same litter of Spaniel pups, so in keeping with the same genetic history, so can the Cockapoos differ within the litter for coat types.

## WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED?

They may have a hypo-allergenic coat, shed less or not at all and usually love to be with people.

## WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED?

If improperly bred, they may be overactive dogs that require lots of exercise and attention. You may find that obedience training is a must to establish control and have a mannerly dog.

# Perfect Pet Rating



## Overall Breed Rating



5 Paw Rating: 1 = Poor, 2 = Adequate, 3 = Average, 4 = Good, 5 = Excellent

*Rating system for perfect pet includes the following categories: Will this breed bite my child? Would they kill other animals? Are they easy to train?*

*Rating system for overall breed rating includes all categories.*

**PLUSES:** They are intelligent, and hopefully have a great personality!

**MINUSES:** An intelligent dog so if bored, can be destructive. Exercise should be daily.

## WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

You should not own this dog if you don't want to train them or spend time with them.

## DO THEY SHED?

Their coat may shed a little, or not at all. They will need daily grooming.

## WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?

This dog was bred to be a companion and is especially good with children. If this dog came from quality parents, great examples of each breed, they shouldn't be anything to worry about. However, EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!

## WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?

They come from two parents that have the instinct to retrieve game, so their chase drive is high. Generally they are good with animals they are raised with.

## WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?

Both the Cocker Spaniel and the Poodle are high energy dogs. You need to provide a safe place for them to exercise on a daily basis.

## ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?

This breed is intelligent and easy to train.

## WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?

They can have the same health concerns that the parent breeds have: hip and elbow dysplasia, eye problems, Bloat, Luxating Patellas and Immune Mediated Hemolytic Anemia. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.