

English Cocker Spaniel

Examine - Table

Height Dogs 16” to 17” Bitches 15” to 16”

General Appearance - Active, merry, affectionate, bird dog. Compactly built, balanced without exaggeration; the whole worth more than the sum of the parts. As much bone and substance as possible without being coarse.

Head - Strong, free from coarseness, but softly contoured. Taken as a whole, the parts combine to produce the expression distinctive of the breed. **Skull** - Arched, slightly flattened with a definite but moderate stop. **Muzzle** - Equal in length to skull only slightly narrower; cleanly chiseled under the eyes. **Eyes** - Medium size, full, slightly oval shaped, set wide apart, dark brown or dark hazel, tight lids. **Expression** - Soft, melting, intelligent. **Ears** - Long, set low, leather fine, lying close. **Nose** - Black or brown. **Bite** - Scissors.

Body - Compact, short coupled, slightly taller than length withers to set on of tail. **Chest** - Deep, brisket reaching the elbow and moderate tuck-up. Forechest well developed, prosternum moderately beyond shoulder point. Ribs well sprung, extend well back. **Back** - Slopes very slightly to gently rounded croup. **Tail** - Docked or undocked, set on to conform to the croup. Carried horizontally and in constant motion while dog is in action which is the hallmark of the breed.

Coat - Flat, or slightly wavy, silky in texture and of medium length. It is well feathered, but not profuse.

Colors - Solids - Black, black and tan, liver, liver and tan or shades of red. **Parti-colors** — White in combination with above colors. Can be clear, roan or ticked.

Gait - Covers ground effortlessly with head held proudly keeping same topline as standing. Moderate angulation and balance front and rear allow good reach and drive in a ground covering stride.

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