

COCKER SPANIEL

GROUP: Sporting

SIZE:

Ideal size for males 15 inches; females 14 inches. Weight 20-28 pounds, in proportion to height.

COAT:

Long, silky, flat or slightly wavy; short and fine on head; medium length on the body; well feathered ears, chest, abdomen, and legs, but not so much as to hide the true lines and movement. *Serious faults: Excessive coat; curly or cottony textured coat. Any trimming must be done only to enhance the dog's true lines and should appear as natural as possible.*

COLOR:

Color is immaterial. All colors and markings equally accepted.

HEAD:

Heavy and rather long, in balance with rest of body; rounded but not exaggerated skull with no tendency toward flatness.

Muzzle: Broad and deep with square even jaws; distance from the stop to the tip of the nose is one half the distance from the stop up over the crown to the base of the skull.

Eyes: Round, looking directly forward; shape of eye rims gives a slightly almond shaped appearance; dark brown, the darker the better.

Ears: Very long, pendent shaped; fine leather; well feathered; placed no higher than a line to the lower part of the eye.

Nose: Black and self-colored according to coat; color of nose matches color of the eye rims; of sufficient size to balance the muzzle and foreface with well developed nostrils typical of a sporting dog.

Bite: Scissors bite; strong and sound; not too small.

NECK:

Strong, muscular, and sufficiently long to allow the nose to reach the ground easily; rises strongly from the shoulders and slightly arches, tapering to join the head.

BODY:

Sturdy, compact with a short back and strong, arched loins. Topline is slightly sloping toward muscular hindquarters. Chest should be deep but not too broad or rounded; lowest point no higher than the elbows; ribs deep and well sprung.

FRONT & REAR QUARTERS:

Forelegs are straight and well boned; clean-cut shoulders, sloping; forelegs are parallel, muscular and set close to the body; short, strong pasterns.

Hind legs are moderately angulated at the stifle; strong, muscled, strongly boned; parallel when in motion and at rest; strong, well let down hocks; wide, well rounded, and muscular hips and quarters.

Feet: Compact, large, round, and firm with horny pads; turn neither in nor out.

Tail: Set low and carried in line with back, never so low as to indicate timidity.

MOVEMENT:

Swift and very agile, with flowing gait; coordinated, smooth, effortless.

TEMPERAMENT:

High-spirited, no suggestion of timidity.

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

Disqualifications:

Albinism

Mono or bi cryptorchid

Excessive shyness