

SHOWING A COCKER SPANIEL FROM BEGINNER TO CHAMPION

COCKERS ARE THE SECOND MOST POPULAR BREED AND ARE WELL REPRESENTED IN THE SHOW RING

CHOOSING A SHOW PUPPY

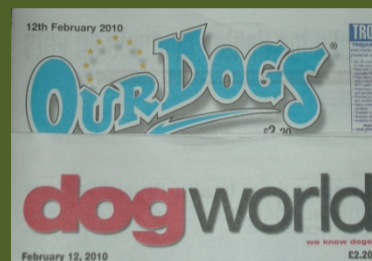
MOST PEOPLE START SHOWING BY ACCIDENT, THEY MIGHT JUST GO ALONG TO A LOCAL FUN SHOW, WIN A ROSETTE AND WANT TO DO MORE. IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO **TELL THE BREEDER** THAT YOU INTEND TO SHOW YOUR DOG. BREEDERS CAN GIVE ADVICE AND GUIDANCE. **A SHOW PUPPY SHOULD BE HEALTHY, HAVE GOOD CONFORMATION AND A FRIENDLY, OUTGOING TEMPERAMENT.**



SHOW PREPARATION TAKES A LOT OF PATIENCE. THE DOG NEEDS CAREFUL TRIMMING AND TRAINING AT RINGCRAFT CLASSES.

BY THE TIME THE PUPPY IS 6 MONTHS HE CAN COMPETE AT HIS FIRST SHOW.

ENTERING SHOWS. **DOG WORLD AND OUR DOGS** ARE PUBLISHED EVERY WEEK. THEY GIVE LISTINGS FOR SHOWS AND CONTACT DETAILS. SCHEDULES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SHOW SECRETARY. MANY SHOWS CAN BE ENTERED 'ONLINE', **FOSSE DATA** AND **HIGHAM PRESS** BOTH HAVE WEBSITES WHERE SCHEDULES CAN BE DOWNLOADED.



TYPES OF SHOWS

COMPANION DOG SHOWS ARE JUST FOR FUN, **PROCEEDS GO TO CHARITY.** DOGS ARE ENTERED ON THE DAY. THERE ARE CLASSES FOR PEDIGREE DOGS, CROSSBREDS, FUN CLASSES AND SOMETIMES OBEDIENCE CLASSES.

LIMIT SHOWS ARE LESS POPULAR THAN THEY WERE. THEY ARE 'LIMITED' IN THAT EXHIBITORS MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANISING CLUB. THEY ARE OPEN TO ALL BREEDS OR A SINGLE BREED. ENTRIES ARE MADE AHEAD OF TIME.



GENERAL OPEN SHOWS ARE THE MOST PROLIFIC SHOWS IN THE CALENDAR. THEY ARE 'OPEN' BECAUSE OWNERS DO NOT NEED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANISING CLUB. COCKERS ARE USUALLY CLASSIFIED BECAUSE THEY ARE SO POPULAR. NUMBERS OF CLASSES VARY BUT THE AVERAGE IS FOUR – PUPPY, JUNIOR, POST GRADUATE AND OPEN. **BEST OF BREED** AND **BEST PUPPY** IN BREED COMPETE FOR **BEST IN GROUP** OR **BEST IN SHOW** OR THE PUPPY EQUIVALENT. THERE ARE ALSO VARIETY CLASSES. **JUNIOR WARRANTS** AND **SHOW CERTIFICATES OF MERIT** CAN BE WON BY COLLECTING POINTS FOR WINS. **PREMIER SHOWS** HAVE THE BONUS THAT SOME BEST OF BREEDS QUALIFY FOR CRUFTS'.

BREED CLUB OPEN SHOWS ARE WELL SUPPORTED. THERE ARE USUALLY ABOUT 20 CLASSES TO CHOOSE FROM. WINNERS COMPETE FOR **BEST IN SHOW** AND **BEST PUPPY IN SHOW.** WINNING THESE AWARDS IS AN HONOUR AS THE COMPETITION IS USUALLY STRONG. THE SHOWS ARE USUALLY FRIENDLY AND RELAXED.

COCKER SPANIEL BREED CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS ARE POPULAR BECAUSE ENTRIES ARE REASONABLY PRICED, THERE ARE TWO JUDGES AND A GOOD CHOICE OF CLASSES. MOST BREED CLUBS ARE ON A ROTA AND HOLD A CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW EVERY TWO YEARS.



CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS CAN BE EITHER FOR ALL BREEDS, A GROUP OR A SINGLE BREED. FIRST TO THIRD PRIZES IN CERTAIN CLASSES QUALIFY THE DOGS FOR CRUFTS'. A CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE(CC) IS AWARDED FOR EACH OF BEST DOG AND BEST BITCH AND A BEST OF BREED DECLARED. A DOG WINNING THREE CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES BECOMES A SHOW CHAMPION.

DOG AND BITCH CC AT COVENTRY COCKER



THESE SHOWS MUST BE ENTERED BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE. IT IS OFTEN POSSIBLE TO ENTER ONLINE.

THE COCKER SPANIEL CLUB CHAMP. SHOW IS A MAJOR EVENT.



A CLASS AT A GENERAL CHAMP. SHOW

BOB CRUFTS'

CRUFTS' DOG SHOW IS THE BIGGEST SHOW OF THE YEAR. DOGS MUST QUALIFY TO ENTER AT CRUFTS'. FOR COCKERS **THE QUALIFICATION IS 1ST, 2ND OR 3RD IN MINOR PUPPY, PUPPY, JUNIOR, YEARLING, POSTGRADUATE, LIMIT OR OPEN AT A CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR.** WINNING A CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE, RESERVE CHALLENGE CERTIFICATE, JUNIOR WARRANT OR 1ST, 2ND OR 3RD IN LIMIT OR OPEN MEANS THE DOG IS ENTERED IN THE **KENNEL CLUB STUD BOOK** AND IS QUALIFIED FOR LIFE.



BUT WIN OR LOSE – REMEMBER YOU ALWAYS TAKE THE BEST DOG HOME!