

Buying an English Cocker 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

- **Eye scheme** - Goniodysgenesis G (primary glaucoma) annual testing
- **Hip dysplasia (HD)**

DNA Tests available

- Progressive retinal atrophy (prcd-PRA)
- Familial nephropathy (FN)
- Bernard - soulier syndrome (BSS)
- Glycogen storage disease V11 (GSDV11)
- Acral mutilation syndrome (AMS)
- Adult onset neuropathy (AON)

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



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Brief Disease Explanation If in doubt ask your vet for guidance



Health Schemes - testing available

Goniodysgenesis G (primary glaucoma) - eye disease leading to blindness

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

DNA Tests - available

Progressive retinal atrophy (prcd-PRA) - eye disease leading to blindness

Familial nephropathy (FN) - early onset kidney failure

Bernard - soulier syndrome (BSS) - lethal bleeding disorder

Glycogen storage disease V11 (GSDV11) - liver disease

Acral mutilation syndrome (AMS) - absence of sensation in paws.

Adult onset neuropathy (AON) - neurological disease

Other Diseases - no current health scheme or DNA test available

Auto immune disease - body is unable to recognise good and bad cells and attacks itself.

Chronic pancreatitis - inflammation of the pancreas - can become acute

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