

Toy

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

Toy spaniels can be traced back to at least the 16th Century and, as with many other of the Toy breeds, it is likely that they were bred down from sporting breeds. Queen Elizabeth I had a 'spaniel gentle' as a comforter, a dog popular with noble ladies as playthings and bed warmers. The spaniel of Mary, Queen of Scots was found hidden in her petticoats after she was beheaded. However, it was in the courts of Charles I and his son Charles II that the toy spaniels became well established and their popularity spread, particularly amongst the nobility. The first Duke of Marlborough developed the Blenheim spaniel, a rich red and white dog which retained its sporting instincts and was adept at flushing game. Its name comes from the Duke's residence, Blenheim Palace, and the word is used today to describe the chestnut and white coat colour. The Duke of Norfolk also kept the Blenheim type but developed the black and tan variety. The tricolours were called the Prince Charles. The ruby colour was the last colour to be developed in the breed.

Until the late 19th Century the toy spaniels retained the fairly long muzzle and the flattish skull of the sporting spaniels. However, the fashion for shorter muzzles in the toy breeds, as seen in the Pug and the Pekingese, led to the domed skull and shorter muzzle becoming more popular and more successful in the show ring. A group of breeders were saddened by the apparent decline of the slightly larger type dogs with slightly longer muzzles, flatter skulls, and which retained their sporting instincts. At Crufts in 1926-1930, there were special prizes given for 'Blenheim spaniels of the old type' and the word 'Cavalier' was chosen to distinguish this type from the flatter-faced type which was known as the King Charles. This effectively saw the emergence of the Cavalier King Charles (the old type) as a separate variety from the King Charles. The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club was formed in 1928 but the Kennel Club did not recognise the Cavalier as a separate breed until 1945.

Breed Group	Toy
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Small
How much exercise?	Up to 1 hour per day
Length of coat	Medium
How much grooming?	More than once a week
Supposedly sheds?	Yes
Town or Country	Either
Type of home	Flat, Small or Large House
Minimum garden size	Small/Medium
Lifespan	Over 12 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 Cavalier King Charles Spaniel?

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

- Eye testing
- DNA test - EF
- DNA test - CC/DE

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

- Breed Club - Heart testing (Mitral Valve Disease)
- BVA/KC CMSM Scheme

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.

Breeding Health Advice

Breed clubs are a great way to meet other people and gain information from others who are just as passionate about Cavaliers. In the UK there is a national Cavalier King Charles Club and nine regional clubs. The clubs have information on everything from current research and health clinics to seminars, shows and 'Pet Pages'.

Breed Clubs will also be a useful source of information should you decide to breed from your Cavalier. Breeding can be enormously rewarding, but you must be aware of the responsibility which this entails. You should ensure that your dog meets recommended guidelines for MVD and SM and has a clear eye certificate issued by the British Veterinary Association/Kennel Club scheme.

The above information is intended for guidance only, for your information and use. This guidance is not intended to be a substitute for independent professional veterinary advice. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel clubs cannot be held liable for any loss or damage caused directly or indirectly as a result of the reliance upon any of the the information and guidance

given.

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Clubs

Name	Telephone
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club	01844 214049
Eastern Counties Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Society	01462 670774
Humberside Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club	01636 626618
Midland Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club	02476697344
Northern Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Society	01325 256539
Northern Ireland Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club	02890849571
Scottish Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club	01324 553331
South & West Wales Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club	01495 750559
Southern Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club	01737 762620
Three Counties Pekingese & Cavalier Society	01452 530002
West Of England Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club	01934 822758

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club Welfare & Rescue Service	01205 872066
Eastern Counties Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Society Rescue	01223 841634
Humberside Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club Rescue	01427 788164
Humberside Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club Rescue	01723 864285
Midland Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club Rescue	01905 371205
Midland Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club Rescue	02476 697344
Northern Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Society Rescue	0191 3711523
Scottish Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club Rescue	01324 553331
South & West Wales Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club Rescue	01633 680315
Southern Cavalier Welfare	01233 712724
Southern Cavalier Welfare	07931 493914
Southern Cavalier Welfare	01798 888452
Southern Cavalier Welfare	01329 832384
Southern Cavalier Welfare	01494 674450
West Of England Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club Welfare Scheme	01548 580369



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ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

Assured Breeders

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mr A M Dredge Weston-Super-Mare, Avon	31/03/2010	01934 709103	 

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mr A & Mrs J Durham Ascot, Berkshire	24/09/2013	01344 890761	 
Mrs N J James Aberstwyth, Ceredigion	11/08/2015	07725 810485	
Mr D & Mrs S Bolton Hyde, Cheshire	20/09/2016	07939 484743	
Mr J & Mrs G McDade Hartlepool, Cleveland	11/10/2018	07515 460057	
Miss K Hutley Derby, Derbyshire	15/01/2018	01332 731909	
Mr A N Seals Derby, Derbyshire	04/01/2018	01332 731909	
Mr T D & Mrs H L Harrison Derby, Derbyshire	31/01/2009	01332 701559	   
Mrs J M Harrison Heanor, Derbyshire	18/04/2019	07516 809371	  
Mrs C H Rose Paignton, Devon	30/04/2009	01803 916919	  
Mrs S O Coles Tiverton, Devon	30/08/2016	01398 351375	 
Mrs S Clarke Bournemouth, Dorset	07/01/2013	01202 777679	
Mrs A Earl Ammanford, Dyfed	16/11/2011	01269 850728	
Mrs D Blyth Battle, East Sussex	30/04/2008	01424 893700	
Mrs S Le-Lievre Crowborough, East Sussex	02/07/2013	07845 646562	
Ms S Maclaine Maldon, Essex	31/05/2009	07940 736905	 
Mrs D Maclaine Maldon, Essex	28/02/2009	01621 740698	  
Mrs K & Mr I Hargest Lydbrook, Gloucestershire	10/10/2012	01594 862876	 
Mrs S Shrimpton Fareham, Hampshire	31/03/2009	01329 832384	 
Mr A M & Mrs C A Rhodes Farnborough, Hampshire	31/08/2008	01252 654506	  
Mrs P L Sysum Ledbury, Herefordshire	28/03/2018	01531 650172	
Mr D & Mrs T Homes Ledbury, Herefordshire	31/03/2009	01531 641921	   
Mrs J T & Mr I J Ongley Ashford, Kent	30/11/2010	07727 277464	 
Mrs L Crane Burnley, Lancashire	25/06/2004	01282 435730	 
Mrs A Leaver Darwen, Lancashire	25/09/2018	07850 431930	

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mr R & Mrs K Lee Skelmersdale, Lancashire	28/01/2016	07813 212596	 
Mr D M & Mrs A J Sedgbeer Boston, Lincolnshire	15/01/2019	01205 872066	  
Mrs H Moffatt Gainsborough, Lincolnshire	28/01/2005	01427 788164	  
Mrs H M Yates Lincoln, Lincolnshire	09/08/2011	07944 326387	
Mrs C V Mackenzie Spalding, Lincolnshire	31/08/2010	01945 700424	  
Mrs J E Moore Spalding, Lincolnshire	31/01/2010	01406 540855	
Mrs J Nolan Wirral, Merseyside	30/09/2013	07793 071342	 
Mrs M K Betts North Walsham, Norfolk	28/02/2011	01263 721056	  
Mrs P Biddle Norwich, Norfolk	31/03/2008	01362 850231	  
Mrs G Ward Goole, North Humberside	26/07/2011	01405 860721	
Mrs A Carrington Skipton, North Yorkshire	03/12/2018	07710 787682	
Mrs L R Cardy York, North Yorkshire	22/03/2012	01759 369 657	
Mrs R D Loades Daventry, Northamptonshire	30/04/2009	01327 705010	  
Mrs C Brett Blairgowrie, Perthshire	06/04/2011	01575 582295	 
Mrs E Neale Burton-On-Trent, Staffordshire	07/07/2015	07763 597254	 
Mr P Lunt Burton-On-Trent, Staffordshire	28/02/2009	01283 752325	 
Mrs R Mochrie Stafford, Staffordshire	30/11/2006	01785 253717	  
Mrs M & Mr K & Miss L Adams Stoke-On-Trent, Staffordshire	30/04/2008	07742 163335	
Mrs G & Mr R Hodgkinson Uttoxeter, Staffordshire	06/04/2017	07563 300903	
Mrs B R Anderson Ipswich, Suffolk	28/10/2016	01473 841640	 
Mrs C M Wimberley Ipswich, Suffolk	31/10/2008	01473 334995	  
Miss A Cullen & Mr C M Parker Lowestoft, Suffolk	28/02/2010	01502 583689	 
Mrs S M Jones Horley, Surrey	29/08/2013	01293 431995	 
Miss Y Claridge Stratford-Upon-Avon, Warwickshire	14/11/2012	01789 298681	 

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Mr G & Mrs N Cameron Bathgate, West Lothian	18/06/2018	07952 637342	
Miss S Poundford & Mr P Rollins Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire	06/07/2017	01422 825733	  
Mr R & Mrs E Chaffe Bromsgrove, Worcestershire	31/07/2010	01527 877501	 
Mrs E Nishigaki Evesham, Worcestershire	30/09/2010		 
Mrs C M Bedford Evesham, Worcestershire	14/05/2013	01386 443856	
Mrs J Phillips Glossop, Derbyshire	19/08/2019	01457 854558	
Miss J Marshall & Mrs E J Pickering Doncaster, South Yorkshire	29/07/2016	01302 840780	



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