

# The English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby apply for **REGULAR / JUNIOR** (Circle one) in the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc. and hereby subscribe to the BY-LAWS of this Club as noted below. **Note: If you are an English Cocker Spaniel Specialty Club, please contact the Corresponding Secretary for a Club Application form.** Please return all five pages for your application

*Article 1, Section 2(Objectives)* of the ECSCA Constitution and By-Laws:

- (A) to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred English Cocker Spaniels and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;
- (B) to define precisely the true type of the breed and to urge members and breeders to accept that Standard of the Breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which English Cocker Spaniels shall be judged.
- (C) to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to promote educational activities pertaining to English Cocker Spaniels.
- (D) to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, field events, obedience trials, hunting tests and tracking tests.
- (E) to conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows, field events, obedience trials, hunting tests, tracking tests and other performance events under the rules of the American Kennel Club, and
- (F) to encourage the organization of independent local English Cocker Spaniel Specialty Clubs in those locations where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed to meet the requirements of the American Kennel Club.

**Note: Applicants residing outside the USA are eligible to vote, but cannot hold office in the E.C.S.C.A.**

### PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY IN BLACK INK

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mr., Mrs. Ms., Miss)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State/Province Zip/Postal Code Country

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Profession/Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel Name (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you owned a pure-bred dog? \_\_\_\_\_ Yrs. Which breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years in English Cocker Spaniels: \_\_\_\_\_ Yrs.

Number of English Cocker Spaniels currently owned: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have dogs at stud? Y or N

Which breed(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of bitches owned, co-owned or leased \_\_\_\_\_

Have you exhibited in:

- Conformation: How long? \_\_\_\_\_ Other: How long? \_\_\_\_\_
- Obedience: How long? \_\_\_\_\_
- Agility: How long? \_\_\_\_\_
- Rally: How long? \_\_\_\_\_
- Field Events: How long? \_\_\_\_\_
- Tracking: How long? \_\_\_\_\_

Please List all Dog Clubs which you are or have been a member of:

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of membership (from-to): \_\_\_\_\_

Positions held, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ Years: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an AKC approved Judge? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, for what breeds/activity? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you sell dogs to commercial outlets? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your hobbies outside dogs: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list names of ECSCA members and the length of time you have known them, *other than your proposer and sponsors*:

**Why do you want to become a member of the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.?** (Use additional sheet if needed)

Are you able to accept Committee assignments or other assignments for the Club if so requested? Yes / No  
Could you travel for the Club? Yes / No What are your areas of strongest interest and/or preference in Club work?

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**I am 18 years of age or older (under 18 for Junior Membership), in good standing with the American Kennel Club, and I have read, signed, and do understand the *Statement of Conduct* of the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc., as well as the *Objectives of the Clubs* stated on Page 1 of the Application Form. I agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the E.C.S.C.A., Inc. and by the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINT APPLICANT'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Proposer:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E.C.S.C.A Member** \_\_\_ **Years**  
(Comments of Proposer are required – use space below, additional sheet or forward separately) (Five (5) year minimum)

**PRINT PROPOSER'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of First Seconder:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E.C.S.C.A Member** \_\_\_ **Years**  
(Five (5) year minimum)

**PRINT FIRST SECONDER'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Second Seconder:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E.C.S.C.A Member** \_\_\_ **Years**  
(Five (5) year minimum)

**PRINT 2<sup>ND</sup> SECONDER'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: PROPOSER and SECONDERs should read the sponsor section on page 3 before signing this Application.**

This Application should be forwarded to the **Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Shannon Loritz, 12912 Silver Spring Lane, Battle Creek MI 49014**, and should be accompanied by a **non-refundable Application Fee of \$10.00** (payable to the ECSCA) Junior members are **exempt** from the application fee. Acknowledgements of all applications are made upon receipt. You will be billed for dues when your membership is approved: **Individual – \$40.00; Junior - \$10.00**

### **SPONSOR SECTION**

As a sponsor (proposer or seconder) for the prospective member, please take a few minutes to review the questions below. Please remember that you should feel comfortable with the responsibility of sponsoring this applicant, as it may be necessary for you to vouch for this person.

1. Have you known this applicant personally for a reasonable length of time? As the proposer you must vouch for this person in writing; as a seconder you may have to do so if requested.
2. Do you have firsthand knowledge of the conditions of the applicant's residence? Are the dogs well cared for in a healthy environment? Do the dogs appear to be well-adjusted and happy?
3. If the applicant has had purebred dogs before, did you inquire what happened to the dogs and were you satisfied with the answer?
4. Have you ever referred the applicant to local owners, members, trainers, etc. in their area and have they pursued these avenues of information?
5. Does the applicant approve of the donation or sale of litters, puppies or adults to retailers, wholesalers or their intermediaries?

### **COMMENTS OF THE PROPOSER**

**The English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.**

**STATEMENT OF CONDUCT**

Approved September 1, 2010

I agree that participation as a member of the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc. (ECSCA) requires my abiding by and upholding the following guidelines:

1. To uphold the principles of the ECSCA's Constitution, Bylaws, and Statement of Conduct, and to protect the interests of the English Cocker Spaniel in a manner reflecting credit to myself, the breed, and the ECSCA;
2. To breed as closely to the standard of the breed as adopted by the ECSCA with the goal being to produce the highest quality English Cocker Spaniel in temperament and health which promotes the breeds true characteristics and versatility as a companion and for the function for which it was bred.
3. To educate the public about our breed, honestly representing the English Cocker Spaniel by disclosing known health issues and the breed's inherent characteristics and suitability;
4. To willingly offer assistance and encouragement to new owners and novice competitors in recognizing the need for mentoring and support within the English Cocker Spaniel community;
5. To breed responsibly, to urge spaying or neutering of bitches or dogs not desirable for breeding, and to make appropriate use of the non-breeding (limited) AKC registration clause and/or withhold registration papers until proof of neutering of these animals is received;
6. To willingly take back whenever possible or assist in placing or re-homing any English Cocker sold or bred by me;
7. To become educated as to known and emerging health problems within the breed and to screen breeding stock for those identified health issues for which some form of testing is available;
8. To willingly disclose known health defect or issues affecting the dog, its ancestors, or its offspring when breeding or selling;
9. To support and participate in the efforts of the ECSCA to continually assess the health and longevity of the breed through testing, health surveys, and research support;
10. To support the efforts of ECSCA Rescue;
11. To supply no animals to pet shops, commercial brokers or dealers, or to raffles or similar projects;
12. To cover by written agreement all stud service terms, and to keep detailed and accurate written records of matings, births, registrations, sales and transfers, etc.
13. To provide each dog purchaser with the following:
  - a. AKC registration papers where applicable;
  - b. Minimum three generation pedigree;
  - c. Complete medical records to include dates of inoculations, types of vaccines used, and dates of worming; and copies of relevant and available health checks;
  - d. Instructions on proper care, to include proper nutrition and feeding requirements, training and grooming instructions;
14. To protect the health and welfare of all dogs entrusted in my care by providing a safe, sanitary environment, appropriate and necessary veterinary care, and adequate socialization;
15. To refrain from deceptive or erroneous advertising;
16. To promote good sportsmanship at all times.

I accept, will adhere to and support this Statement of Conduct:

**Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print Clearly)

**Member Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## ECSCA Information Delivery Preferences

(Items that are required to be mailed according to the By-Laws will still be sent out via USPS to all members.)

PLEASE PRINT

Member's Name:

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Address:

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City, St & Zip:

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Email Address:

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Choose a delivery option for both items below by checking your choice:

1) Newsletters & ECSCA Information:

Electronic Delivery

USPS Mail

2) National Specialty Premiums:

Electronic Delivery

USPS Mail

I do not wish to receive any premiums.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to with your application to Shannon Loritz, 12912 Silver Spring Lane,  
Battle Creek, MI 49014