

COCKER SPANIEL RESOURCES, INC.

ADOPTION APPLICATION

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Adopting a rescued cocker spaniel or a cocker mix is a very long-term commitment for you and your family. You and your family must commit to spending money on grooming, vetting, quality food, safe place to sleep, fresh water and training. If anyone in your family has doubts about the time, money, and energy it will take to have a rescued cocker spaniel in your home, please don't adopt. Each of these cockers has already been thrown away once or twice in its life please don't break the cocker's trust again. Once cockers bond they have a very hard time bonding to a new family.

Cocker spaniels are high maintenance dogs. They require grooming every 6 to 8 weeks, and their ears need cleaning weekly more often if they are prone to chronic infections. Cocker spaniels are high-energy dogs until they are seniors therefore they need a minimum of 45 minutes of fairly strenuous exercise daily. Our cockers are either crate-trained or house trained (meaning they go potty outdoors, not on potty pads in the house). They need to have dental care daily if possible using a toothbrush and doggy toothpaste, or dental care dog food or professional teeth cleaning yearly.

DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE ADOPTION APPLICATION

- Above all be honest and give complete information on your adoption application form. Knowingly providing false or incorrect information on your application shall nullify the adoption contract thus your application will be denied.
- Occasionally, Cocker Spaniel Resources, Inc. receives multiple adoption applications for the same cocker or cocker mix, and we strive to attain the "best possible match" between our cockers and their potential "forever homes." We try to make certain each adoption is a satisfactory and as safe a match as possible for the cocker, you, and your family.
- We recommend families have children older than age eight for adoption of any dog cocker size or smaller. We do, however make exceptions, each application is considered. The families are consulted and counseled about dogs and children. We want safe homes for children and our dogs.
- **Adoption fees are refundable, per the terms of our interim agreement. Our adoption contract states Cocker Spaniel Resources, Inc. will always "take a pet back" in the event that circumstances change and the adoptive family can no longer care for the cocker as required; the adoptive family changes its mind, the cocker just can't adjust to the adoptive family and/or lifestyle; however, these conditions are not acceptable grounds for a refund.** We require and anticipate our potential adoptive family has given proper and due consideration to the responsibilities of adopting a cocker spaniel, and our organization spends considerable time with each potential adopter to that end.
- Internet adoptions require the same procedures as a face-to-face adoption would require. (Application completed, home visit, approval or denial, signed interim agreement and signed adoption contract.)
- Your electronic signature on the adoption application and adoption contract constitutes a hand-signed original signature regardless of whether the Adopter ever mails or faxes a hand-signed original of the contract back to Cocker Spaniel Resources, Inc.
- We accept personal checks, cashier checks, cash and PayPal, electronic transfer of funds located on our website. www.cockerspanielresources.org