



## ADOPTION APPLICATION

*Oldies But Goodies Cocker Rescue (OBG) evaluates all applicants on a case by case basis and 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. In addition, OBG reserves the right to redirect applicants to a dog that better fits their lifestyle in order to have a successful adoption. Disapproval simply means that OBG does not feel it has the right cocker for the applicant at the present time; it is not a reflection on the applicant's character. If concerns present themselves at any time during the adoption process, OBG also reserves the right to reevaluate your application.*

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ OBG Dog ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Color / distinguishing marks: \_\_\_\_\_ How long has it taken you to decide to adopt? \_\_\_\_\_

Why have you chosen a cocker spaniel/mix? \_\_\_\_\_

Why have you chosen this specific dog? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you feel a rescue dog is right for you? \_\_\_\_\_

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

- There is a non-refundable adoption fee of \$350 for one dog and a non-refundable adoption fee of \$250 if a second dog is adopted within three months of the first adoption date. Is this fee acceptable to you? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No.
- All cockers placed are *inside* dogs and are not to live outdoors. These dogs are NOT to be left outdoors without proper supervision and/or in the owners' absence. Is this acceptable to you? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

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

### 1. Personal information

Name of adopter: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License #/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of co-adopter: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License #/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Co-adopter's Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Family

Are there any other adults in the home? If so, who/relationship? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If yes, what are their ages and do they live at home? \_\_\_\_\_

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

If no, will the dog be in contact with young children (grandkids, neighbors etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in the home have allergies/asthma or special needs? \_\_\_\_\_



3. Home

Do you own or rent your home? \_\_\_ Own \_\_\_ Rent

Type of dwelling: \_\_\_ Single Family \_\_\_ Town/Row House \_\_\_ Apartment/Condo \_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

If you rent, do you have your landlord's approval to keep a dog? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No (We will ask to see your lease)

Landlord's name and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fenced yard? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No If yes, how high is your fence? \_\_\_ ft.

Type of fence? (wood, electric, chain link etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have a doggy door? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Do you have a pool? Is it fenced? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Animal Experience

Have you ever had a dog? \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ As a kid \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Yes, with medical needs \_\_\_ Yes, with behavioral needs

Have you ever given away, sold or surrendered at pet? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If yes, under what circumstances? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all the pets you have owned in the past 10 years in the section below.

|  | Name | Type/Breed | Spayed/<br>Neutered? | How long<br>owned? | Still with<br>you? | If Yes,<br>Age? | If No, what happened? |
|--|------|------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Pet #1</b>  |      |            | Y / N                |                    | Y / N              |                 |                       |
| <i>If with you, preferences in canine companion:</i> |      |            |                      |                    |                    |                 |                       |
| <b>Pet #2</b>  |      |            | Y / N                |                    | Y / N              |                 |                       |
| <i>If with you, preferences in canine companion:</i> |      |            |                      |                    |                    |                 |                       |
| <b>Pet #3</b>  |      |            | Y / N                |                    | Y / N              |                 |                       |
| <i>If with you, preferences in canine companion:</i> |      |            |                      |                    |                    |                 |                       |
| <b>Pet #4</b>  |      |            | Y / N                |                    | Y / N              |                 |                       |
| <i>If with you, preferences in canine companion:</i> |      |            |                      |                    |                    |                 |                       |
| <b>Pet #5</b>  |      |            | Y / N                |                    | Y / N              |                 |                       |
| <i>If with you, preferences in canine companion:</i> |      |            |                      |                    |                    |                 |                       |
| <b>Pet #6</b>  |      |            | Y / N                |                    | Y / N              |                 |                       |
| <i>If with you, preferences in canine companion:</i> |      |            |                      |                    |                    |                 |                       |

What kind of heartworm & flea preventative do/did you use for current/former pets? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you using a vet or have you used a vet in the last 12 months? If so, please provide name, address, and phone #:

\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant hereby gives consent for \_\_\_\_\_ (vet's name) to release any information requested by OBG Cocker Rescue regarding the applicant's (previous/current) animals owned and veterinary care provided for them.

Prospective Adopter's Signature / Printed Name

Date



5. Lifestyle

What will you do to exercise the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of mental stimulation will you provide for the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of discipline/training will you use? \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours are you (and/or co-adopter) away from home during an average work day? \_\_\_\_\_ Hours

Do you plan to come home for lunch? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ Yes, at first \_\_\_\_ No

Do you plan to use a dog walker or dog daycare? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Where will the dog be kept during the day? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Where will the dog sleep at night? \_\_\_\_\_

Is it required that you travel for work? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If you travel (work or pleasure), who will provide care for your pet while you are gone? \_\_\_\_\_

What happens to the dog if you move? \_\_\_\_\_

In your opinion, what circumstances justify "getting rid of" a pet? \_\_\_\_\_

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

*The following questions are asked so that prospective adopters fully realize what the cost and maintenance would be to have a cocker spaniel in their home. Many 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.*

6. Expenses - Please estimate the amount you think it will **cost yearly** for the following:

Food (Premium food)  
(Food allergies are common in cockers, premium food can help) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grooming  
(Every 6-8 weeks, but can go as long as 3 months max, for some dogs) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Veterinary care  
(Annual physical, shots, heartworm /flea preventive and maintenance of ears, teeth etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

7. Misc. Questions

Would you consider a special needs dog (ex. requires daily medication, is blind or is deaf)? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_ No

Would you consider adopting more than one dog? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_ No

Would you consider fostering for OBG? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ Maybe \_\_\_\_ No

Would you like to volunteer with OBG? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

*(If yes, we will send you an application to help identify your interests)*

May we sign you up to receive our monthly electronic newsletter? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

*(OBG will never sell or give away your personal information)*

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_ If on the Internet, which site? \_\_\_\_\_



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

These cocker spaniels are in an animal rescue group because, for one reason or another, their previous owners could no longer care for them. The main purpose of this organization is to find responsible and committed homes for all cockers placed in our care. 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, who is a thinking, feeling creature. 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 especially costly. Time and attention are also major factors that need to be considered.

All cockers in our care have been taken to the vet for an examination, received basic shots, and have been spayed/neutered (unless medically unable). All cockers are in good health upon adoption, unless there are extenuating medical factors which will be noted on the contract at signing. It is the responsibility of the new owner to provide routine vetting, shots and preventative care (such as teeth cleaning, heartworm and flea preventative etc) throughout the lifetime of the dog.

The adoption fee is used to provide medical care, food, shelter, and publicity for the cockers. 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 Oldies But Goodies Cocker Rescue, Inc. The adoption fee is non-refundable.**

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 and healthy cocker spaniel? \_\_\_\_ Yes. \_\_\_\_ No.

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.

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.**



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Signature / Printed Name of Prospective Adopter

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature / Name of Application Reviewer (OBG Board member or Designee)

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Date

FOR INTERNAL USE:

|                      | Date | OBG Representative | Result |
|----------------------|------|--------------------|--------|
| Application Received |      |                    |        |
| Landlord Check       |      |                    |        |
| Background Check     |      |                    |        |
| Vet Check            |      |                    |        |
| Home Check           |      |                    |        |