



Adoption Application & Contract

Houston Cocker Spaniel Rescue

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713-469-2414

www.houstoncockerspanielrescue.com

Animal's Name _____

Description/Sex _____

Tag Number _____

Name _____ Spouse or Partner's Name _____

List the names and ages of all persons residing in your home _____

Home Address _____

Street address

City

State

Zip

What type of home is this? (circle one) Single Family Home Townhouse Patio Home Apartment

Mailing Address (if different than street address) _____

Email Address _____ Alternate Email Address _____

Check here if you would like to periodically be notified of Houston Cocker Spaniel Rescue news and developments via e-mail

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Employer _____ How long? _____ Work Phone _____

Occupation _____ Employer Address _____

Spouse/Partner's Employer & Work Phone _____ Spouse/Partner's Occupation _____

Name & phone number of nearest relative not residing with you _____

Have you applied with any other rescue group? YES NO If so, which rescue group? _____

How did you hear about Houston Cocker Spaniel Rescue? _____

Own or rent home? OWN RENT Fenced yard? YES NO If fenced, what type of fence? _____

If renting: Pet deposit required? YES NO Size limitation? YES NO How long at this address? _____

Name, email address & phone number of manager/landlord _____

Do you have permission from the manager/landlord to have pets? YES NO

Do you have a pool, spa, or other body of water in your yard? YES NO

Will the dog have access to a doggie door? YES NO

Where will the dog be kept when you are not home? _____

Where will the dog sleep at night? _____

How many hours a day will the dog be left at home alone? _____

How will you exercise the dog? _____

What do you intend to feed the dog? _____

Who in the household will care for the dog? _____

What will you do with your dog if you move? _____

If you leave town, who will care for your pets? _____

Who will take care of your pets if something happens to you? _____

List the type, breed, age and sex of all pets currently owned. _____

Are all dogs and cats neutered/spayed? YES NO If NO, why not? _____

Are all dogs on heartworm preventative? YES NO Which brand? _____

Are all dogs and cats on flea/tick preventative? YES NO Which brand? _____

Are your dogs current on vaccinations for? *Rabies* YES NO UNKNOWN *Bordetella* YES NO UNKNOWN
Distemper YES NO UNKNOWN *Parvo* YES NO UNKNOWN

Veterinarian's Name & Clinic: _____ Phone: _____
(put n/a if you have never owned a pet)

Have you ever owned a cocker spaniel before? YES NO Has anyone in your family ever owned one? YES NO

Why have you chosen a cocker spaniel as your preferred breed to adopt? _____

Have you read about and researched the cocker spaniel breed, their characteristics, personality traits and breed specific health issues? _____

Are you aware that cocker spaniels require frequent grooming? YES NO

What other dogs and/or cats have you owned in the past and what happened to them? _____

Have you ever given up a pet? YES NO If yes, please explain _____

Is everyone (spouse, children, parents, etc.) residing in your home aware and agreeable to adopting a cocker spaniel? YES NO

Is this cocker spaniel a gift for someone? YES NO

Do you often have other people visiting your home? YES NO

Do you often have children visiting your home? YES NO

Are you willing to teach young children the proper care and treatment of this dog? YES NO

Are you willing to always monitor young children with this dog? YES NO

Have you given careful consideration to the financial obligations of responsible pet ownership? YES NO

Are you willing and financially able to take the dog to a veterinarian at least once a year for a physical exam, vaccinations, fecal, and a heartworm test? YES NO

Are you willing and financially able to take the dog to a veterinarian if it becomes sick or injured? YES NO

Will you maintain heartworm preventative medications throughout the dog's life? YES NO

Will you be willing to take the dog for obedience training if needed? YES NO

Have you given careful consideration to the special needs, time, and patience involved with a new pet? YES NO

Will you do everything in your power, with the help of your veterinarian and/or dog trainer, behaviorist, or other professional to ensure that the dog has a long, happy, healthy life and let us know if there is a problem? YES NO

Will you agree never to sell or give away your cocker spaniel and to immediately return your adopted dog to Houston Cocker Spaniel Rescue if the dog does not work out for any reason? YES NO

Is anyone in your household allergic to dogs? YES NO



Tag # _____ Name of Dog _____

HOUSTON COCKER SPANIEL RESCUE ADOPTION CONTRACT

Thank you for your application to adopt a rescue from Houston Cocker Spaniel Rescue (HCSR). Our goal is to place our rescued pets in permanent, loving homes. We hope we can assist you in finding a special, compatible companion to join your family.

HCSR has no background information on the animal's previous environment, behavioral problems, including biting (if any) and medical history. We cannot guarantee the dog's health although we do alert the adopter to any known health issues. In most cases the age of the dog is estimated but your veterinarian may age it differently. Our veterinarians may not have identified every physical problem the dog has. Some diseases or conditions have long incubation periods. A negative test is not always a guarantee the animal does not have a certain disease. Prior to placing into a home, all dogs taken in by HCSR will be spayed or neutered and vaccinations administered, including a heartworm test. If the dog is heartworm positive, it will be treated by HCSR. Sometimes if a dog is light heartworm positive, our vets recommend treating with Heartgard® (or its ivermectin equivalent) for six months and retested. Most times, the dog will test negative after six months; however, if the dog still tests heartworm positive, then the dog will receive conventional heartworm treatment by HCSR's vet at HCSR's expense. HCSR reserves the right to take the dog back into custody if at any time during the six-month treatment, adopter fails to follow the heartworm protocol prescribed by HCSR's vet. **ALL DOGS ADOPTED MUST BE TAKEN TO YOUR VETERINARIAN WITHIN THREE WEEKS TO GET HEARTWORM PREVENTATIVE.**

The adoption fee for most dogs is \$300 per dog (senior/special needs dogs' fee is usually discounted). The fee for puppies and dogs under one year old is \$350 - \$450. Placement on puppies under 6 months old is only on a foster-to-adopt basis until the puppy has had three sets of puppy shots including distemper, hepatitis, parvo, parainfluenza, bordetella and rabies, is spayed or neutered, and the adopter has purchased six months of heartworm preventative. After sterilization, the adoption will be finalized upon receipt of the adoption fee and co-signing of the contract by a HCSR representative.

When you adopt an animal from HCSR, the dog will have a collar and ID tag. The tag is registered to this organization. You are strongly urged to have your own ID tag made immediately. If the dog is running loose, picked up by Animal Control or a Good Samaritan, and HCSR is contacted, we reserve the right not to return the dog to you.

HCSR does follow-ups on our placements. We call and if deemed necessary, do a home visit. The adoption is not final for 30 days following placement. During that time, you are fostering our rescue but totally responsible for its care, including veterinary care. ***We reserve the right to void the adoption and pick up the dog if for any reason during the initial 30-day period we do not feel the dog is being properly cared for.***

HCSR AND ITS OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND/OR AGENTS (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "HCSR ET AL") SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO ADOPTER ON ANY THEORY OF LEGAL LIABILITY, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE NEGLIGENCE OF HCSR ET AL FOR ANY INJURY OR DAMAGE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CAUSED BY PET. ADOPTER DOES HEREBY RELEASE HCSR ET AL FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, SUITS, OBLIGATIONS, DEMANDS, OR CAUSES OF ACTION, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING IN ANY WAY TO PET OR HCSR'S RELEASE OF PET TO ADOPTER. IT IS THE EXPRESSED INTENTION OF ADOPTER AND HCSR THAT THE RELEASE PROVIDED FOR IN THIS PARAGRAPH IS DESIGNED AND INTENDED TO PROTECT HCSR ET AL FROM ANY PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS BY ADOPTER OR OTHERS AND FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF ANY HARM, BEHAVIOR, OR OTHER ACTION BY PET, AND FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF ANY ACT OR OMISSION OR NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF HCSR ET AL IN OBTAINING CUSTODY OF PET, IN PROVIDING CARE FOR PET, IN TRAINING OR NOT TRAINING PET, OR IN FAILING TO PROVIDE TIMELY OR ADEQUATE WARNING TO ANY PERSON CONCERNING PET.

Your signature on this agreement is your promise to:

1. Protect your dog from heartworms year around by using monthly heartworm preventative,
2. Keep your dog inside except for potty breaks and exercise,
3. Provide good quality dog food and water on a daily basis,
4. Provide medical attention as needed and annual immunizations,
5. Have the dog groomed on a regular basis,
6. Return the dog to Houston Cocker Spaniel Rescue if you can no longer care for the dog for any reason, and
7. Give unconditional love through sickness and health, and especially in old age.

Your signature on the adoption application certifies that all the information is accurate and truthful. If we discover the information on the application is false or misleading, we reserve the right to confiscate the dog. HCSR is an organization operating as a community service with the intent to do only good and no harm. Your signature also grants your permission for your veterinarian to release vet records on your current or previous pets.

YOU MUST BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE TO ADOPT. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DECLINE ANY APPLICATION.

For questions or assistance, HOTLINE number is **713-469-2414**.

Signature of Adopter	Date	Approved by _____ HCSR Representative	Date
Printed Name of Adopter		Adoption fee: \$ _____ Cash or Check# _____	
		TDL _____	DOB _____ EXP _____

Check here if you are fostering to adopt. Except for puppies under 6 months old (as mentioned above), HCSR's "foster-to-adopt" policy allows an adopter to try a dog for a period of no more than 2 weeks prior to finalizing the adoption. This will give the adopter a chance to see if the dog is a good fit for their household. This arrangement is sometimes recommended when there are other pets or children present in the home. If the adopter has not finalized the adoption in 2 weeks' time, HCSR has the right to put the dog back into their adoption program. During this time frame, if another approved applicant applies to adopt the same dog, the adopter must make a decision if they want to finalize the adoption prior to the end of the two-week period.