



Adoption show: _____
Home check _____

Oldies But Goodies Cocker Rescue, Inc.

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ADOPTION APPLICATION

Dog's Name: _____ Dog ID # _____ Age: _____
Color / distinguishing marks _____

The following are questions to help place the right pet with the right family and to identify you.

1. Personal information

Name of potential adopter _____

Driver's license number _____

Home address where the dog will reside: _____

Home telephone number: () _____ E-mail address: _____

Your employer: _____ Business phone: () _____

Spouse's employer: _____ Business phone: () _____

2. Why have you chosen a cocker spaniel to adopt? _____

This specific dog? _____

How long has it taken you to decide to adopt a cocker spaniel? _____

There is a non-refundable adoption fee of \$350 for the first dog adopted and a non-refundable adoption fee of \$250.00 if a second dog is adopted within three months of the first adoption date. Is this acceptable to you? ____ Yes ____ No.

3. Home

Do you ____ own or ____ rent where you live? Type of dwelling (check one): ____ single family home
____ townhouse ____ apartment/condo ____ other (specify) _____

If you rent, do you have the approval to keep a dog from your landlord?

Landlord's name and telephone number _____

_____ We will ask to see a copy of your lease.

Do you have a fenced yard? If so, how high is your fence? _____ ft.

What kind of fence is it? _____

4. Family

Do you have children? Yes. No. If so, what are their ages? _____

OBG's policy is not to adopt to families with children under the age of eight (8) years.

Are there other adults in the home not listed above? _____

5. Other pets

Please list all the pets you have owned in the past 10 years. Are they still with you? Are they spayed/neutered?

If not, what happened to them? Have you ever given away, sold or surrendered at pet?

Under what circumstances? _____

Pet #1: Type _____ Still with you? Yes No

If yes, pet's age _____ If no, what happened? _____ Spay/Neutered? Yes No

Pet #2: Type _____ Still with you? Yes No

If yes, pet's age _____ If no, what happened? _____ Spay/Neutered? Yes No

Pet #3: Type _____ Still with you? Yes No

If yes, pet's age _____ If no, what happened? _____ Spay/Neutered? Yes No

Pet #4: Type _____ Still with you? Yes No

If yes, pet's age _____ If no, what happened? _____ Spay/Neutered? Yes No

What kind of heartworm preventative is/are current pet(s) using? _____

Are you using a vet presently or have you used a vet in the last 12 months? (We check vet references.) If so, please provide name, address, and phone #. _____

6. Lifestyle

How many hours are you away from home during an average work day? _____ hours.

Do you or can you come home for lunch? Yes No

Is it required that you travel for work? Yes. No.

If yes, who will provide care for your pet while you are gone? _____

All cockers placed are **inside** dogs. None are to live outdoors on a regular basis. These dogs are NOT to be left out-of-doors in the owners' absence. Is this acceptable to you? Yes. No.

Exercise is important for a healthy and happy dog. What would you do to exercise the cocker? _____

Where will the dog be kept during the day? _____

Where will the dog be kept at night/sleep? _____

Where will the dog be kept when no one is at home? _____

What happens to the dog if you move? _____

Have you ever been convicted of animal cruelty, neglect or abandonment? _____

What circumstances, in your opinion, justify "getting rid of" a pet? _____

7. **Health** issues:

Does anyone in the home have allergies? (details) _____

Does anyone in the home have asthma? (details) _____

Does anyone in the home with a disability or special needs we should know about? (details) _____

The following questions are asked so that the prospective adopter fully realizes what the cost and maintenance would be to have a cocker spaniel in their home. Many prospective adopters are surprised at the cost of food, medical expenses, and grooming that are necessary to keep a cocker spaniel in good health. Please answer these questions to the best of your ability.

8. Please estimate the amount you think it will **cost** yearly for the following:

Food (Premium food. Many cockers have allergies and food allergies are one of the biggest problems) \$_____.

Grooming (This should be done every 6-8 weeks, but can go as long as 3 months if necessary. Any longer and you will have a major problem.) \$_____.

Veterinary care (This includes shots, heartworm and flea preventive. It also includes maintenance of ears, teeth etc for your dog). \$_____.

OBG does not guarantee that all prospective adopters will be approved. We reserve the right to choose the adoptive families we feel are most suited to our dogs needs at the time of application. We evaluate all applicants on a case by case basis. People who are not approved may wish to reapply for a different dog, or at a later time when their circumstances change. Disapproval simply means that OBG does not feel it has right cocker for the applicant at the present time; it is not a reflection on the applicants character.

9. **Other** concerns/thoughts:

Would you consider a special needs dog, such as one that requires daily medication or one that is deaf?

Would you consider adopting more than one dog?

Would you consider fostering?

Why do you feel a rescue dog is right for you/your family?

Why do you feel your home is right for a rescue dog?

How did you hear about us?

If on the Internet, which site?

May we sign you up to receive our electronic newsletter?

Application reviewed by OBG Board member (or designee) (signed)

Date

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

These cockers are in a rescue group because for one reason or another previous owners no longer wanted to take care of them. The main purpose of this organization is to find responsible and reliable homes for all cockers placed in their care. These animals are thinking and feeling creatures, but not able to provide the care they need. Adopting a dog is a very important decision and one that affects not only you and your family, but the dog you decide to adopt. Millions of dogs are euthanized every year because people do not take seriously the maintenance and care of animals. The care and maintenance of a cocker spaniel can be costly. Time and attention are major factors that also need to be considered. All cockers in the program have been taken to the vet for an examination. Basic shots are given, and spaying/neutering if necessary. All cockers are in good health upon adoption. If there are extenuating medical factors involved all are noted on the contract at signing. It is the responsibility of the new owner to provide additional shots as necessary, and any preventative care required such as teeth cleaning, and heartworm and flea preventative.

The adoption fee is used to provide medical care, food, shelter, and advertising for the cockers. THE FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE. The fee must be paid upon signing the contract. If, for any reason, you can no longer provide care to the dog you adopt, it must be returned to this organization.

The average cocker spaniel has a life span of 12 to 15 years. Are you willing to make a commitment to this dog for the rest of its life? Are you willing to provide the necessary love and attention as well as the necessary food, Vet care, and grooming required to maintain a happy cocker spaniel? _____ Yes. _____ No.

Please sign below to confirm that you have read the above information and that you understand it, and that the information you have supplied on this application is accurate. If you have any questions regarding the care and maintenance of a cocker spaniel please let the organization know. We will be more than happy to help with any questions you may have.

It is extremely important that once a dog is placed in a new home that it remains there and that all parties involved are satisfied. OBG is looking for COMMITTED FAMILIES ONLY. If you have any questions or concerns about adopting a cocker it is imperative that you finalize them before adopting.



Signature / Printed Name of Prospective Adopter _____
Date

(the following must be completed and signed only if the dog is released prior to the home check and/or adoption contract)

TEMPORARY RELEASE OF RESCUE DOG:

I _____ am considering adopting the dog named _____ (hereinafter referred to as "the dog") from Oldies But Goodies Cocker Rescue, Inc. (hereinafter "OBG"). I understand and agree that within no later than one week from today, I will have a home check done and agree to either adopt or return the dog. I am aware that the adoption fee is \$350. I, the undersigned, hereby release and covenant to hold harmless OBG and its members from any claims, damages, costs or actions incurred as a result of this temporary release of the dog before the final adoption or transfer is completed.

I agree to supervise the dog around everyone, especially children, that come around while in my care. I agree to provide food, water and shelter for the dog while in my custody. I agree to provide emergency medical care if necessary, and will contact OBG as soon as possible to advise them of the circumstances. If the dog becomes lost, it is my responsibility to contact OBG immediately, and to contact the local shelter(s), put up signs in the immediate area, and canvas the area in an effort to locate the dog.

Signature of prospective adopter _____
Date

Address: _____
