

IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED AS AN ADOPTER, ONE MUST:

1. Be an adult with responsibility for maintaining a household (no students).
2. Have a fenced yard. A home visit by a DFW Cocker Spaniel Rescue (“DFWCSR”) representative is required.
3. NO ADOPTION to first time dog owners who live in an apartment. Previous dog owners who are currently living in an apartment are eligible with proof of pet deposit and acceptable vet reference.
4. Have current identification showing address and/or phone number.
5. Have the knowledge and consent of all adults living in household.
6. Be able and willing to spend the time and money necessary to provide for the training, medical treatment and proper care for the pet.
7. Have the resources to make a tax-deductible, non-refundable donation.
8. Agree to provide the pet with an indoor home and consider the pet as a member of the family.
9. Understand that all DFWCSR pets are neutered/spayed.
10. Place personal ID on the animal as soon as possible.
11. Provide an environment for the animal that will keep it safe and secure.
12. DONATIONS: Our Rescue Adoption Fees are as follows, effective October 1, 2023.

Puppies less than 7 months with registered sire and dam - \$450

Puppies less than 7 months - \$350

Adults 7 months to 7 years - \$300

Experienced adults 8 to 10 years - \$175

Seniors 11+ years - \$75

In 2022, we spent an average of \$500.00 on each Cocker in our care. That included medical, boarding and food. Your donation is not to pay for the medical care on the cocker that you are adopting; that has been paid for by previous donations. Your donation allows us to continue our rescue and adoption efforts. The donation is not refundable should you need to return the dog.

13. NO GIFT ADOPTIONS! However, DFWCSR will be more than happy to give you a gift certificate for the indicated receiver to apply toward their adoption fee. The intended receiver must apply for the dog on his or her own recognizance. We will not allow the pet to be adopted by anyone other than the intended owner as stated on the application.

14. NO ADOPTION to any person(s) who has taken any previous pets to a shelter.

15. DFWCSR will not adopt out any of our dogs to a home that currently has an “outside” dog, no matter what size.

16. DFWCSR will not adopt to any person(s) that currently own an unaltered dog or cat. ALL pets must be spayed/neutered.

17. Understand that Cocker Spaniel Rescue has the right to either deny or approve your adoption application without explanation. YOUR SIGNATURE ON THE ADOPTION CONTRACT IS YOUR PROMISE TO HAVE YOUR COCKER PROTECTED FROM CANINE HEARTWORM. In addition, you promise to provide food, shelter, love, and all medical attention your pet requires.

IN THE EVENT THAT YOU ARE UNABLE TO KEEP YOUR COCKER, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO INFORM COCKER RESCUE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TO KEEP THE ANIMAL UNTIL WE CAN FIND A SUITABLE HOME OR RETURN THE ANIMAL TO US. Under no circumstances is an adopted Cocker to be given or sold to someone else or taken to a shelter.

When you adopt an animal from DFWCSR, the Cocker will have a collar and id tag. The tag is registered to this organization. You are strongly urged to have your own tags made and have the dog's microchip information updated to reflect your ownership immediately. IF THE ANIMAL IS PICKED UP AND TRACED TO OUR ORGANIZATION BECAUSE YOUR TAGS ARE NOT ON IT, YOU MAY NOT GET YOUR PET BACK. WE ACCEPT VERY FEW EXCUSES FOR "LOOSE OR LOST" ANIMALS.

Failure to adhere to this contract can and will subject you to lawsuit for breach of contract and liquidated damages of \$500.00 plus court costs and return of the Cocker Spaniel to DFWCSR custody. Although DFWCSR does not wish to file suit, for the sake of the dog, we will prosecute if this contract is not followed. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.