

# Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Guide

## Royal Heritage

Named after King Charles II who adored his spaniels, Cavaliers are true companion dogs bred for centuries to be loving lap warmers. Their gentle, affectionate nature makes them ideal therapy dogs and family pets.

## Four Colors

Cavaliers come in four official colors: Blenheim (chestnut and white), tricolor (black, white, and tan), black and tan, and ruby (solid reddish-brown). All colors share the same sweet expression and silky coat.

## Adaptable Companions

These versatile dogs adapt to various lifestyles. They're happy with apartment living if exercised regularly, yet athletic enough for hiking and agility. They get along with everyone - children, other dogs, cats, and strangers alike.

## Health Awareness

Cavaliers are prone to heart disease (mitral valve disease) and neurological conditions. Choosing a reputable breeder who screens for health issues is essential. Despite these concerns, well-bred Cavaliers can live happy lives of 9-14 years.