

# Raising Cockapoo Dogs The Right Way



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## Introduction

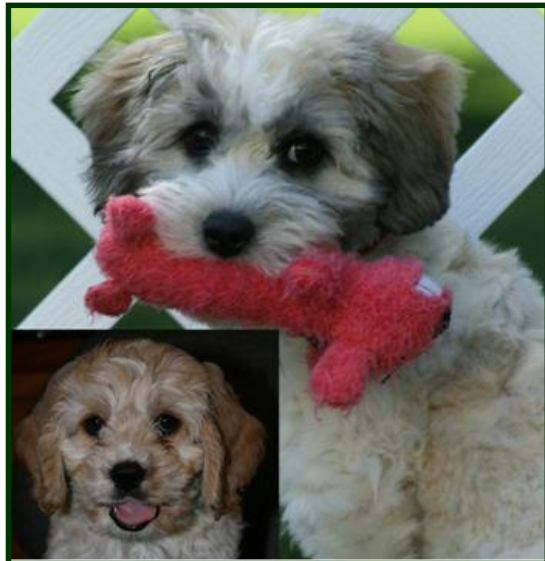
### What This Book Is About

In many ways, raising Cockapoo dogs follows similar guidelines to those for raising any other type of dog.

On the other hand, the Cocker Spaniel/Poodle mix creates situations that require special treatment. For example, the Cockapoo owner must be aware of the medical issues common to both breeds. Poodles tend to have sensitive skin that may need to be treated for hot spots. Cocker Spaniels are susceptible to ear issues because of their long, droopy ears. Your Cockapoo may have one or both of these conditions.

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### The Examples Used In This Book



**The Boyz as young pups  
(Alvin has the toy in his mouth,  
Simon is below)**

The author owns two Cockapoos. The Boyz are Alvin (Sir Arf-A-Lot, Prince Alvin His Cuteness, Al, Alvino, Alvie), a Cockapoo / Bichon Frise mix, and Simon (Sir Simon The Sad, Simmie, Simmie Sim, Si Mon, Cockerpoo), a first generation Cockapoo.

A first generation Cockapoo is the result of mating a Cocker Spaniel with a Poodle (Toy, Miniature, or Standard). The most common mating is a Cocker with a Miniature Poodle.

Alvin exhibits more Bichon Frise than Cockapoo traits. He's hyperactive, high-strung and sensitive. He sometimes performs the Frise Frenzy, a set of manic actions that makes one

think he's mad. These are not typical Cockapoo behaviors. Bottom line - the author will not use Alvin as an example of a true Cockapoo. If the author could rewind to Alvin's entry into the family, many things would have been done differently. And that's part of the lessons learned in this ebook.

On the other hand, Simon is a true representative of a first generation Poo. He is an ideal example for this ebook.

### **Why You Need To Read This Book**

For the first-time Cockapoo owner, this book shows you what to expect in the first two years of your dog's life. True, there are books that deal specifically with this mixed breed that has existed since the 1940's, but very few, if any, use actual cases as a reality check.

The author raised Alvin and Simon as part of the family. You'll want to make your pup a family member, too. Enjoy!

By the way, in case you are wondering about the whereabouts of Theodore, we finally addressed that issue – by accident. Believe this – two young dogs demand a lot of attention so we thought three might put the owners over the edge. So, when a favorite niece decided to get a dog, she was persuaded to name her Theodora.

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