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Fact Sheet: English Cocker Spaniel

Dog type: gundog

History:

- It is believed that the many different types of spaniel in the UK originate from dogs brought from Spain by the Romans.
- In the 1800's, small spaniels were developed to hunt woodcock and given the name 'cocker' spaniels.
- Cocker Spaniels could cover a lot of ground and make their way into thick bushes or through water to find game.

Did you know...?

- The English Cocker Spaniel is one of the most popular breeds of dog in the United Kingdom.
- Famous people who owned English Cocker spaniels include ex USA president Richard Nixon and poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning.
- The English Cocker Spaniel is taller and heavier than his American cousin, the American Cocker Spaniel.

Cocker Spaniels as pets:

- Make good companions.
- Friendly, gentle and obedient.
- Like regular exercise.