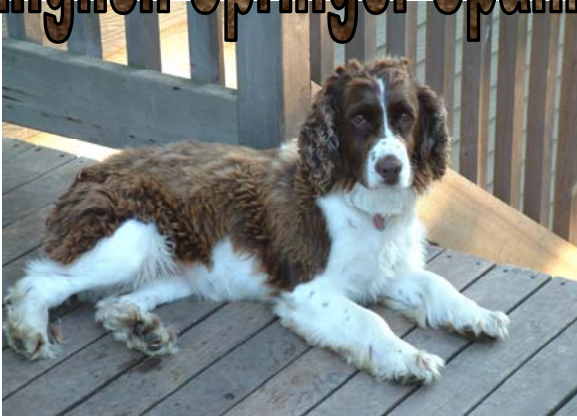


English Springer Spaniel



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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

Recordings of Spaniels in historical documents date back to the 1500's. Spaniels emigrated from Spain to England and were recognized as two types; land and water spaniels and other breeds. The pups of a litter were divided by size into Cocker Spaniels: Springer spaniels and Setters. When the Springer Spaniel was recognized as a breed, there were two distinct groups, the field bred Springer Spaniel and the Show bred Springer Spaniel. These groups, though registered as English Springer Spaniels, appear to be different breeds.

BREED APPEARANCE:

The Springer Spaniel's height is 19 to 20 inches and weighs from 40 – 55 pounds. The Field-bred dogs tend to have shorter, coarser wirey coats than the show-bred dogs with more white. The coat colors are black and white, liver and white or with markings of tan. The Field-bred dog's ears are shorter, the tail is docked longer as a "flag" for the hunter, and they have lighter bone and carry less weight than the show dogs. Field-bred dogs are generally selected for nose, hunting ability, and trainability rather than appearance.

WHY YOU WOULD LOVE THIS BREED?

The Springer Spaniel is alert, eager to please, playful, intelligent, and an affectionate family dog.

WHY YOU WOULD NOT LOVE THIS BREED?

There are some very badly bred Springer's. They can be aggressive and sometimes unpredictable in their rage. They can be hyperactive, timid or fearful. Research breeders before you select one, and be sure to observe the pups' parents or talk to people who know the lineage of the pup.

Perfect Pet Rating



 Only buy from a reputable breeder!

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 game or toys and are a good family dog.

MINUSES: They can be very active and need training to be a good family member.

WHO SHOULD NOT OWN THIS BREED?

A quiet, anti-social individual or family that likes to sit around and watch TV will find this dog way too busy for their life style.

DO THEY SHED?

His coat sheds moderately and should be groomed daily to keep it in good 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?

Springer Spaniels are usually good with most animals, but need training and socializing. They do tend to retrieve birds and other small animals.

WHAT IS THEIR ENERGY LEVEL?

They require lots of exercise and should have a fenced in yard where they can run and play.

ARE THEY EASY TO TRAIN?

They are easy learners. The males especially should be trained from puppy hood and socialized.

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH CONCERNS?

Springer Spaniels are prone to hip dysplasia, PRA and other eye problems, Hemophilia and Von Willbrand's disease, ear infections, and epilepsy. Buying from a reputable breeder is always advisable and will help to lessen the chances for health problems and congenital defects.