

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel



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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel has existed for centuries depicted in paintings and tapestries. In the 1920's, Roswell Eldridge traveled to England to buy two spaniels that resembled the original ancestor. Mr. Eldridge was unsuccessful with his search and because of that, offered monetary prizes each year for the best male and female of the original type shown at Crufts in England. Breeders vying for the prize were successful in revising the original breed type and standardized this breed.

BREED APPEARANCE:

Their height is 12 to 13 inches and they weigh from 13 – 18 pounds. The body is almost square with the length being just a little longer than the height. Their ears are long with plenty of feathering, set high, on top of the head. Their tail is carried not much above the level of the back. Docking is optional. Their coat colors are chestnut markings on a background of white with medium length silky not curly fur. They have a white blaze between the eyes and ears. Other colors which may be present are tan, ruby or black.

WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED?

They were meant only as a companion dog to the royalty. They fit well in any family and love to please their owners. They are fashioned off the spaniel but smaller and can do most anything larger spaniels do, including retrieving birds.

WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED?

There are very few negatives in this breed. You should avoid purchasing pups whose parents are shy or if the pups are shy.

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 friendly; love to retrieve and are excellent family dogs.

MINUSES: They like to eat and will gain weight easily if not monitored.

WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

Even small children can walk this breed with supervision. Don't get any dog if you don't have time to spend with them.

DO THEY SHED?

His coat sheds moderately and should be groomed daily to keep their coat in condition.

WILL THIS BREED BITE MY CHILD?

They are good with children if trained and socialized properly. However, EXTREME CAUTION AND SUPERVISION IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED WHEN CHILDREN AND DOGS ARE TOGETHER!

WOULD THEY KILL OTHER ANIMALS?

They are too small to kill most animals so they are fine around them. They tend to retrieve birds and other small animals.

WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?

They require little exercise but all dogs need some exercise to keep them from becoming bored and destructive.

ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?

They are easy learners. Agility is another venue for this breed and training always improves their behavior and social skills.

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?

They are prone to heart problems, subluxating patellas and Syringomyelia. These small dogs should be fed a quality dog food to help keep them in the best of health. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.