



TIMBERLAND ACRES

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

Height: 12-13 inches

Weight: 10-18 lb

Lifespan: 10-14 years

Group: AKC Toy

Best Suited For: Families with children, singles, seniors, apartments, houses with/without yards

Temperament: Friendly, playful, eager to please, gentle

Comparable Breeds: Bichon Frise, Cocker Spaniel



An Introduction

A somewhat recognizable breed that is growing more popular in Canada, The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel is a unique breed of toy dog that has already been popular in such dog-loving countries as the United Kingdom. But what's in a name, really? After all, a breed that goes by the term Cavalier King Charles Spaniel really has to deliver on a lot of promises that its name makes: is this breed really such a noble animal that it should be named after a king?

Well, that's always up for each individual dog owner to decide, but we think the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel is one of the most ideal pet breeds available today.



Often white and chestnut (Blenheim), Tricolour (Black/White/Chestnut), Black & Tan, and Ruby. With a smaller frame but a friendly disposition, the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel is really one of the ideal pets for domestic life. But you're about to learn a lot more about this breed, including the answer to one crucial question: might this be the dog breed for you and your family?

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Origin

As you might imagine from the name, the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel traces its roots back to royalty. In England, King Charles II was known for his "little dogs" and clearly had a preference for toy group-type breeds. There is even a legend that the King issued an edict that the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel-type dog could not be denied entrance to any public place – a high honor indeed, if it is true.

From that information alone, you can guess that the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel has been around in Europe for several hundred years.



Pedigree

The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel finds its pedigree with a number of dogs because of its slightly odd breeding history. The original Cavalier King Charles Spaniels were around and had been bred from other toy dogs and spaniels during the 16th century or so, but modern-day breeders have been using other methods of breeding to bring a purer version of the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel back into existence.



Food / Diet

As a toy breed, the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel doesn't have a necessarily large diet compared to other dogs, but it's important to remember that it is one of the heaviest and largest toy breeds in existence. A full, lustrous coat will require good nutrition and care, so be sure to feed your dog good whole foods like meat and vegetables in addition to a normal dog diet of kibbles and treats



Training

These dogs are very friendly and known for being patient, and their eagerness to please is considered a plus for dog trainers who don't have a lot of experience in shaping a dog's behavior. This is great news if you're new to the world of dog training and could really use an easier dog to handle.

Weight

A weight of 10-18 pounds makes this a relatively large toy breed and suggests its heritage as a dog bred for being comfortable on your lap. About 10-18 pounds is actually a high degree of variance, so just be sure that your dog appears to have a weight proportional to its general build and height.

Temperament / Behavior

The Cavalier King Charles Spaniels will require good daily exercise and enjoy a good amount of play ideal for a life with children and in neighborhoods with other dogs, the temperament of the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel is just about as good as you'll find for a companion dog. It won't necessarily make a great or aggressive guard dog, but it will get along with your children and other dogs just fine.

Life Expectancy

A life expectancy of around 9 to 14 years should be expected, with the high degree of variance explained by the breed's propensity to a number of health problems and hereditary diseases.



Exercise Requirements

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Coat

A longer coat that can have a really great shine and attractive look means that you'll want to go the extra mile to ensure the coat is taken care of and groomed properly.

Puppies

Since Cavalier King Charles Spaniels are easy to train, raising one from a puppy should not prove to be a too difficult challenge to manage. Setting basic expectations and boundaries for the puppy is advisable as it would be for a dog of any breed.