

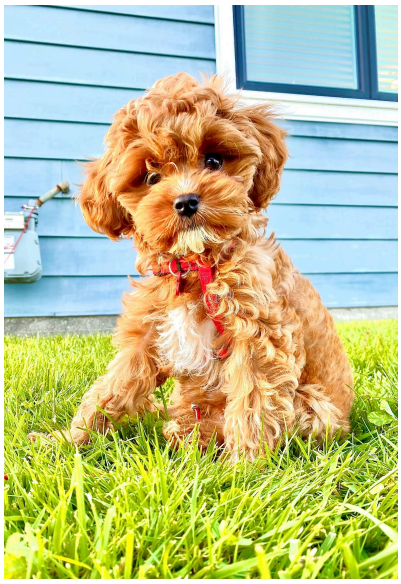
TIMBERLAND ACRES

Cavapoo

Height: 9-14 inches
Weight: 8-22 lb
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Group: Not Applicable
Best Suited For: Families with older children, singles and seniors, apartments, and houses with/without yards.
Temperament: Loving, friendly, intelligent, playful
Comparable Breeds: Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Poodle

An Introduction

The low-shedding (to no-shedding) Cavapoo is a great companion dog whose small stature makes him a perfect fit for apartment dwellers, seniors, and singles who like to include their pooch in all things social. A gentle nature means this indoor dog is a terrific family pet that does well with older kids who can be taught to appreciate its smaller size.



Origin

Hybrid or Crossbreed dogs have gained popularity over the past 10-20 years as potential pet parents seek out physical and character traits that better match their lifestyles. Cavapoos originated in the United States, and their petite build and sociable disposition make them a natural for most home settings as well as use as a therapy dog.

Pedigree



The Cavapoo is a cross between a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and a Miniature Poodle.

Food/Diet

The Cavapoo is a “busy” dog that loves to be active and, as a result, requires a healthy diet of high-quality dry kibble. Because smaller breeds are prone to dental problems, the kibble helps keep their teeth strong and retain their healthy smile. Remember that for training and rewards, treats should be healthy options designed for dogs (not owners) and doled out sparingly, as you would to a child. If in doubt about your pet’s diet, your vet will be happy to discuss options.

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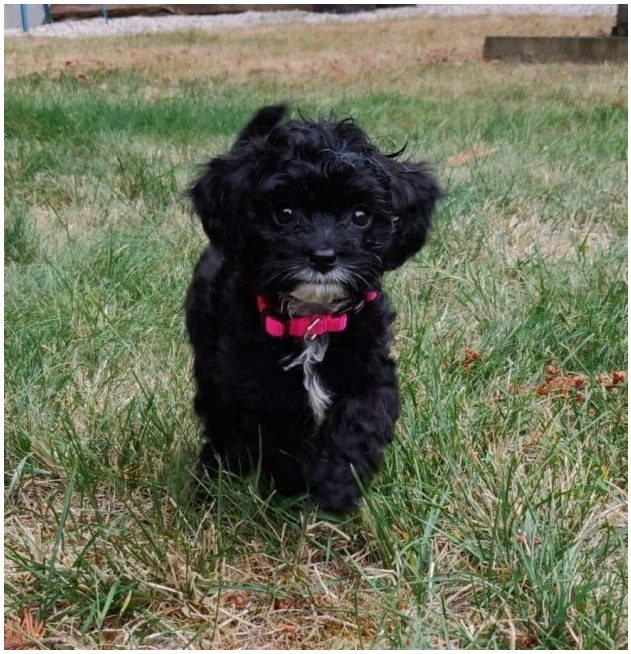
Training

Cavapoos are intelligent and curious dogs who learn quickly and are highly trainable. Begun early, house training, socialisation, and eventually, a wide range of tricks can be successfully taught to this eager-to-please breed. Sessions should be short and fun, and incorporate play into the mix with lots of praise and rewards offered up as he achieves his milestones.

Weight

Cavapoos generally weigh 10 to 15 pounds, depending on whether parentage includes a Poodle or Miniature Poodle

Temperament / Behavior



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Because the Cavapoo considers himself to be part of your pack, he loves to be involved in everything the family is doing and, if left on his own for too long, can develop unwanted behaviours such as barking. As one of the parents is a Poodle, he can also become somewhat hyper and clingy, following his owner around the house and suffering from separation anxiety if excluded.



Care

Longer, floppy ears mean this breed may be prone to ear infections, and regular cleaning is essential. Similarly, his teeth should be brushed regularly – daily if you can – with a vet-approved pet toothpaste.

Life Expectancy

The Cavapoo has an average lifespan of 10 to 15 years.

Exercise Requirements

While the fun-loving Cavapoo doesn't require extensive exercise, he does need daily activity, including at least one walk a day and/or

some serious, structured indoor playtime. The sturdy little dog loves games such as fetch, ball chasing, and agility activities, which earn him lots of praise from his owner. An intelligent breed, he also needs regular mental stimulation. Playing with different, safe toys is a great way to help him release leftover energy and interact with humans.

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Coat

Most Cavapoos have a soft, curly, or wavy coat, depending on which genes they inherit – Poodle or Cavalier King Charles Spaniel (which also means they could be hypoallergenic). While his coat can be maintained by regular bathing followed by brushing to prevent tangles, it's recommended that a visit to a professional groomer be scheduled every 2-3 months. The breed is also known to develop reddish-brown tear stains, a condition that can be addressed by washing his face daily, with careful attention to the area beneath his eyes.



Puppies

Understandably, the small Cavapoo produces an even smaller puppy, so care must be taken to ensure he is protected from extremes such as heat and cold, and even from well-meaning kids who can play rough. Because the breed is highly intelligent and eager to please, training can begin during the puppy stage. Early socialisation will be key to ensuring he is comfortable with strangers and other pets.