



Gundog

Spaniel (Cocker)

The breed's name comes from its original function, as he was used to hunt woodcock. The breed was not recognised as a separate variety until 1893 and until that time all the spaniels, collectively known as Land Spaniels, were bred together and later classified depending on size and colour. They were selectively bred for suitability for their work and for the terrain. It was a requirement that a Cocker Spaniel should be simply be under 25lbs in weight. Whilst blacks dominated the rings in the early shows, Welsh Springer outcross was used to establish parti-coloured lines.

The Cocker Spaniel earns the epithet 'the merry cocker' for his ever wagging tail denoting his happy temperament. In the early 20th century the breed was at its height of popularity and it remains hugely popular as a family pet.

Breed Group	Gundog
Vulnerable Breed	No
Size	Small
How much exercise?	Up to 1 hour per day
Length of coat	Medium
How much grooming?	Every day
Supposedly sheds?	Yes
Town or Country	Either
Type of home	Small or Large House
Minimum garden size	Small/Medium
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 (Cocker)?

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

- Eye testing
- DNA test - prcd-PRA
- DNA test - FN

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

- BVA/KC Hip Dysplasia Scheme
- BVA/KC/ISDS Gonioscopy
- DNA test - AON
- DNA test - AMS

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 (Cocker) Clubs

Name	Telephone
Cheshire Cocker Spaniel Club	
Cocker Spaniel Club	01268 554619
Cocker Spaniel Club Of Lancashire	01744 819045
Cocker Spaniel Club Of Scotland	01356 624838
Coventry Cocker Spaniel Club	01832 293432
Devon & Cornwall Cocker Spaniel Club	01460 62871
East Anglian Cocker Spaniel Society	01394 384554
East Of Scotland Cocker Spaniel Club	07854 127579

Name	Telephone
Hampshire & Sussex Cocker Spaniel Club	
Home Counties Cocker Spaniel Club	01664 567640
London Cocker Spaniel Society	01293 852907
Midland Cocker Spaniel Club	
North Midlands & Eastern Counties Cocker Spaniel Club	01977 658568
North Of England Cocker Spaniel Association	07986 550006
North Of Ireland Cocker Spaniel Club	02894 452589
North Wales Cocker Spaniel Club	01745 353715
Northern Ireland Working Cocker Club	07730 066060
Parti-Coloured Cocker Spaniel Club	02476 403453
Rotherham & District Cocker Spaniel Club	01709 524629
Solid Colours Cocker Spaniel Association	01844761236
South Wales & Monmouthshire Cocker Spaniel Club	01633 893230
Ulster Cocker Spaniel Club	02897 562546
West Of England Cocker Spaniel Club	01594 542286
Yorkshire Cocker Spaniel Club	01439 770793

Spaniel (Cocker) Rescue Organisations

Name	Telephone
Cocker & English Springer Spaniel Rescue	01782 410399
Cocker & English Springer Spaniel Rescue	01829 781438
Cocker & English Springer Spaniel Rescue	07747 771904
Cocker & English Springer Spaniel Rescue	07740 675854
Cocker & English Springer Spaniel Rescue	
Cocker & English Springer Spaniel Rescue	01565 733718
Cocker & English Springer Spaniel Rescue	01925 767708
Cocker Spaniel Club Rescue	01944 758743
Cocker Spaniel Club Rescue	07952 643425
Cocker Spaniel Club Rescue	07980 893925
Cocker Spaniel Club Rescue	01527 831552
Cocker Spaniel Club Rescue	01257 424436
Cocker Spaniel Club Rescue	0116 2866602
Cocker Spaniel Club Rescue	01254 581652
Cocker Spaniel Club Rescue	01489 894331
Cocker Spaniel Club Rescue	01555 870373
Cocker Spaniel Club Rescue	01744 819045
Cocker Spaniel Club Rescue	0151 2850005
Cocker Spaniel Club Rescue	02476 403453

Assured Breeders



ACCREDITED BREEDER SCHEME

Name	Member since	Phone	Accolades
Miss J S Gibbs Peterhead, Aberdeenshire	18/11/2013	07761 355142	
Miss G E Evans Bristol, Avon	28/02/2017	07773 332464	
Mr B K Hutchinson Bristol, Avon	09/07/2013	07773 332467	
Mrs S K Parsfield Bedford, Bedfordshire	27/05/2015	07974 408797	
Ms T Lund Reading, Berkshire	31/08/2007	01189 759838	
Mrs J E Bearman Reading, Berkshire	11/10/2018	01635 860253	
Mr G Freeman Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire	12/09/2012	01480 890923	
Mr J & Mrs T Buck Peterborough, Cambridgeshire	31/08/2009	01487 479736	
Mrs J A Thompson Wisbech, Cambridgeshire	28/02/2009	01945 450864	
Mr C P Clarke Wisbech, Cambridgeshire	31/05/2006	07774 325882	
Mrs B J Morfitt Wisbech, Cambridgeshire	30/11/2006	01354 638055	
Mrs S M Freeman & Mr M H Bain Warrington, Cheshire	16/06/2016	0161 775 8678	
Miss M J Burns Holywell, Clwyd	31/07/2008	07894 282644	
Mrs M Johnson Chester Le Street, County Durham	27/04/2012	01913 873646	
Mr D Summers Grange-Over-Sands, Cumbria	31/01/2006	07775 691380	
Mr S Rogers Ulverston, Cumbria	31/07/2008	01229 585147	
Mr V G G Watson Belper, Derbyshire	28/02/2010	01623 787183	
Mr S Varnam Derby, Derbyshire	19/01/2012	01332 865814	
Mr T D & Mrs H L Harrison Derby, Derbyshire	31/01/2009	01332 701559	
Mrs F K Payne Beaworthy, Devon	07/04/2017	01837 871120	
Mrs J P Woods Okehampton, Devon	11/07/2014	07718 000735	
Mrs J A & Mr R E Owens Plymouth, Devon	21/05/2019	07817 931020	

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Mrs F M Clifford Tiverton, Devon	10/03/2017	01398 331058	
Mrs F E White Wareham, Dorset	12/08/2018	01929 472927	
Mrs J Sherriff Glogue, Dyfed	25/01/2017	01239 832025	
Mr M D & Mrs S J Jones Llanwrda, Dyfed	30/04/2006	07769 346218	 
Miss E M Davies Llanwrda, Dyfed	02/11/2013	07788 810464	 
Mr D C & Mrs S L Bowen Pencader, Dyfed	31/03/2007	01559 389966	  
Mrs C L Andrews Brighton, East Sussex	31/07/2007	01273 276417	
Mrs P Smith St. Leonards-On-Sea, East Sussex	31/01/2008	01424 852389	 
Mrs M S Madle Billericay, Essex	31/03/2007	01277 653463	 
Mrs J Moores Braintree, Essex	29/03/2016	01376 320939	 
Mrs S K Piggott Brentwood, Essex	24/05/2016	01277 810608	
Mrs D Bindza Chelmsford, Essex	15/02/2016	01245 223215	 
Mrs B Selwood Chelmsford, Essex	05/12/2018	07541 213376	
Ms G I Kidd Halstead, Essex	30/04/2012	07779 490628	  
Misses A & S Kettle Stanford-Le-Hope, Essex	30/11/2010	01268 554619	  
Miss E J Walters Wotton-Under-Edge, Gloucestershire	21/06/2018	01453 844636	
Mrs E L Booth Llanfairpwllgwyngyll, Gwynedd	31/08/2009	01248 430328	
Mrs C C Bridgwater Alresford, Hampshire	17/06/2005	01962 793152	  
Mrs A J & Mr C M Taylor Emsworth, Hampshire	28/02/2011	07492 792574	
Miss J Austin Southampton, Hampshire	16/06/2016	02380 454558	
Mrs L A Goodall Southampton, Hampshire	24/04/2015	02380 740194	
Mr M T E Bevan & Mrs J Thompson Leominster, Herefordshire	19/02/2014	01584 711981	
Mr N Beaton Maidstone, Kent	15/01/2018	07583 926026	
Miss S J Botfield Margate, Kent	23/05/2012	07787 524183	

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Miss K O'Shea Sevenoaks, Kent	12/04/2016	01732 780704	
Mrs S J Boundy Sittingbourne, Kent	29/02/2012	01795 843690	
Miss R J Walker Glasgow, Lanarkshire	27/04/2012	07806 594968	
Mrs R & Mr C H Brownsord Carnforth, Lancashire	18/06/2018	01524 241120	
Mrs B M Robertson Lancaster, Lancashire	08/06/2012	01524 792482	  
Ms R V Bradley Poulton-Le-Fylde, Lancashire	30/04/2010	01253 895404	 
Mrs L E Harrison Preston, Lancashire	07/01/2005	01772 727905	  
Mr C Myers Preston, Lancashire	09/02/2017	07836 268962	 
Mrs M Hatton Wigan, Lancashire	31/10/2008	01942 739328	  
Mrs J & Mr A M Highton Hinckley, Leicestershire	22/06/2011	01455 619091	
Mr S T C North Leicester, Leicestershire	14/06/2004	07836 736868	  
Mrs A E Raynor Loughborough, Leicestershire	25/11/2013	07540 192822	
Miss J Hawkins Loughborough, Leicestershire	16/11/2017	07538 787513	
Misses J C & B A Wallis Baga Boston, Lincolnshire	22/12/2015	01205 609604	  
Mrs J E Gilmour Lincoln, Lincolnshire	02/09/2005	01673 866232	  
Mrs C A & Mr P A Clapham Louth, Lincolnshire	30/04/2009	01507 328652	 
Miss J J Tracz Liverpool, Merseyside	19/10/2012		
Miss A E Nugent Liverpool, Merseyside	31/12/2007	0151 285 0005	  
Mr K & Mrs D Grice St. Helens, Merseyside	31/10/2007	01744 819045	  
Mrs L J Ireson Fakenham, Norfolk	30/11/2010	07800 522916	
Mr B J & Mrs L J Gorman Brough, North Humberside	24/11/2016	07758 133418	
Ms A L Burns Cottingham, North Humberside	19/07/2012	01482 844622	 
Mrs C E Longster Harrogate, North Yorkshire	18/04/2013	07926 083127	
Mr M & Mrs N Calvert Northallerton, North Yorkshire	12/08/2005	07866 593153	   

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Mr D E Atkinson Richmond, North Yorkshire	13/07/2017	07818 836527	 
Mr A J Goldsmith Richmond, North Yorkshire	18/03/2019	07966 921050	
Mr M P & Mrs L M Dixon Ripon, North Yorkshire	31/03/2010	01765 650493	
Mrs J C Parish Ripon, North Yorkshire	24/02/2014	07960 213888	
Mrs A M Hector York, North Yorkshire	07/02/2012	07757 622763	
Mrs L J & Mr M Forton Kettering, Northamptonshire	30/11/2009	07831 287300	
Mr I J Cobby & Ms H Adlington Northampton, Northamptonshire	31/03/2010	01604 781883	 
Mr R & Mrs A Spriddell Bedlington, Northumberland	31/01/2011	01670 829980	
Mr F J P Geraghty Hexham, Northumberland	05/12/2018	07775 614300	 
Mrs K E & Mr M A Rodgers Wooler, Northumberland	04/01/2018	07866 566415	
Mr P L & Mrs A J Hutchison Newark, Nottinghamshire	18/11/2005	01636 821600	
Mrs R Hatherell Banbury, Oxfordshire	12/09/2018	07768 692424	
Mrs K Mackenzie Perth, Perthshire	31/01/2009	07903 752162	
Mrs S P Martin Llanymynech, Powys	21/08/2018	01691 831388	 
Mrs P J & Mr A R Antrobus Welshpool, Powys	04/01/2018	01938 500559	
Mrs G L Allen Bridgnorth, Shropshire	31/05/2010	01746 862203	
Mr R A Cooke Bridgnorth, Shropshire	17/08/2011	07841 291284	 
Mrs S Smith Newport, Shropshire	16/03/2018	07368 236286	 
Mr J & Mrs J E Hodges Oswestry, Shropshire	30/11/2006	01691 830288	
Mrs C L Williams Oswestry, Shropshire	31/07/2008	01691 680554	 
Mrs D J Gallimore Shrewsbury, Shropshire	31/03/2009	01743 792292	 
Mrs P L Bentley Shrewsbury, Shropshire	31/01/2010	01952 770447	   
Mrs M P Roberts Telford, Shropshire	01/05/2015	01952 612539	
Mr N Garrod Bridgwater, Somerset	23/04/2004	07884 122485	  

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Miss S J M Ellison Chard, Somerset	28/02/2010	01460 62871	  
Mrs S A Turner Dulverton, Somerset	21/07/2011	01398 323128	 
Mrs J Taylor Taunton, Somerset	17/07/2013	07815 209722	
Mrs J E & Mr S G Cowles Taunton, Somerset	09/10/2012	01984 639138	
Mrs T A Lewis Burton-On-Trent, Staffordshire	14/06/2019	07885 934961	  
Mr I D & Mrs J Atkinson Stafford, Staffordshire	30/04/2007	01785 850131	 
Mr D & Mrs A Odell Beccles, Suffolk	08/10/2013	07414 767610	
Mr P W Sims Sudbury, Suffolk	18/10/2011	01787 211626	
Mrs C Busby Egham, Surrey	31/03/2005	01784 462848	
Dr J L & Mr G P Crump Epsom, Surrey	01/02/2019	07961 303443	
Mrs J H Hewison Haslemere, Surrey	31/05/2007	see notes	  
Mrs L & Mr S G Ballantyne Leamington Spa, Warwickshire	15/04/2015	01926 330516	
Mr R & Mrs D Symons Southam, Warwickshire	08/07/2019	01926 814882	
Mr C Warner Coventry, West Midlands	05/09/2018	07814 760166	 
Mrs A & Miss A Brookes Walsall, West Midlands	13/08/2012	01922 514400	  
Mrs C W Share-Jones Wolverhampton, West Midlands	31/05/2010	01384 221007	  
Mr V Bleming Arundel, West Sussex	30/06/2007	07885 317530	 
Mrs A M Hunter Chichester, West Sussex	15/10/2004	01243 641609	
Mr B Edgington Chichester, West Sussex	31/03/2011	01243 602079	 
Mr T Hunter Chichester, West Sussex	29/09/2014	07795 598955	
Mrs J & Mr P R Tomlinson Marlborough, Wiltshire	31/01/2010		 
Mr L & Mrs J Williams Swindon, Wiltshire	30/04/2008	01793 772979	
Mrs B Wareing Pershore, Worcestershire	28/08/2018	01386 860758	
Miss P A Whitehead Worcester, Worcestershire	31/03/2011	01905 345381	  

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Mrs A Lofthouse Bath, Avon	19/10/2018	07703 103843	
Mr R P & Mrs H L Chambers Hungerford, Berkshire	28/02/2008	07769 832286	 
Miss S M Bevis Eastleigh, Hampshire	30/09/2006	02380 254238	
Mr G L & Mrs E P Biggs New Milton, Hampshire	30/09/2010	01425 620368	  
Dr C Lister Romsey, Hampshire	29/07/2005	01794 324179	
Mr L & Mrs K M Bickerton Southampton, Hampshire	09/11/2018	07720 880018	
Mrs K C Smith Sutton Valence, Maidstone, Kent	02/02/2016	07866 213744	
Mr S & Mrs M Kennedy Bellshill, Lanarkshire	31/07/2007	01698 843558	  
Mr C J Culley Preston, Lancashire	14/09/2012	07598 709056	 
Mr J D Robertson Leicester, Leicestershire	19/08/2019	01162 101125	
Mr J Wilkinson & Ms R Robinson Malton, North Yorkshire	09/08/2016	01944 710044	
Misses K Roxburgh & G Voice Richmond, North Yorkshire	13/09/2016	01748 886201	
Miss H S Hookway Godstone, Surrey	18/09/2013	01342 843516	
Mr J & Mrs A Warner Horsham, West Sussex	30/10/2018	07775 766040	



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