

Buying a Cocker Spaniel (English) Puppy

What to expect from a Breeder who puts Health, Welfare and Temperament First



✓ Essential Documents

- Signed AWF Puppy Contract
- KC Registration Certificate (if applicable)
- Microchip Registration Certificate
- Temporary Pet Health Insurance
- Vaccination Certificate
- Copies of Health Certificates

A good breeder will

- have socialised and habituated the puppy
- provide a supply of food
- provide a blanket smelling of Mum
- follow the Code of Practice for Dog Breeding

✓ Health Certificates (both parents)

Official Health Schemes

- BVA/KC scheme for hip dysplasia (HD)
- BVA/KC screening for eye disease; full ophthalmological testing before breeding; to include gonioscopy (includes checks for multiple inherited diseases)

DNA tests relevant to breed

- PRA - Progressive retinal atrophy
- FN - Familial nephropathy
- AMS - Acral mutilation syndrome
- Adult onset neuropathy

Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)
www.thecockerspanielclub.co.uk
www.dbrg.uk/guide-to-buying-a-puppy.html



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Brief explanations and other diseases that may be more common in the breed - if in doubt then consult your vet for guidance



Official Health Schemes

Gonioscopy tests for primary glaucoma - a progressive eye disease leading to blindness

Hip dysplasia - abnormal formation of the hip joint - pain and lameness

DNA tests relevant to breed

PRA - Progressive retinal atrophy - eye disease leading to blindness

FN - Familial nephropathy - early onset kidney failure

AMS - Acral mutilation syndrome - dog attacks its own paws

AON - Adult onset neuropathy - neurological disease causing progressive weakness in middle age

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Auto immune disease - where the dog's immune system attacks its own body in various ways (particularly autoimmune haemolytic anaemia, where the dog's immune system attacks its own red blood cells)

Chronic pancreatitis - recurring inflammation of the pancreas causing pain and vomiting

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