

# Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

**Height** – 12” to 13”. **Weight** 13-18 lbs.

**General Appearance** – An active, graceful, well-balanced toy spaniel, with typical gay temperament combined with true elegance and regal appearance. The body approaches squareness, but is slightly longer than tall.

**Head** - In balance with body. **Expression** –Important breed characteristic – sweet, gentle, melting expression. **Eyes** - Large, round, set well apart, very dark brown, rims dark. Cushioning under the eyes contribute to soft expression. **Ears**

- Set high, but not close with long leather, heavily feathered.

**Skull** - Slightly rounded, appears flat because of ear placement. **Stop** - Moderate. **Muzzle** – Full, slightly tapered about 1 1/2 “. Face well filled. **Nose** – Black with well-developed nostrils. **Bite** – Scissors preferred.

**Body** - Moderate bone, short coupled with well-sprung ribs.

**Neck**- Fairly long with slight arch. **Topline** - Level both moving and standing. **Chest** – Moderately deep, extending to elbows. **Forequarters** - Shoulders well laid back.

**Hindquarters** – moderately muscled. **Tail** – Well set on, carried happily, never much above level of back. If docked, no more than 1/3. **Feet** – Compact well cushioned.

**Coat** - Silky, moderate length, free from curl. Feathering on ears, chest, legs and tail. Feathering on feet a feature of the breed. Specimens where the coat has been altered by trimming, clipping, or by artificial means shall be so severely penalized as to be effectively eliminated from competition. Hair growing between pads on the underside of feet may be trimmed.

**Colors** - Blenheim, Tricolor, Ruby and Black and Tan.

**Gait** – Free moving, elegant in action, good reach and sound, driving rear action.

**Temperament** – Gay, friendly, non-aggressive. No tendency towards nervousness or shyness.

## **DISQUALIFICATION:**

- Dogs not of an allowed color.      March 29, 2023