

Cocker Spaniel Recovery Foundation, Inc.

ADOPTION APPLICATION

Thank you for considering a Cocker Spaniel. Cocker Spaniels are extremely loving and intelligent dogs, looking for a caring home to give them a second start at life. Cockers have a lot of life left in them and they have the added nature of being calm confident companions. The following adoption application will help us determine the particulars you are looking for in a dog, but also to which Cocker Spaniel Recovery Foundation, Inc. group member nearest you to forward your adoption inquiry.

Adoption applications will be required. Foster dogs placed are spayed or neutered, and current with vaccinations and a micro chip. We do ask that if you adopt a dog through our referral program, you make a tax-deductible donation to help us continue to care for other Cockers who need assistance when found to be unwanted, abandoned, and abused. When meeting a rescue dog, please try to spend as much time as possible with the dog to evaluate compatibility before making the decision to adopt. If you consider an interstate adoption, please discuss the dog's temperament, health, and transportation options very thoroughly with the shelter or foster home before making the decision to adopt the dog. In the best interest of yourself, your family and the rescue dog, please make certain that the dog you choose to adopt is the right dog for you. Adoption is a big commitment!

It should be understood that applications for adopting a Cocker through **Cocker Spaniel Recovery Foundation** are subject to acceptance based on a review process that may require collecting information from an application, phone interview, vet and/or personal reference check, and possibly a home visit. Making decisions about dog placement in adoptive homes is an "art", not a "science", and there might be times when applications will be denied for various reason(s). This is left to the discretion of the Cocker Spaniel Recovery Foundation, Inc. coordinator after reviewing all available information. Cocker Spaniel Recovery Foundation, Inc. reserves the right to make all decisions regarding placement or final disposition of any rescued dog in its care into a foster or adoptive home. There is absolutely no guarantee, made or implied, that any person or persons requesting to adopt a Cocker Spaniel being fostered through Cocker Spaniel Recovery Foundation, Inc. or posted on Cocker Spaniel Recovery Foundation, Inc. web site, will be granted an adoption.

We thank you for contacting Cocker Spaniel Recovery Foundation, Inc. on behalf of the many Cocker Spaniels in need of new homes and those rescue groups providing them adoption assistance.

Dogs in foster care are carefully evaluated by our dedicated volunteers, and we ask many questions of prospective adopters so that we can make just the right match between dog and adopter. The information you supply will help us do that.

If you have any trouble with this form, please let us know.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions regarding an application that has been already submitted should be directed to info@cockerspanielrecovery.com. If you are not initially contacted within seven days, please e-mail us.

Name:		
Address:		
City:		
State:	Zip*:	
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Cell Phone:
Email:		

NOTE: You must advise us of any email address change after you apply to adopt, or we may not be able to forward on to you new information of available dogs we feel may be of interest to you.

YOUR FAMILY & HOME

Names of all persons in the family applying to adopt (if there are children, please list their ages).	
Do you live in a house, apartment, condo or mobile home?	
Do you Own or Rent?	Yes ___ No ___
If you rent, is a dog of 15-30 lbs. approved by your landlord?	Yes ___ No ___
How long at this residence?	
Do you have a fenced yard?	Yes ___ No ___

Size of yard?	
Type of fencing materials used?	
Fence height?	
Do you have a pool and/or spa?	___ Yes ___ No
Do you have a patio?	___ Yes ___ No
If yes, are there shaded areas?	___ Yes ___ No
Do you have a dog run or kennel?	___ Yes ___ No

GENERAL QUESTIONS

What are your reasons for wanting a Cocker Spaniel?
Brief history of previously owned a Cocker Spaniel(s) if any
Brief history of other previously owned dog(s) if any

Do you own any other animals? Describe what, age, and if spayed/neutered.	
IF YOU PRESENTLY OWN OTHER DOG(S): Do you feel you know your dog(s) over-all temperament well enough to know that he or she will accept a new dog in the home, and will you be able to handle any dominance behavior that may surface during the acclimation period of the new dog in the home, particularly concerning "like" sexes?	
IF YOU PRESENTLY OWN OTHER PETS: Some Cockers, like other hunting breeds, may have a strong hunting instinct. If you have concerns for the safety of other family pets, you may not want to adopt this breed. If you do wish to adopt, will you be able to successfully introduce the newly adopted dog to other family pets in a way and manner to keep all animals from harm?	
Does anyone in the home have health problems or allergies?	
Have you attended dog obedience classes?	Yes ___ No ___
Will you enroll your adopted dog in obedience classes, whether a basic or refresher level course?	___ Yes ___ No
Will you promptly license your dog with the licensing authority for your area?	Yes ___ No ___
Are you familiar with alpha and beta dog and pack behavior?	Yes ___ No ___
Do you feel you are knowledgeable with dominance behavior, and can successfully deal with a dominant bitch or dog?	Yes ___ No ___
Do you know how often dogs need vaccinations, and what vaccines are necessary?	Yes ___ No ___
Are you familiar with heartworm and Lyme disease prevention?	Yes ___ No ___

Are you familiar with portable dog crates and their uses?	Yes ___ No ___
Will you be crating the dog you adopt?	Yes ___ No ___
Number of hours your Cocker will be left alone during the day and where?	
Where will your Cocker sleep at night?	
How active is your lifestyle?	
How much time do you have for exercising your Cocker?	
Are you familiar with the grooming needs of a Cocker?	Yes ___ No ___
<p>SEX, COLOR & BREEDING PREFERENCES - We urge you not to lock yourself into a certain sex, color or look. Once neutered or spayed, the behavior of both males and females will equally make for a wonderful pet. What separates them most is their personality. Like people, they come with their own special souls. Receive your Cocker with an open heart and mind. There is one waiting to win your heart, we promise!</p>	
Are you looking for a male or female?	Male ___ Female ___ Either ___
Are you looking for a specific color?	Yes ___ No ___
What is the age range of a Spaniel you will consider?	_____
Would you consider a "Special Needs" Spaniel?	
How far would you travel to meet a Spaniel?	
Do you agree your Cocker Spaniel shall be spayed or neutered?	Yes ___ No ___
<p>Dogs end up in shelters, Humane Societies, and county animal control facilities for various reasons. Spaniels are as susceptible to this as any dog. They are impounded in shelters as owner-surrenders due to various reasons, or picked up off the streets as strays.</p>	
Do you agree to give adoption consideration to a shelter impound, and agree to frequently visit your local shelters during your adoption search?	
<p>INTERSTATE ADOPTIONS - Please keep in mind that even though photos can be exchanged, you probably will not have an initial contact with the dog prior to adoption. You must heavily rely on information provided by the shelter where the dog is impounded, by the relinquishing owner, or the foster care home as to the rescue's health and temperament.</p>	
Would you consider an interstate adoption, and be willing pay the associated shipping costs which may be involved? The final decision about whether to	___ Yes ___ No

ship a dog is made by that state's coordinator.	
Name & phone number of your veterinarian or clinic. Also include a FAX number for them: (Your application may be delayed without this) Please call your vet's office and specify to them that it is OK to release information to us about your other pet's health care. If they need a written statement from you to release information to us, send it to them.	
How did you find out about the Cocker Spaniel Recovery Foundation, Inc.?	
Are you interested in being contacted with information about how you can be further involved with Cocker Spaniel Recovery Foundation, Inc. activities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No