



COCKER SPANIEL RESCUE OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.

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ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE

Please take time to read the adoption procedures. We hope it will answer your questions about how CSRNE's adoption process works.

We sincerely hope we can be of service to you. We ask that you fill out this questionnaire completely. It is designed to help you find the Cocker Spaniel most compatible with your lifestyle. Our ultimate goal is to match the right dog with the right home for the enduring happiness of both dog and owner. Please attach another sheet if you need more space. **Please fill this out in black ink.**

Because the rescue cockers are Second Hand Dogs and have not had the benefit of having bonded with their new family since puppyhood and because we usually have no history on whether or not the rescue dogs were socialized around young children, CSRNE has decided that we **cannot adopt to families with children under the age of 7 years.** We realize that this policy may rule out some homes that would otherwise be wonderful but our first priority must be the safety of children.

Name _____ Tel. _____ Date _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address: _____

Employer _____ Work Tel. _____

Employer (spouse) _____ Work Tel. _____

Referred by _____

How did you find out about CSRNE?

Why do you want a Cocker? Have you owned one before? _____

What do you think are the most important responsibilities in owning a dog?

Please list pets you now have in your home:

(Note: All dogs in adopter's household must be spayed or neutered.)

| Name/Breed | Sex | Spay/Neut. | Age | Owned Since | Comments |
|------------|-----|------------|-----|-------------|----------|
| | | Yes/ No | | | |
| | | Yes/ No | | | |
| | | Yes/ No | | | |

Please list previously owned pets:

| Name/Breed | Sex | Spay/Neut. | Age | Dates Owned | What happened to him/her? PLEASE BE SPECIFIC |
|------------|-----|------------|-----|-------------|--|
| | | Yes/ No | | | |
| | | Yes/ No | | | |
| | | Yes/ No | | | |
| | | Yes/ No | | | |

Have you ever given any of your animals away for any reason?

___ yes ___no

If yes, please explain the

reason(s): _____

Do you: own _____ rent _____ a house _____, apartment _____, or condo _____, mobile home _____ ? How long have you lived at your current address? _____

If renting, please give landlord's name, address, and telephone number. We require the landlord's written consent to your having a dog. If possible, please include this consent when you return the application.

Name _____ Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Tel. _____

Are there any restrictions or covenants where you live?

___yes ___no

If yes, please list them: _____

IMPORTANT: Please read!! CSRNE requires secure barrier fencing if you have children 7 years or older, or other dogs. Exceptions to barrier fencing may be made for **ADULT ONLY** homes; please enclose a note with your adoption questionnaire describing your environment, life style and how you plan on safely exercising and managing the Rescue Cocker consistent with CSRNE's Restraint Agreement if you cannot fence. CSRNE does not approve of invisible fencing.

Do you have a securely fenced yard? yes _____ no _____ How high? _____

What type of fencing, i.e.: Stockade _____, chain link _____, other _____

If not, are you willing to fence, yes _____ no _____; to install a pen or run (*option for adult only homes*), yes _____ no _____; and to leash walk at all times? yes _____ no _____

How many adults in your household? _____ children? _____ ages of children: _____

If there are children in the home, do they have any experience with animals? yes _____ no _____
If yes, please provide some details. _____

Do you have much contact with grandchildren or neighborhood/other children? yes _____ no _____

What are the working hours of the adults in the house? _____

When you are home, where will the dog be kept?

Where will he/she sleep at night?

When no one is home, where will the dog be kept? _____

Who will be primarily responsible for the care of the dog? _____

Does anyone in the home have any allergies? yes _____ no _____

Where and how do you plan to exercise the dog? _____

Please describe your lifestyle. Is it active? (e.g., hiking, camping, busy in the community, in and out a lot) or is it a more relaxed, structured atmosphere? _____

What will you do with the dog when you travel? _____

This dog will be left alone, without human companionship, for about _____ hours per day.

Please describe the perfect dog for your home. Taking into consideration that Cockers vary greatly in temperament, personality, and activity level, what characteristics do you want in your dog?

Please answer in as much detail as possible. _____

What characteristics are undesirable? _____

Would you accept a dog that is 5 or more years old? yes ___no___; has been abused? yes ___ no ___

is not reliable with children? yes _____ no _____; has a physical handicap? yes ___ no ___

Some rescue cockers require daily/weekly eye and/or ear medications or medicated baths. Are you willing to accommodate these needs? _____

Knowing that some rescue dogs have had little or no training, are you willing to take the dog to obedience classes? yes _____ no _____

Do you have any experience with obedience training? If so, please specify:

Are you willing to housebreak a dog, if necessary? yes _____ no _____

What method of housebreaking have you used in the past? _____

How would you handle adjustment/training problems such as:

jumping on furniture _____

jumping on people _____

barking _____

chewing _____

Are you willing to give the dog at least two months to adjust to a new environment? yes _____ no _____

Do you understand and accept that changing a dog's environment may cause the dog to have accidents, especially in the early days of the adoption? __yes __no

Are you willing to travel up to two hours to meet a rescue dog? yes _____ no _____

Some Cockers need to be professionally groomed (approx. \$45) about every two months.

Does this present a problem? yes _____ no _____

The basic needs of a Cocker (feeding, grooming, shots, heartworm and flea/tick prevention) average \$700 to \$900 per year. Any special problems could increase this amount.

Does this responsibility present a problem? yes _____ no _____

The average Cocker Spaniel has a lifespan of 12 to 15 years. Are you willing to make a commitment to this dog for the rest of his/her life? __yes __no

Our adoption process includes a visit by a CSRNE representative to your home to meet all members of your family. When would be the best time? _____

If you have owned a pet within the past ten years please fill out the following information.

If you now have a pet, when was its last visit to a vet? _____

What shots has it had in the last year? (Please specify) _____

Has it been tested for heartworm? yes _____ no _____ When? _____

Is it on heartworm medicine now? yes _____ no _____ If so, what kind? _____

MANDATORY – Please supply veterinarian information:

Name _____ Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Tel. _____ **(required)**

Comments: _____

Do you have a different vet in mind for your new pet? __yes __no

If yes, please specify, and kindly say why you are changing vets.

.Escalating kennel and veterinary costs have forced us to raise our adoption fee. I understand there is now an adoption fee of \$275.00 for cockers through age 7, to partially defray the costs of boarding and veterinary expenses (spaying/neutering, shots, and heartworm testing) incurred by our nonprofit organization. For cockers over the age of 7 years, there is a donation of \$100 in order to partially defray the costs of boarding and veterinary expenses.

I certify that I am at least 21 years of age and that I will be the legal owner of and, ultimately, solely responsible for the care and well-being of any dog I adopt from Cocker Spaniel Rescue of New England, Inc.

Any misrepresentation of the true facts in this application or in the adoption agreement will invalidate the adoption agreement and will give CSRNE, Inc. the right to reclaim the adopted Cocker Spaniel without refund of the adoption fee.

Signed _____ Date _____

**Please print out and mail the RESTRAINT AGREEMENT with your application.
Your application CANNOT be processed without a signed Restraint Agreement..**

Be sure to read "About CSRNE's Restraint Policy" .

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