

## Considering a Cockapoo

**A Cocker Spaniel-Poodle mix is not a breed of its own, but a mixed-breed dog.**

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Q. What can you tell me about a FB1 Cockapoo? I noticed one for sale and may be interested in purchasing. Do you know what they usually cost or what should come with the purchase of such a dog? I have never purchased a dog, but was given one as a gift.

We used to have a Poodle-Terrier mix who passed away a few years ago. He did not bother my allergies, was one of the most precious little family members and is greatly missed.

A. I can tell you that this is not a "breed" but a dog that is part Poodle (which doesn't shed) and part Cocker Spaniel (which does). You will also probably be charged many hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars more than a mixed-breed dog with a clean bill of health from a local shelter would cost you.

If you want a purebred dog, I recommend going to an established hobby breeder or a breed rescue group. You can find both by visiting the websites of national breed clubs, and from there, being guided to local groups dedicated to your breed. For a mixed-breed dog, visit your local humane society or shelter.