

	<b>Cavalier</b>	<b>King Charles</b>
<b>General Appearance</b>	Active, graceful and well balanced, with gentle expression	Refined, compact and cobby.
<b>Characteristic</b>	Sporting, affectionate, absolutely fearless.	Happy, intelligent, toy spaniel, with distinctive domed head.
<b>Temperament</b>	Gay, <b>friendly</b> , non-aggressive; no tendency to nervousness.	<b>Reserved</b> , gentle and affectionate
<b>Head And Skull</b>	<b>Skull almost flat between ears. Stop shallow.</b> Length from base of stop to tip of nose about 3.8 cms (1 ½ ins). Nostrils black and well developed without flesh marks, <b>muzzle well tapered</b> . Lips well developed but not pendulous. Face well filled below eyes. Any tendency to snipiness undesirable	<b>Skull large in comparison to size, well domed</b> , full over eyes. Nose black with large, wide-open nostrils, very short and turned-up to meet skull. <b>Stop between skull and nose well defined. Muzzle square, wide and deep, well turned up, lower jaw wide</b> , lips exactly meeting, giving nice finish. Cheeks not falling away under eyes, but well cushioned
<b>Eyes</b>	<b>Large</b> , dark, round but not prominent; spaced well apart	<b>Very large</b> and dark, set wide apart, eyelids block square to face line, pleasing expression
<b>Ears</b>	Long, <b>set high</b> , with plenty of feather	<b>Set on low</b> , hanging quite flat to cheeks, very long and well feathered
<b>Mouth</b>	Jaws strong, with <b>a perfect, regular and complete scissor bite</b> , i.e. the upper teeth closely overlapping the lower teeth and set square to the jaws	<b>Bite should be slightly undershot</b> . Protruding tongue highly undesirable
<b>Neck</b>	<b>Moderate</b> length, slightly arched	Of <b>medium</b> length; arched giving proud carriage of head
<b>Forequarters</b>	Chest moderate, shoulders well laid back; straight legs, moderately boned	Legs short, straight. Shoulders well laid back, elbows close to rib cage, turning neither in nor out
<b>Body</b>	Short-coupled with good spring of rib. Level back	Chest wide and deep, back short and level
<b>Hindquarters</b>	Legs with moderate bone; well turned stifle - no tendency to cow or sickle hocks	Sufficient muscle to give positive driving movement stifles well bent, hocks well let down and defined. Straight viewed from behind, turning neither in nor out
<b>Feet</b>	Compact, cushioned and well feathered	Compact, well padded and feathered, toes well knuckled, round cat shaped foot, well cushioned, pasterns firm. <b>Occasionally central pads and nails fused together</b>
<b>Tail</b>	Length of tail in balance with body, well set on, carried happily but never much above the level of the back.	Well feathered not carried over or above level of back.
<b>Gait/Movement</b>	Free moving and elegant in action, plenty of drive from behind. Fore and hind legs move parallel when viewed from in front and behind	Free, active and elegant, driving from behind. Sound movement highly desirable
<b>Coat</b>	Long, silky, free from curl. Slight wave permissible. Plenty of feathering. Totally free from trimming	Long, silky and straight, slight wave allowed, never curly. Legs, ears and tail profusely feathered.
<b>Colour</b>	Black and Tan - Raven black with tan markings above the eyes, on cheeks, inside ears, on chest and legs and underside of tail. Tan should be bright. White marks undesirable. Ruby - Whole coloured rich red. White markings undesirable. Blenheim - Rich chestnut markings well broken up, on pearly white ground. Markings evenly divided on head, leaving room between ears for much valued lozenge mark or spot (a unique characteristic of the breed). Tricolour - Black and white well spaced, broken up, with tan markings over eyes, cheeks, inside ears, inside legs, and on underside of tail.	Black and Tan - rich glossy black, with bright mahogany tan markings, on muzzle, legs, chest, linings of ears, under tail and spots over eyes. White patch on chest undesirable. Tri-Colour - ground pearly white, with well distributed black patches, brilliant tan markings on cheeks, linings of ears, under tail and spots over eyes. Wide white blaze between eyes and up forehead. Blenheim - ground pearly white, with well distributed chestnut red patches. Wide, clear blaze with the 'spot' in centre of skull, should be a clear chestnut red mark about the size of a penny. Ruby - whole coloured, rich chestnut red. White patch on chest highly undesirable.
<b>Sizes</b>	Weight: <b>5.4-8 kg (12-18 lbs)</b> . A small well-balanced dog well within these weights desirable	Weight: <b>3.6-6.3 kg (8-14 lbs)</b>

Although the Cavalier and the King Charles (Charlies) are related, there are differences which make these two breeds, two distinct breeds.

The main difference in appearance is in the head, the Cavalier standard asks for a skull almost flat between the ears and a well tapered muzzle whereas the Charlie standard asks for a well domed skull, muzzle square and wide. The Cavalier has high set ears and the Charlie has low set ears. The Cavalier requires a scissor bite but the Charlie is slightly undershot and their standard requires an upturned lower jaw. The Charlie standard

asks for a well defined stop and the Cavalier standard asks for a shallow stop (when compared to the Charlie) as the Cavalier standard was written many years after the King Charles standard.

The Cavalier is the larger of the two breeds, with its lowest weight being the highest for the King Charles. Their temperaments are also very different. The Cavalier is very friendly and they seem to love the world, whereas the Charlies is reserved but very devoted to their owners.