

Cocker Spaniel

Examine on table

Height Dogs ideal 15” Bitches ideal 14”

General Appearance - Sturdy, compact body, over all dog in complete balance, slightly off-square. Capable of considerable speed combined with great endurance. Merry temperament.

Head - Skull - Well proportioned, rounded, not exaggerated. **Eyes** - Slightly almond shaped, eyeball is round, full, directed forward. Color darker is better. Alert, soft, appealing expression. **Muzzle** - Broad, deep with square even jaws. **Bite** - Scissor. **Nose** - Well developed nostrils, color harmonizes with eye rim color. **Ears** - Long, fine leather and well feathered, set on no higher than lower part of the eye.

Body - Neck- Sufficiently long to allow nose to reach ground easily, muscular. Chest deep, well sprung ribs. **Back** - Strong, sloping slightly to tail set on. **Tail** - Docked, carried on line with topline or slightly higher, never straight up Terrier like. When in motion, tail action is merry. Well rounded, muscular hindquarters.

Coat - Texture important Short and fine on head, medium length on body. Undercoat, silky, flat or slightly wavy. Well feathered.

Color. Three varieties: 1. Black or black with tan points. 2. ASCOB - Lightest cream to darkest red, also brown and brown with tan points. 3. Parti-color. Two or more solid, well broken colors. One must be white, the other any of the above colors. Roans are parti-colors, 4. Tan points - Lightest cream to darkest red. Locations required in Blacks and ASCOBs- over eyes- side of muzzle and on checks- underside of ears - feet and/or legs -under tail optional on chest

DISQUALIFICATIONS:

- Height—males over 15 ½ inches: females over 14 ½ inches. Color and Markings-the aforementioned colors are the only acceptable colors or combination of colors. Any other color or combination of colors to disqualify.
- Black variety -white markings except on chest and throat. ASCOB variety - white markings except on chest and throat. Parti-color variety - primary color ninety percent or more. Tan Points - 1. Tan markings in excess of ten percent. 2. Absence of tan markings in Black or ASCOB variety in any of the specified locations in an otherwise tan pointed dog. - Eye(s) blue, blue marbled, blue flecked.

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