

<b>Common Questions</b>	<b>Barrister English Cockers' Policy</b>
<p><b>Question 1. Exhibition</b> Do you show and work your puppies/dogs?</p>	<p>We show our dogs in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AKC Breed Conformation</li> <li>• AKC Agility</li> </ul> <p>We have not shown dogs in obedience, although we do basic obedience training in preparation for other events. We encourage, at minimum, a basic obedience course, as this makes living with a dog easier on everyone!</p>
<p><b>Question 2. Health</b> What health problems are known in this breed and do you seek clearances for these things? What specific problems have you seen in your litters and the litters of the sire/dam?</p>	<p>As is the case of humans, there are almost no guarantees with respect to the appearance of genetic diseases. We do our best to manage these through testing, pedigree research &amp; health record inspection when selecting breeding stock. Potential health problems in this breed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hip Dysplasia.</b> Our dogs are x-rayed after the age of two for hip dysplasia. All results are sent to the OFA for certification. We will only breed those with Good or Excellent ratings.</li> <li>• <b>PRDC (eyes).</b> Our dogs are CERF'd or genetically tested. Test results will be used to determine suitable matings.</li> <li>• <b>Hearing.</b> Our dogs are BAER tested. We intend to breed only those with bilaterally Normal test results.</li> </ul> <p>Test results for the sire and dam of your potential litter are available upon request.</p> <p>Puppies will receive the following prior to release:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shots, as specified in their puppy pack information.</li> <li>• BAER Hearing Test to eliminate possibility of deafness</li> <li>• Optigen PRDC Test (optional) to determine carrier status</li> </ul> <p>Other problems which may occasionally appear in this breed (although they are more common in other breeds) include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Epilepsy,</li> <li>• Familial Nephropathy</li> <li>• Autoimmune problems</li> <li>• Thyroid</li> </ul> <p>We have spent significant time researching pedigrees for our upcoming litter. Please contact us if you are interested in learning more about the specific pedigrees involved.</p>
<p><b>Question 3. Credentials</b> How long have you been involved in English Cocker Spaniels? What is your involvement in the breed?</p>	<p>Barrister English Cockers has owned English cockers since 1970. We are active members and officers for the English Cocker Spaniel Club of Southern California. We are members in good standing of English Cocker Spaniel Club of America and the American Kennel Club.</p> <p>Southern California is fortunate to be home to some of the top breeders in the country and some of their dogs appear in our pedigrees. References are available upon request.</p>
<p><b>Question 4. Availability</b> Is there a waiting list? Will we get a puppy?</p>	<p>We currently have a list of persons interested in our litter. Once our litter is born and you have had an opportunity to learn more about it, we may mutually decide that one of these dogs are suited to you. At that time, we may ask for a non-refundable deposit for a puppy.</p>

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<p><b>Question 5. Shipping</b> What shipping or pick up arrangements have to be made?</p>	<p>Pick-up in person is preferred. We suggest visiting the litter at 6 weeks, to get a sense for the personality of the puppies and to help us finalize the match to a puppy.</p> <p>If shipping is required, the puppy will be shipped at 12 weeks of age or greater by airfreight. The cost of shipping and a crate will be added to the cost of the puppy.</p>
<p><b>Question 6. Litters</b> How many litters do you produce in a year? Are you keeping any puppies? Why or not?</p>	<p>We rarely produce more than 1 litter per year. Our intent is to keep the pick(s) of the litter for exhibition purposes and to build our breeding program. This may vary, depending on the quality of a specific litter. We do not breed for profit.</p>
<p><b>Question 7. Terms</b> What are your terms of sale? What will you provide?</p>	<p>Barrister English Cocker's is committed to the sport of purebred dogs. As such, AKC registration forms will be completed prior to release of the puppy to the purchaser and all dogs will be co-owned by Barrister English Cocker's until:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An AKC Conformation Championship is completed or</li> <li>• Written proof of spay/neuter is provided.</li> </ul> <p>Companion dogs (pets) will be sold on AKC limited registrations. AKC registered names will be approved by Barrister and will include no kennel names other than Barrister. Barrister reserves the right to re-possess the dog, if the purchaser fails to comply with these or other terms of the contract. See contract for details.</p>
<p><b>Question 8. Problems</b> If something goes wrong what is your policy? In the event that we are someday not able to keep dog, what are your terms?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Within 48 Hours of Purchase.</b> You are required to obtain a well-puppy exam, performed by a qualified veterinarian, within 48 hours of receiving your puppy. Should this exam determine that the puppy is not healthy, Barrister will pay reasonable medical expenses (not to exceed the purchase price of the puppy), accept the return of the puppy for refund or replace the puppy from the next available litter, at their sole discretion.</li> <li>• <b>Within One Year of Purchase.</b> Cost of upkeep, including food and medical, are the responsibility of the purchaser.</li> <li>• <b>Lifetime of Dog.</b> If at any time you are unable to keep the dog, you must notify Barrister ECS immediately. Ownership of the dog will revert solely to Barrister ECS, until such time as a suitable replacement home can be found. Placement is upon approval and at the discretion of Barrister English Cocker's. Costs to return the dog to Barrister, including medical and shipping, are generally the responsibility of the purchaser.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Question 9. Price</b> What is the price for puppies? Does it differ for show? Companion? Working? Male? Female?</p>	<p>Prices are subject to change. Price includes testing mentioned above, puppy pack (selected starter supplies) and free grooming (if you bring the dog to our home) for the first year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Puppies are approximately \$1000</li> <li>• A \$25 credit will apply for completion of a puppy or adult obedience class.</li> <li>• A \$50 credit will apply for proof of sterilization from a qualified veterinarian.</li> </ul>