



Gulf Coast Cocker Spaniel Rescue, Inc.  
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[www.gulfcoastcockerspanielrescue.org](http://www.gulfcoastcockerspanielrescue.org)

PET'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

## ADOPTION APPLICATION/CONTRACT INFORMATION

### PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY:

Gulf Coast Cocker Spaniel Rescue, Inc. ("GCCSR") thanks you for seeking to adopt a rescue animal. Our goal is to place our rescued pets in permanent, loving homes. We understand this application/contract is lengthy, but it has been formulated in hopes of minimizing the risk of a failed adoption. Please complete this application/contract so that we at GCCSR can assist you in finding a special, compatible companion to join your family. We do not adopt dogs on a "first come, first served" basis, but rather make every attempt to match families with the most compatible pets.

**The customary adoption fee for pets is \$200.00 for cocker spaniels 6 months of age and older. The fee for puppies under 6 months old is \$300.00, and placement is done only on a foster-to-adopt basis until sterilization is completed at one of GCCSR's veterinarians. After surgery, the adoption will be finalized upon receipt of the \$300.00 adoption fee and co-signing of the contract by a GCCSR representative.** GCCSR is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) animal rescue organization, and your adoption fee is tax deductible (a receipt will be sent to you within the calendar year of the adoption). Because GCCSR is a nonprofit organization, we exist solely on donations, and these fees help GCCSR defray the costs of spaying/neutering, testing, and vaccinating our pets. However, these fees rarely cover all of our expenses. Our pets are heartworm tested and placed on heartworm preventative. As the Adopter, you agree that if the pet is heartworm positive, Heartgard® (or its ivermectin equivalent) is the only preventative that may be administered to kill the heartworms (what GCCSR commonly refers to as "soft heartworm treatment"). Any other type of heartworm preventative or treatment could cause the pet to become seriously ill or even die. A GCCSR representative is happy to answer any questions you might have about such soft treatment. However, should our veterinarians determine that an adulticide injection is a viable option for one of the heartworm positive dogs in our program, said treatment will be administered before the dog will be adopted out.

Please make checks payable to "Gulf Coast Cocker Spaniel Rescue." If applicable, adoption fees may also be made via the "Donate" link at [www.gulfcoastcockerspanielrescue.org](http://www.gulfcoastcockerspanielrescue.org). As a general procedure, if your application is approved and the adoption is consummated by the signature of a GCCSR representative, you will receive copies of your new pet's vet records via email within approximately forty-eight (48) hours so that you may schedule a visit with your veterinarian. Although all GCCSR pets are fully vetted, GCCSR strongly recommends that you take your new pet to your regular veterinarian as soon as possible to have a physical exam and to get your pet started on heartworm and flea preventative. **Heartworm preventative MUST be administered to your pet once a month.** As a next step, GCCSR will then send via regular mail a signed copy of this application to you, along with the "hard copy" vet and microchip records and rabies tag, within two weeks. Please keep this information in a safe place.

Because the animals in GCCSR's adoption program are rescued, we do not know their actual ages. The approximate age of the pet in which you are interested is **estimated** using our experience and the advice of our veterinarians. Often times, different veterinarians may approximate different ages for the same pet, which may appear on their respective records. GCCSR thus uses reasonable efforts to approximate an appropriate age, but makes no affirmative representation that the approximate age is the actual age of the pet. Furthermore, any adopted pet, whether rescued or not, needs time to adjust to its new home environment. Our pets are typically kept in foster homes, and our foster parents use best efforts to housetrain/crate train each pet, although be aware that your new pet may require an adjustment period. Because of a shortage of foster homes, some of our pets are kept in a kennel, and a little extra work may be required to acclimate your pet to its new home. If needed, GCCSR can provide handouts on housetraining and crate training to help in the initial transition period.

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By signing this application, you as the adopter agree that in the unfortunate event you should you decide not to keep your pet for whatever reason, you will immediately contact a GCCSR representative and return the pet to GCCSR. The "hard copy" vet and microchip information, along with the rabies tag, must also be returned.

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

## ADOPTION APPLICATION

(Please Print Clearly and Complete All Blanks. A GCCSR Representative Will Complete the Grey Areas.)

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of animal in which you are interested: \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female \_\_\_\_\_

### PART I: Veterinary Reference/Release

**Release for Veterinary Reference (to be completed by potential adopter) if you have a current vet :**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby give permission for any veterinarian providing service to me to release medical information on any/all of my animals to GCCSR.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

My current veterinarian is \_\_\_\_\_

located at \_\_\_\_\_ and can be reached at (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### PART II: Your Pet Ownership History (Please Be As Specific As Possible in Your Answers)

Do you or have you had other pets? If yes, please state the breed, sex, etc. of each pet, including whether it was spayed or neutered and on heartworm preventive, how and when the pet was acquired, and why you no longer have the animal (if applicable). If necessary, attach another sheet or write on the back.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dog or cat? \_\_\_\_\_ How acquired? \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Male or Female? \_\_\_\_\_ Spayed/neutered? \_\_\_\_\_

Age of pet \_\_\_\_\_ Length of ownership \_\_\_\_\_

Heartworm preventative? \_\_\_\_\_ Is your pet current on all shots? \_\_\_\_\_ If no, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

Where did this animal sleep? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did the pet stay while you were away or at work? \_\_\_\_\_

Did this pet have any problems or conditions? \_\_\_\_\_

What happened to this pet? \_\_\_\_\_



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Age of pet \_\_\_\_\_ Length of ownership \_\_\_\_\_  
Heartworm preventative? \_\_\_\_\_ What kind of Heartworm preventative? \_\_\_\_\_ When last given? \_\_\_\_\_  
Is your pet current on all shots? \_\_\_\_\_ If no, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
Where did this animal sleep? \_\_\_\_\_  
Where did the pet stay while you were away or at work? \_\_\_\_\_  
Did this pet have any problems or conditions? \_\_\_\_\_  
What happened to this pet? \_\_\_\_\_

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**PART III: Information About You**

Are you over 21 years of age? (Yes or No): \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (PLEASE complete, so that we may email you vet records): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (PLEASE include City/State/Zip): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (Unit Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

Home phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ How Long? \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Address (Street, City, State & Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner's Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ How Long? \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Address (Street, City, State & Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ Wk Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of nearest relative not residing with you \_\_\_\_\_ Relative's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner work or cell phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_



**PART IV: Information About Your Family**

Do you live alone or with family? \_\_\_\_\_ Does **every** adult in the household agree on owning this pet? \_\_\_\_\_

Does anyone in the household have allergies? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, are they allergic to animal dander? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children/grandchildren? \_\_\_\_\_ What ages? \_\_\_\_\_

Do they live in the household? \_\_\_\_\_ If they do not live with you, how often do they visit? \_\_\_\_\_

**PART V: Information About Your Home**

Do you own or rent? \_\_\_\_\_ House or apartment? \_\_\_\_\_ If renting, how long at this location? \_\_\_\_\_

If renting, does your lease allow pets? \_\_\_\_\_ Breed or weight restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

Pet deposit? \_\_\_\_\_ (We will need confirmation of payment of any required pet deposit.)

Rental manager's name and phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a fenced yard? \_\_\_\_\_ What type of fence and how high? \_\_\_\_\_

**PART VI: Information About Leaving/Houstraining/Exercising/Obedience Training Pet**

How long would the pet be left alone? \_\_\_\_\_ Where would the pet stay? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you or your spouse/partner travel frequently? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how often? \_\_\_\_\_

What will you do with the pet when you travel? \_\_\_\_\_

What will you do with this pet if you have to move? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing/able to purchase and use a crate if needed or advised? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a pet door? \_\_\_\_\_ How would you handle the dog's/cat's potty needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you houstrained an animal before? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, describe how you accomplished this \_\_\_\_\_

How would you exercise the pet? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing and able to commit to behavior and/or dog obedience training? \_\_\_\_\_

Where would the pet sleep? \_\_\_\_\_



**PART VII: Information About Your Experience with Animals/Your Expectations/Permission for Home Visit**

Have you owned this breed/mix before? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you owned a rescued animal before? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever adopted from a rescue group or shelter? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what group/shelter? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied to adopt an animal and been declined? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, why? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever given up animal(s)? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, why? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what did you do with the animal(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

What qualities are you looking for in a pet? (Please be specific.) \_\_\_\_\_

What traits or characteristics are you sure you do **NOT** want? (Please be specific and please also indicate activity level you are looking for in a pet.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you give permission for a GCCSR representative to visit your home prior to adoption to do a home check and after adoption to do follow up checks on the pet?** \_\_\_\_\_

**PART VIII: Life with a Cocker Spaniel**

Is this Cocker Spaniel a gift for someone? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you financially capable of taking care of an ill or injured pet? (This can cost hundreds of dollars) \_\_\_\_\_

What would you consider a major medical expense that you could not afford?

{ }\$0-\$250 { } \$251-\$500 { } \$501-\$1,000 { } \$1,001+

What will you feed your Cocker Spaniel? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will you have your Cocker Spaniel groomed? \_\_\_\_\_

How often? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will take care of your animal if something happens to you? \_\_\_\_\_

**PART IX: Adoption, Release, and Indemnity Agreement**

**A BINDING AGREEMENT is made as of the date set forth below (NOTE: A binding agreement is only consummated once a GCCSR Representative signs below). WHEREAS, Adopter wishes to take custody of the following pet:**

**Name of Pet:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sex (circle one) Male / Female**



Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (estimated): \_\_\_\_\_  
Altered: Spayed  Neutered  Heartworm Status:  Pos  Neg Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment in pet recovery services provided by Home Again (first year only), Avid or ResQ is included in your adoption fee. GCCSR will remain as the Primary contact and Adopter will be enrolled as the alternate contact.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of GCCSR's relinquishment of custody of Pet and other good and valuable consideration provided to Adopter by GCCSR, which Adopter acknowledges is good and sufficient consideration for Adopter's agreements herein, Adopter hereby gives and grants unto GCCSR, as a basis on which Pet is released, this Adoption, Release, and Indemnity Agreement, and promises, covenants, and agrees as follows:

#### HOLD HARMLESS/ INDEMNIFICATION

GCCSR (AND ITS OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS, AFFILIATED ENTITIES, AND/OR AGENTS) SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO ADOPTER ON ANY THEORY OF LEGAL LIABILITY INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE NEGLIGENCE OF GCCSR (AND/OR ITS OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS AND/OR AGENTS), FOR ANY INJURY, DEATH OR DAMAGE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CAUSED BY PET. ADOPTER DOES HEREBY RELEASE GCCSR (AND ITS OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS AND/OR AGENTS) 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 GCCSR'S RELEASE OF PET TO ADOPTER. IT IS THE EXPRESSED INTENTION OF ADOPTER AND GCCSR THAT THE RELEASE PROVIDED FOR IN THIS PARAGRAPH IS DESIGNED AND INTENDED TO PROTECT GCCSR (AND ITS OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND/OR AGENTS) 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 GCCSR (AND ITS OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS AND/OR AGENTS) 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ ADOPTER'S INITIALS:

ADOPTER further promises, covenants and agrees (please initial by EACH applicable promise, covenant, and representation):

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. to pay an adoption fee in regards to this Adoption prior to the transfer of said pet to the Adopter. The adoption fee is NON-REFUNDABLE even if the Pet is returned to GCCSR.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. to NEVER sell, trade, or give away the Pet to anyone. I will never relinquish this Pet to any shelter or pound, whether "no-kill" or otherwise. I will notify GCCSR if I am unable or unwilling to keep this Pet, and I will return this Pet to GCCSR after arrangements have been made for such return. If this Pet is lost or stolen, I will notify GCCSR within twenty-four (24) hours of the Pet's disappearance.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. that all future medical and health maintenance treatments are my responsibility, unless GCCSR has specifically agreed in writing to pay for them under the "special provisions" at the end of this contract. I will seek immediate (at time of injury or signs of illness) veterinary care if this Pet becomes ill or is injured. I understand this is for the lifetime of the Pet.

**I will administer monthly heartworm preventative to the Pet year round. If the Pet is heartworm positive, I understand that Heartgard® (or its ivermectin equivalent) is the only preventative/treatment that may**



**be administered. Any other type of heartworm treatment or preventative could cause the Pet to become seriously ill or even die.**

- \_\_\_ 4. to provide medical attention as needed and to keep all immunizations current and updated according to a veterinarian's schedule.
- \_\_\_ 5. to keep the Pet primarily indoors, interacting with my family, and not to banish it to the outdoors. I will never tie the Pet to a chain or rope or leave him/her unattended for long periods. The Pet will be exercised in a fenced yard or on a leash and will not be allowed to roam the streets.
- \_\_\_ 6. to provide the pet a good quality dog food and water on a daily basis.
- \_\_\_ 7. to have the dog groomed a minimum of 6 times a year,
- \_\_\_ 8. to give unconditional love through sickness and health, and especially in old age.
- \_\_\_ 9. that the Pet SHALL NOT be physically altered in any manner (docking tails, cropping ears, declawing, etc.).
- \_\_\_ 10. to comply with all state and local ordinances in the confinement, care, and licensing of this Pet. I will reclaim this Pet promptly, and pay any required fees, if it is picked up by an animal control agency. IF THIS PET IS EVER STOLEN OR LOST, ADOPTER AGREES THAT HE/SHE WILL TAKE ALL REASONABLE STEPS TO FIND THE PET AND WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY GCCSR. SUCH REASONABLE STEPS, INCLUDE, BUT ARE LIMITED TO, POSTING SIGNS IN THE VICINITY OF WHERE THE PET WENT MISSING AND CHECKING AREA POUNDS AND SHELTERS. IN THE EVENT THAT GCCSR OR ANY OF ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES HAVE TO RETRIEVE THE DOG FROM ANY POUND, SHELTER, OR PERSON THAT IS IN POSSESSION OF THE PET AFTER ADOPTER HAS BEEN NOTIFIED, ADOPTER AGREES TO IMMEDIATELY REIMBURSE GCCSR OR ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES FOR ANY AMOUNTS EXPENDED IN PROCURING THE PET'S SAFE RETURN, AND GCCSR RESERVES THE RIGHT IN ITS SOLE AND ABSOLUTE DISCRETION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE DOG SHALL BE RETURNED TO ADOPTER OR RETAINED BY US.
- \_\_\_ 11. to keep Rabies and ID tags on the Pet at all times, including the GCCSR Rescue Tag and a personal ID tag of your own. If the dog is running loose, picked up by Animal Control or a good samaritan, and GCCSR is contacted, we reserve the right to refuse to return the dog to you.
- \_\_\_ 12. THAT GCCSR DOES NOT MAKE ANY GUARANTEES REGARDING THE AGE, NATURE, TEMPERAMENT, OR HEALTH OF THIS PET. Adopter assumes all risks and responsibility including the financial responsibility of ownership of this Pet once he/she is in my possession and that GCCSR is not in any way responsible for such costs incurred.
- \_\_\_ 13. that if I fail to fully and timely comply with the terms of this contract, I will, voluntarily, immediately release ownership, possession, custody and control of this Pet to GCCSR, and if I fail to do so, GCCSR will be entitled to enforce specific performance of this contract in addition to any other legal remedy available to GCCSR.
- \_\_\_ 14. that all information in the Adoption Application is true, complete, and correct and agree that any false or misleading statement thereon will constitute a breach of this contract. If any information contained on Adopter's Adoption Application is untrue, Adopter expressly agrees that GCCSR may retake custody of Pet without refunding adoption fee and without recourse by Adopter, and Adopter agrees to relinquish the Pet to GCCSR.
- \_\_\_ 15. that the breach by Adopter of this Agreement would damage GCCSR in a way that could not be adequately compensated by monetary damages. The parties therefore agree that the breach or threatened breach by [www.gulfcoastcockerspanielrescue.org](http://www.gulfcoastcockerspanielrescue.org)



Adopter of this Agreement may appropriately be restrained by an injunctive order for Adopter to return Pet to GCCSR, granted by a court of appropriate jurisdiction. Adopter further agrees that the actual damages that might be sustained by GCCSR by reason of the breach by Adopter of this Agreement are uncertain and would be difficult of ascertainment, and that, in addition to the injunctive relief agreed to above, the sum of \$800 would be reasonable compensation for such monetary damages and attorney's fees. Adopter hereby promises to pay and GCCSR hereby agrees to accept, such sum as liquidated damages, and not as a penalty, in the event of such breach.

- \_\_\_ 17. that I hereby give my permission for any veterinarian providing service to me to release medical information on any/all of my animals to Gulf Coast Cocker Spaniel Rescue ("GCCSR"), and give my permission to GCCSR to release my address and phone number to their veterinarian upon completion of any adoption for purposes of annual vaccination reminders.
- \_\_\_ 18. that this Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.
- \_\_\_ 19. that any disputes between the parties to this Agreement concerning the subject matter of this Agreement shall be submitted for resolution to the courts of Harris County, Texas.
- \_\_\_ 20. I am at least 21 years of age.
- \_\_\_ 21. Special provisions of this contract, if any, are as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

**My signature below affirms that I have read and agree to all the above conditions:**

**SIGNED, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Adopter(s)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Adopter(s)**

<b>Name of Pet :</b> _____  <b>ACCEPTED BY GCCSR</b>	<b>Adoption Fee Received:</b> _____  Cash _____ Check _____ PayPal _____
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<b>Medical Records Delivered:</b>	<b>Heartworm Preventative Due on:</b>
<b>Flea/Tick Preventative Due on:</b>	<b>Microchip Information</b>