

# The Cocker Spaniel Club of Queensland Inc.

## Cocker Spaniel of the Year Contest

### Rules for the 2004-2005 Competition

1. The 2004-2005 'Cocker of the Year' Competition final will be held in conjunction with an 'end of the year' celebration at which the winners will be presented with their trophies.
2. The 16 Cockers who accrue the highest number of challenge points during the competition year will be eligible to compete and will be invited to attend the final. In addition, reserve dogs will be nominated in the order they finish after the first 16. Proof of challenge points will be required on or before the closing date and challenge certificate copies must be produced for all wins claimed. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
3. Only challenge points awarded at Championship Shows at breed level can be counted. Extra points gained for group/show wins do not count.
4. The competition is open only to financial members of the Cocker Spaniel Club of Qld Inc. Points will be counted from when a person becomes a financial member, and dogs owned in partnership must have all members financial.
5. A panel of 3 judges will remain anonymous until the day of the Contest.
6. The draw for the heats will be conducted immediately prior to the judging and each heat will be judged by the 3 judges. The judging will consist of playoffs, with 8 initial heats of 2 dogs each in round 1,4 and in round 2,2 heats in round 3 and culminating in the final round with the 2 remaining dogs competing for the title of 'COCKER SPANIEL OF THE YEAR'.
7. The decision of the subcommittee and the judges will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
8. The returning officer nor the club will not be responsible for delayed or non-receipt of Challenge points.
9. Members who are unable to attend the final judging must refrain from entering same. No recognition will be given to dogs absent on the day of judging and they will be replaced by a reserve. Any nominee withdrawn by the owner will be final. All withdrawals must be in writing (to The Returning Officer) no later than 5 days prior to judging.
10. The returning officer must receive entries INCLUDING proof of Challenges, a STANDARD sized photo of the dog, a WRITE UP on the dog (approx. 150 words) and Sire & Dam by 7pm on the **5th October 2005**. Entries received after this date will not be accepted. All successful competitors will be notified within 5 days of closing.
11. A trophy will be awarded to the Winner and Sashes or Certificates to the Finalists.
12. Any dog not present for Sash presentation will be deemed absent from the competition and the next reserve will take their place.
13. In the event of a tie for the 16<sup>th</sup> place an average of Best of Breeds will be used to decide the final placing.

***ALL members of the Cocker Spaniel Club of Qld will be eligible to compete in the above Competition - REGARDLESS OF WHERE THEY LIVE - All registered owners of the Cocker Spaniel MUST be members of the Cocker Spaniel Club of Qld at time of the appropriate Point Score Shows.***

### **Cocker Spaniel Puppy of the Year**

We will also be conducting a Cocker Spaniel Puppy of the Year competition in conjunction with the adult competition. All conditions regarding owners and dogs apply as above. Points will be accrued at the 18 nominated shows listed. Points allocated will start as of Baby Puppy Class and until end of Puppy Class. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st - 3pts, 2nd - 2pts, 3rd - 1pt. If a dog is eligible for both Minor and Puppy Classes only one class points for that show will be counted. In the event of a draw a count back of class of breed will be done. The top 4 point scoring puppies will be chosen to compete in a round of 2 heats and then the winners of these heats will compete for 'COCKER PUPPY OF THE YEAR'.

/11/04- Gundog Club Club	13-16/04/05 – Toowoomba Royal Show
04/12/04 – Combined CCC	01/05/05 – Burnett KC
11/12/04 – Cocker Club Championship Show	08/05/05 – Waterloo Bay KC
08/01/05 – Maryborough KC	25/06/05 – Ipswich KC
22/01/05 – Caboolture KC	26/06/05 – Gympie KC
19/02/05 – Cocker Club Open Show	10/07/05 – Cocker Club Championship Show
27/03/05 – Bundaberg KC (Easter)	21/08/05 – Gundog & Heavy Breeds
08/04/05 – Nanango KC (note: Friday Show)	04/09/05 – Pine Rivers KC
10/04/05 – Sunshine Coast KC	11/09/05 – Darling Downs KC