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Information Brochure

CAVALIER KING
CHARLES SPANIEL CLUB
OF VICTORIA INC.

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Background

As the name suggests, the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel proudly traces its ancestry back to the royal courts of England and to Blenheim Palace.

Beyond that the dogs of Spain and Holland were of the spaniel type and were popular as 'comforters' or ladies' dogs. 'The Merry Monarch', Charles the Second, was devoted to his dogs – almost to the point of addiction. They travelled with him everywhere and the sign "Beware of the Dog" probably originated in his court, meaning not that they were dangerous, but rather 'Don't tread on them!' Contrary to popular belief they do not have free access to all Royal Parks, palaces and public buildings in England; they just behave as if they do, and it wouldn't do to disillusion them!

Average Lifespan

When considering a dog, please realise that you are taking it on for its lifetime. Cavaliers live from between 10 to 15 years of age.

Average size and weight

Size varies, but for the conformation show ring a Cavalier should weigh between 5.4 to 8 kilograms. There is no regulation height but 30 – 33cms at the shoulder is average. Larger dogs would be considered suitable as companion animals rather than show specimens.

Breed Personality/Character/Temperament

Vital, energetic, active, loving, the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel makes the perfect family pet, but it must be stressed they are dogs that belong with people. They are not dogs to be left alone or housed outside as they thrive on human contact.

Cavaliers are bred in four colours:

Blenheim: Rich chestnut markings on a pearly white background. The markings on the head should be equally divided giving a masked effect and leaving room in the middle for the prized 'Blenheim Spot' – which may not always be present.

Tri colour: A black and white dog with tan markings over the eyes, on the cheeks, inside the legs, behind the elbows and on the underside of the tail.

Ruby: Whole colour rich red with no white markings at all.

Black and Tan: Absolutely raven black coat with tan markings over the eyes, on the cheeks, inside the legs, behind the elbows and under the tail.

Compatibility with other pets

Excellent

Care Requirements

Apart from their excellent qualities, they do drop coat twice a year and have POOR road sense, so outside



the well fenced family property they should always be kept on a lead.

If you are contemplating buying a Cavalier please make certain that your fences are secure. All dogs will dig when young and will find a way out if at all possible.

Please take note:

The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel is a healthy breed and annual checks and inoculations are essential, as is regular worming. Your veterinarian will explain the dangers of heart-worm and advise on the preventative measures. It should be noted that certain weeds and grasses might have adverse affects.

Ideal Owner/s:

Suited to family's or retired people. These dogs will return many years of loving pleasure. They are excellent with children and the aged. They are FAMILY DOGS and to exclude them from close human contact will break their hearts.

In Conclusion:

Now you know a little bit about the Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and have decided this is the dog for you or you want more information, contact the breed club The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club of Victoria Inc. through their web site at <http://www.cavalierclubvictoria.com>.

Here you will find information about available puppies and also current committee members who can suggest dog shows where you can see the breed and speak to breeders. In this way you will gain a better perspective of the breed and its needs.

