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Comparison of the most common disorders in English Cocker Spaniels compared to UK dogs overall*

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The most commonly diagnosed disorders in English Cocker Spaniels were periodontal disease (infection of the tissues that hold the teeth in place), osteoarthritis (inflammation of the internal ear canal), and anal sac impaction.

The most common condition was aggression, which appeared to reflect the top health priorities of the breed. Aggression was relatively common in English Cocker Spaniels compared to dogs in general, but the frequency differed depending on the sex, gender, and sex: males had a higher probability of undesirablebehaviours.

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**Conclusions**

The health profile of English Cocker Spaniels remains a popular concern in the UK and has generally been considered to be a low health risk. Breakdowns of published veterinary clinical records recommended to test for age-related periodontal disease were reported by a range of studies, and it is what owners should look out for, and how healthy overall is this breed?

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