

## Are You an English Springer Spaniel Person?

**Find out if this loving breed is for you.**

What are your goals for your Springer pup? Today's Springers come in two different packages, one bred for the show ring and the other bred for the breed's original purpose: to find, flush and retrieve game. As a hunting companion, the Springer is by far the most popular of the spaniel breeds. Just say flushing spaniel to a hunter and he'll know that you are referring to the Springer. Then he will happily regale you with stories of his Springers diving into a thicket after a pheasant or leaping high into the air after the flushed bird. Springer poetry in its purest form.

For the conformation aficionado, the opposite is true. This fancier's vision is the perfectly proportioned Springer with pleasing markings, superb gait and a precise show stance that will capture the eye and heart of the conformation judge. For this person, the dog's field ability is less important or perhaps not important at all.

Whatever your goals, the Springer is an easy dog to train. He is bright and eager to please, but he also is a softie and will easily wilt if his owner is heavy-handed or too demanding. He will respond best to a training regimen filled with praise, praise and more praise. Whether your passion lies in the field or in the show ring, or you are attracted to the breed solely for its virtues as a companion, adding a Springer to your family will dramatically alter your lifestyle. This dog needs exercise and plenty of it to stay physically and mentally fit; he also needs to be a true part of the family. Owning an English Springer Spaniel means committing to at least two brisk walks and adequate playtime every day, as well as sharing your family room, your activities and your life with a dog. Meeting those demands will enhance not only your Springer's life but yours as well.

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