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Gundog

Spaniel (American Cocker)

The breed traces back to the same roots as the Cocker Spaniel in the blood of the famous black dog Obo, when his son Obo II was born in Canada in the late 19th century and became a prolific sire. Although the breed started in the USA as a continuation of English type, by the 1920's there was a marked divergence with some American breeders selecting more domed heads, shorter muzzles and a more profuse coat. In 1936, the American Kennel Club provided classes for English type Cockers as a separate variety and in 1945 the AKC gave separate breed status to the two breeds – the Cocker Spaniel – as it is known in USA and the English Cocker Spaniel, the original basis of the breed before separation.

Breed Group	Gundog
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Small
How much exercise?	More than 2 hours per day
Length of coat	Long
How much grooming?	Every day
Supposedly sheds?	Yes
Town or Country	Either
Type of home	Small or Large House
Minimum garden size	Large
Lifespan	Over 10 Years

Health Information

You may be aware that some breeds of dog and their crosses can be susceptible to inherited disease. Of course you want to be sure that the dog you choose is as healthy as possible, and you would like to know that it has not inherited any undesirable disease-causing genes from its parents. There is some help in that DNA tests for diseases in purebred dogs are available for some conditions in some breeds, but there are not very many such tests just yet! There are also, however, a number of clinical veterinary screening schemes that dog breeders can use to increase the probability of producing healthy puppies.

Details of the various screening schemes, both veterinary and DNA, that are available to breeders in the UK can be found at www.thekennelclub.org.uk/doghealth

Potential dog owners should be aware that, at present, the application of various health screening results to breeding programmes is not always straightforward, and breeders may make choices for various reasons. A responsible breeder though, will always be willing to discuss relevant health issues with you. Breed clubs are often useful sources of breed-specific information.

What Screening is relevant for the Spaniel (American Cocker)?

Kennel Club Assured Breeders must use the following screening schemes for sires and dams BVA/KC

- BVA/KC/ISDS Gonioscopy
- Eye testing

Kennel Club Assured Breeders are strongly recommended to use the following screening schemes and/or advice for sires and dams

- DNA test - prcd-PRA

The list above is not necessarily comprehensive. Breed clubs and experienced breeders are useful sources of information on health issues in the breed. All breeds have a Breed Health Coordinator.



Spaniel (American Cocker) Clubs

Name	Telephone
American Cocker Spaniel Club Of Great Britain	01455 848919
Home Counties American Cocker Club	07739 358077
Northern Counties American Cocker Spaniel Club	01159 135071

Spaniel (American Cocker) Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
American Cocker Spaniel Club Rescue	01388 528439
American Cocker Spaniel Club Rescue	0191 455 6644









Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Misses T & K Harris Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire	30/11/2009	01908 668002	 



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ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Miss P A Iremonger Ferndown, Dorset	31/01/2008	01202 874325	  
Miss N Hume Hitchin, Hertfordshire	20/12/2018	01462 730005	 
Mrs S L M Seed Southport, Merseyside	31/08/2009	01704 227522	  



Accolade of Excellence

Denotes a significant contribution to a breed.



Studbook Achievement

Bred at least 3 dogs listed in the Studbook.



Breed Club Membership

Current member of one or more breed clubs



Breeder Experience

5 or more litters registered with the Kennel Club