



**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? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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? <b>PLEASE BE SPECIFIC</b>
		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. \$60) about every two months.

Does this present a problem? yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

If you've owner a cocker within the past ten years please supply the following information regarding your groomer:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_ **(required)**

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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 an adoption fee of \$300.00 for cockers age 1 through 7 to partially defray the costs of boarding and veterinary expenses (spaying/neutering, shots, and heartworm testing) incurred by our nonprofit organization. For cockers eight years and older, there is a donation of \$150.00 in order to partially defray the costs of boarding and veterinary expenses. The adoption fee for puppies (dogs under one year of age) is \$400.00. Puppies have had all their puppy shots and have been wormed.

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" .**