

American Cocker Spaniel vs. English Cocker Spaniel



Breed	Cocker Spaniel (aka American Cocker Spaniel)	English Cocker Spaniel (aka Cocker Spaniel)
Country of Origin	United States	England
AKC / KC Groups	Sporting Group / Gundog Group	Sporting Group / Gundog Group
Original Function	Bird Flushing and Retrieving	Bird Flushing and Retrieving

Physical Appearance

Breed	Cocker Spaniel (aka American Cocker Spaniel)	English Cocker Spaniel (aka Cocker Spaniel)
Coat Color	Black, ASCOB (any solid color other than black), or parti-colored, with or without white marking at the chest and throat or tan points	Solid black, liver or shades of red, black and tan, liver and tan, and any these colors on a white background either parti-colored, ticked, or roan
Coat Type	Silky and flat or slightly wavy, not overly long and has a dense undercoat.	Silky, flat or slightly wavy, with some feathering in medium length
Head	Rounded skull with pronounced stop	A strong, softly contoured head
Eyes	Hazel to black—depending on the coat color—nevertheless the darker the better, always soft and appealing with alert expression	Dark brown, never pale, full but not prominent
Ears	Long and lobular, set level with or below the lower part of the eyes	Low but set level with the eyes
Body	Small, compact, square in shape with deep chest, back slopes gently towards the tail	Slightly taller than length yet very strong and compact, topline sloping gradually towards the tail
Tail	Carried level with or just above the back, docked	Docked, carried horizontally
Height	14 to 15 inches	15 to 17 inches
Weight	18 to 25 lbs	26 to 34 pounds

Temperament & Needs & Learning

Breed	Cocker Spaniel (aka American Cocker Spaniel)	English Cocker Spaniel (aka Cocker Spaniel)
Overall Temperament	A highly sociable, lively dog with strong work drive, intelligence and a capacity for training	An intelligent, cheerful, loving, and highly sociable dog, a hard worker and devoted companion
General Activity	Moderate	Moderate
Exercise Requirement	Moderately high, a long daily walk with weekly romp in the park is adequate exercise for this breed.	Moderate high, at least one daily long (30 mins or more) walk and a good run in the park/field or a lively game at the yard.
Grooming Requirement	Regular brushing, and some trimming on the feet and ears. Pay extra attention to the ears and eyes cleanliness.	Regular brushing, and some trimming on the feet and ears.
Ideal Home Environment	Although they can live in urban area with plenty of walks, they're much better living in rural or suburban area	Fare well in rural and suburban areas
Ideal Owner	Ideal for family with older children	Suitable for owners (even seniors) with active lifestyle or family with older children with plenty of spare time
Special Needs	Have a tendency to become overweight without proper nutrition and adequate exercises	Attention, training, and socialization
Intelligence / Ranking	fairly high / ranked no. 20	fairly high / ranked no. 18
Trainability	Moderate high	Highly trainable
Cold / Heat Tolerance	moderate / moderate	moderate / moderate

Behavior

Breed	Cocker Spaniel (aka American Cocker Spaniel)	English Cocker Spaniel (aka Cocker Spaniel)
Excitability	Moderate, otherwise carefree attitude	Moderate, otherwise carefree attitude
Playfulness	High, game for almost any activities	High, game for almost any activities
Demand for Affection	Low, not much a attention seeker	Low, not much a attention seeker
Watchdog Barking	High	High
Protection	Low	Low
Dominance Over Owner	Low	Low
Good With Dogs	High, a team player	High, a team player
Good With Pets	High, a team player	High, a team player
Good With Children	Fairly patient with toddlers but fare better with older children	Fairly patient with toddlers but fare better with older children
Good With Strangers	Good but occasionally wary, will do well with early socialization training	Good but occasionally wary, will do well with early socialization training
Problematic Areas	Do not display destructive behaviors unless deprive for prolong period. Some do have temperament problems.	Do not display destructive behaviors unless deprive for prolong period. Some do have temperament problems.

Health

Breed	Cocker Spaniel (aka American Cocker Spaniel)	English Cocker Spaniel (aka Cocker Spaniel)
Life Span	12 to 15 years	12 to 14 years
Major Aliments	Cataracts, PRA (patent ductus arteriosus) , luxating patellar, glaucoma	Luxating patellar, PRA (patent ductus arteriosus), allergies
Minor Aliments	Hypothyroidism, epilepsy	Cateracts, hypothyroidism, hip dysplasia
Recommended Food	Poultry, low carbohydrates, and average fat content	poultry, lamb, oats, and potato