

# Buying a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel 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)

#### BVA/KC Health Schemes

- **(CM/SM) Chiari Malformation/Syringomyelia**  
Parents should not be bred under 2.5 years. (MRI results).
- **Heart Disease (MVD)** both parents/grandparents
- The KC Heart Scheme is recommended.
- **Hip Dysplasia**
- **Eye Disease** (Cataract and Retinal Dysplasia)  
(both parents and puppies)

#### DNA Tests available

- Curly Coat/Dry Eye
- Episodic Falling Syndrome
- Degenerative Myelopathy

**Breed Health and Conservation Plan (BHCP)**  
[www.thecavalierclub.co.uk](http://www.thecavalierclub.co.uk)  
[www.dbrg.uk/guide-to-buying-a-puppy.html](http://www.dbrg.uk/guide-to-buying-a-puppy.html)



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## Brief Disease Explanation

If in doubt ask your Vet for guidance



### Diseases - Testing Available

**(CM/SM) Chiari Malformation/Syringomyelia** Mismatch in size of Brain (too big) to Skull (too Small). (Neurological)

**Mitral Valve Disease** Early onset (Unique to Cavaliers) Heart Disease (biggest killer of Cavaliers worldwide)

**Episodic Falling Syndrome** (*Unique to Cavaliers*)

Exercise-induced disorder - muscles are unable to relax (Neurological)

**Eye Disease (Cataract and Retinal Dysplasia)** Cataract - Clouding of the eye leading to blindness, Retina Dysplasia - Abnormal Development of the Retina

**Curly Coat/ Dry Eye** (*unique to Cavaliers*)

Severe and painful condition affecting Skin, Nails, Eyes

**Degenerative Myelopathy (DM)** Hind leg weakness/paralysis

**Hip Dysplasia** Abnormal formation of the Hip - pain and lameness

**Luxating Patella** Knee -cap slipping out of place causing pain.

### Other Diseases - no current health schemes or DNA test available

**Pancreatitis** (Inflammation of the Pancreas) - can become acute and painful

**Brachycephaly** (Shortened Face) - difficulty breathing and cooling

**Epilepsy** (neurological)

**Myoclonus** Seizure-like activity (neurological)

**Vestibular** (neurological)

**Photophobia** (neurological)

**PSOM** (Glue Ear)

**Blood Platelets** - Blood Clotting Disorder (*unique to Cavaliers*)

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