

All about the North American Cockapoo Registry

Congratulations on becoming a new Cockapoo owner! We hope that you are embarking upon a long and wonderful relationship with your new family member. Cockapoos have been bred since the 1950's and have been enjoying a continuing rise in popularity ever since, with a major boom in the 1990's that still continues. Cockapoos are bred to be a loyal companion and family pet; they are bred first for temperament, health and intelligence. Those that have owned and breed these dogs know how superb they are.

At the moment Cockapoos are designated a "hybrid cross" – that is, the purposeful mating of two distinct breeds for the purpose of bringing out the best qualities of both. This is how all dog breeds have been developed throughout history. Dogs with highly desired characteristics (for example to perform work, or no shedding) are selected and bred to enhance and perpetuate these traits. After breeding a number of generations (first generation is the two parent breeds; subsequent generations are Cockapoo to Cockapoo which maintains the original mix of genes from the cocker and poodle, yet stabilizes them to the point that a throwback to the original parent breed never happens). Five to seven generations of these breedings results in breeding true to form. The "mix" is now stable, predictable and becomes recognized as a breed rather than a hybrid cross. Those of us owning an NACR registered Cockapoo have the wonderful honor of becoming a part of canine history in that the steps needed to move from hybrid cross to recognized breed are in process, through the NACR and its breeders.

Proving that these generations have been bred and exist within the scientific world and the dog fancy requires a genetic database to track these breedings & outcomes. The North American Cockapoo Registry began this process in 1999. Cockapoo breeders across the continent were contacted (or found the NACR on the internet) and voluntarily participate in developing the database; even more importantly using an NACR breeder insures that you are indeed getting a genuine Cockapoo and not just a cute fluffy puppy that happens to look like one. Supporting the NACR also helps to create a healthy gene pool to enhance the long term health of the breed and monitor/eliminate possible inherited health problems in future generations of Cockapoos.

Your breeder is an NACR breeder; the breeding stock from this kennel is registered and monitored as are the offspring produced. We need your help to continue this, by you transferring the registration of your new puppy from your breeder to you so that we can continue to monitor and track the Cockapoo. Please be sure to register your new puppy with the NACR using the information your breeder will give you, or inquire about whether your breeder already did this for you as part of your purchase agreement. With your help we can bring the Cockapoo to the status in the dog fancy that it more than deserves and let the world see what we already know – how wonderful they are!

For any questions or further information, including help on puppy and dog care, fun and interesting links and opportunities to participate with other Cockapoo lovers and owners online visit the North American Cockapoo Registry website at www.cockapoos.com. Above all – ***be sure to register your Cockapoo!!!!*** Thank you and once again, congratulations!

The North American Cockapoo Registry (founded in 1999) is an all-volunteer group dedicated to protecting & elevating the Cockapoo to breed status, and developing related breed activity.

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