

CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL

GROUP: Toy

SIZE:

Height 12-13 in. Weight 13-18 lbs.

COAT:

No trimming of coat; moderate length, no curling; long feathering on ears, chest, legs, and tail; moderate feathering on feet.

COLOR:

Black & Tan, Ruby Red, Red & White, and tricolor. **White markings on the Black & Tan and Ruby are faults.**

HEAD:

Muzzle is slightly cone shaped, with a slightly rounded skull—should appear flat because of high ear placement.

Eyes: Large, round and dark brown in color, set wide apart.

Ears: Set high and long, but not close.

Nose: Black with no flesh marks.

Bite: Tight scissor bite preferred; may be even. **Undershot, crooked teeth, crooked jaws are faults.**

NECK:

Medium length and well arched.

BODY:

Back level at all times, straight loin and rump.

Chest: Moderate in depth, with well-sprung ribs.

FRONT & REAR QUARTERS:

Forelegs are well boned and perpendicular. Hind legs are strong with hocks slightly bent.

Feet: Compact, with hard pad and close toes.

Tail: Docked or left at natural length. If docked, at least two-thirds must be left.

MOVEMENT:

Smooth flowing gait, with graceful movements.

TEMPERAMENT:

Alert, non-aggressive, not shy, and a good family pet. (Bad temper, shyness, and mean behavior are grounds for dismissal)

***The four varieties of Cavalier King Charles Spaniel are distinguished by color: Black & Tan (jet black with rich, bright tan markings over eyes, on cheeks, inside ears, on chest and legs, and on underside of tail), Ruby (solid red), Blenheim (red & white), and the Prince Charles (tricolor). White markings on the Ruby and Black & Tan are faults.**

Any departure from this standard should be considered a fault, and the final score should reflect the seriousness of the deviation from the standard.