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## dog breed guide...

### **Cocker Spaniel**

The Cocker Spaniel possesses a similar character and temperament to that of the English Springer Spaniel. A smaller dog compared to the Springer but nevertheless it is still a willing worker and also used in the police and armed forces as a sniffer dog due to its highly tuned sense of smell. Their name 'cocker' is believed to stem from their previous use of hunting woodcock. As their natural instinct is out hunting they have a strong work ethic and love to be out in the field or on 'walkies' exploring in the undergrowth.

#### **Temperament**

The Cocker Spaniel can be a little stubborn but they will respond well to training and they make an ideal family pet. They are certainly a loyal dog and also very friendly, intelligent and affectionate. Like with most dogs they will thrive when surrounded by its 'family' and isn't keen at all on being left alone for long periods. When out with its owners there is no need for balls or toys as they will be far too interested and pre-occupied picking up scents and following them wherever they go, whether it's under hedges or across the field. However, if you need to call them back then they will respond to a call or whistle. Their long, lobular ears covered with silky hair and the short, constantly wagging tail are endearing features of the Cocker.

#### **Size and Coat**

The flat silky coat may be any of a variety of colours; solid black, red, golden and occasionally liver. There are also parti-colours and tri-colours, the colour usually broken up with white.

Height can range from 38-41cm. On average the breed will weigh between 13-15kg.

#### **Life Expectancy**

12-14 years