

Barrister English Cockers Questionnaire for Prospective Owners

Thank you for inquiring about our English Cocker Spaniels. We are dedicated breeders who participate in various dog-related events. We breed occasionally to produce what we believe to be quality English Cockers that conform to the breed standard, and are intelligent, healthy, well-adjusted examples of the breed.

Through membership in both the local and national English Cocker Clubs and various forms of competition, we are exposed to other points of view, educational programs, updated rules and regulations, but more importantly, have an opportunity to share concerns, information and ideas with other concerned and knowledgeable dog people.

When we have litters, we make sure our puppies go into loving, committed homes. We do our best to screen the owners to ensure a good match between the puppy and the buyer. Before the puppy leaves our home, it has been well cared for, socialized and loved. The puppy does not go to its new owner as a trained, well-mannered finished product. It is up to you to complete the job we have started. You are responsible for the further development of the puppy's personality, through structured discipline, training, guidance, and love. In an effort to ensure that our puppies are going to receive the love and care they require and deserve throughout their lives, we ask all potential buyers to complete this questionnaire. Some questions may seem invasive and the form rather long. It is only the puppy's welfare with which we are concerned. If you wish to be put on our waiting list, you must complete and return to us as soon as possible.

All of our pet puppies are sold on a Limited Registration with the AKC - without exception, which means that if the dog is bred, the resulting offspring will not be recognized or registerable with the AKC. Pet puppies are required to be spayed/neutered - no exceptions. We require a spay/neuter deposit of \$50.00 at the time of sale, which is refunded within 10 business days of receiving proof of altering (usually done at about 5-6 months of age) from your veterinarian. This is a breed that has been very well protected due to caring, responsible breeders who are dedicated to maintaining the quality of the breed. We do NOT want to see English Cockers being over-bred like their American cousins, so this policy is strictly enforced.

Because we have been observing our puppies during their development, and obviously know them better than potential owners, we make the decisions regarding which puppy goes to which home based on these observations and the information you have provided to us. Therefore, it is unlikely that you would be able to "pick" your own puppy, unless there is more than one that fits your individual needs. Contrary to popular belief, there is much more to picking a puppy than choosing the first one that comes to you.

Prior to taking the puppy home, you will be given information on training and care of your puppy, a puppy training book, a list of the proper equipment and supplies to obtain prior to bringing your puppy home, and a sample copy of our contract. On pickup day, you will be given a completed contract (which you must sign), your puppy's blue slip (AKC registration application), a copy of the pedigree, health records, a bag of puppy food, feeding instructions, baby pictures of the litter at various ages, pictures of Mom & Dad, and information on permanent identification for your puppy. These items are by no means everything the puppy needs, but we include all of these things to make the transition as smooth as possible for you AND the puppy.

Please take into consideration all costs of dog ownership and be sure it fits into your budget. You will need to allow for the cost of adequate fencing, quality food and veterinary expenses. Also be aware that this breed requires frequent brushing and needs to be professionally groomed every 4-6 weeks. We will be happy to groom your puppy during the first year at our home and coach you on grooming, should you be interested in learning to do this yourself.

Dog ownership is a MAJOR responsibility, and should not be taken lightly under any circumstances. We only want the best for our puppies, and want them in homes where they are considered important members of the family, not "just a dog". A puppy depends totally on you for all his needs, and is no different than bringing home a human baby. They need lots of love, attention and structured discipline. Dogs in general, and English Cockers especially, are very people oriented, and look to you for leadership and companionship. If you feel you are not up to this lifelong commitment, please consider waiting to buy a dog until your lifestyle is better suited to puppy ownership.

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The following questionnaire serves the purpose of helping us become better acquainted with the people inquiring about our puppies. It presents a more complete picture of what you are looking for in a dog and to help us match you as a potential owner with a dog that will, ultimately, turn out to be what you are looking for.

This questionnaire in no way constitutes a contract or guarantee on our part that there will be a puppy available for you, nor do your responses serve as the sole determinant of whether or not a puppy will be offered. Filling out and returning this questionnaire does not lock you into one of our puppies. Once the puppies are born, and we've decided together that one of our puppies is right for you, a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 will be required. This means that given any unforeseen circumstances, you will be receiving a puppy from said litter between the age of 8-12 weeks, depending on the maturity of the individual puppy.

The cover pages and the "Frequently Asked Questions" are yours to keep. Please return the completed questionnaire to:

Barrister English Cockers
13610 West Pales Road
Agua Dulce, CA 91390

Thank you once again for considering a puppy from us.

Sincerely,
Sally, Doug & Sam Rosenthal
Barrister English Cockers

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General Information

Name _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

City/State/Zip _____ Work Phone _____

Family Members _____
 (include ages of minors)

References 1. _____ Evening Phone _____
 (name & address) _____

2. _____ Evening Phone _____

Vet _____ Work Phone _____

Questionnaire

Why do you want a puppy (mark all that apply)?

- Companion Show Security Gift
 Performance Hunting Breeding Other

Do you have any dogs now? Yes No _____

If yes, please list their breeds, ages & personality:

Breed	Age	Personality
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List any other pets you currently own:

Type	Age	Personality
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Have you ever owned an English Cocker before? Yes No _____

If yes, from whom did you purchase them, and how long did you have them?

If no, what are your reasons for choosing one now?

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Are you looking for a puppy now, or in the future (explain)?

What traits are you looking for in a dog?

Do you prefer a male or a female?

Male Female

Would you consider either sex, if your preference was not available?

Yes No Possibly

What colors do you prefer, if any (mark all that apply)?

No Preference Blue Roan Black & White Blue Roan & Tan Orange Tri-color

Would you consider another color, if your preference is not available?

Yes No Possibly

Would you consider an older puppy or an adult dog?

Yes No Possibly

If yes or possibly, what is the maximum age you would consider?

1-2 years 2-4 years 4-6 years 6-8 - years |

What type of home do you provide?

Apartment Condo House

What type of facilities do you provide at home (mark all that apply)?

Unfenced Yard Fenced Yard Kennel Local Park |

If your yard is not fenced, how do you intend on controlling the puppy?

The dog will primarily live:

Outdoors Indoors Both

How many hours per day will this dog be left alone?

1-3 3-6 6-8 more than 8 |

Will someone be able to "potty" the puppy at lunch, or will you hire a dog walker, if it is left more than 6 hours per day?

Dog Walker Yourself Other _____

Where will the dog be when no one is home?

Loose Crate Confined to kitchen
 Yard Basement/garage Other _____

Where will the dog sleep at night?

Loose Crate Confined to kitchen
 Yard Basement/garage Other _____

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What would you do with the dog if you suddenly found yourself unable to keep it (things do happen!)?

What problems (health, training, behavior, etc) if any did you have with previous dogs (be specific)?

What type of exercise do you expect to give your dog and how often?

How long do you expect housebreaking to take?

How will you typically transport your dog in your vehicle?

Loose Crate Harness/Seatbelt Other _____

What type of training to you believe is important to provide your dog?

Puppy Socialization Agility Tracking
 Obedience Hunting Other _____

Have you ever taken a dog to obedience or other classes?

Yes No _____

What is your intent with respect to exhibition of your dog?

Conformation Obedience Agility Field Work Other _____

What other activities do you plan to participate in?

Therapy Dog Canine Good Citizen General Sports Other _____

The above information is true, to the best of my knowledge:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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