

Characteristics of the Cockapoo

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The Cockapoo inherited from the Poodle its extraordinary intelligence and its nonshedding coat. Happily, there is very little dander, which is the main culprit in causing peoples allergies to dogs. From the Cocker comes a sweet and patient nature, a calm and mellow disposition, a natural affinity for children and a sturdy build. This type of crossbreeding usually results in hybrid vigor in which the best qualities of each breed are manifested in the offspring. The former statement presupposes that breeders are using only high-quality Cockers and Poodles with the soundest dispositions and clear health/genetic testing. Crossbreeding also creates a wider genetic pool and lessens the likelihood of the more prominent defects of each breed being reproduced. This, however, does not apply to genetic defects common to both breeds. Continued outcrossing (breeding unrelated pairs) enlarges the gene pool even further.

The personality of the Cockapoo is unparalleled in its affection for people. Cockapoos are loyal, open and friendly. They are most receptive to young people and highly regarded for being extremely tolerant of childrens clumsy handing. Cockapoos generally are non-destructive around the house and clean. They are eager to please and therefore easily trained. Health-wise, they can hardly be beat as they remain vigorous and active for most of their years; some dogs live to be 15 to 22 years of age.

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