

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.**

Article 1, Section 2(Objects) 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 Number: _____
(Mr., Mrs. Ms., Miss) (Area Code)

Address: _____
Street Address City State/Province Zip/Postal Code Country

E-mail: _____ Business/Profession/Occupation: _____

Kennel Name (if any): _____ How long have you owned a pure-bred dog? _____

Which breed(s): _____ Number of years in English Cocker Spaniels: _____

Number of English Cocker Spaniels currently owned: _____ Do you have dogs at stud? _____

Which breed(s)? _____ Number of bitches owned, co-owned or leased _____

Have you exhibited in:

Conformation: _____ How long? _____ Obedience: _____ How long? _____ Rally: _____ How long? _____

Field Events: _____ How long? _____ Other: _____ 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? _____

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? _____

Could you travel for the Club?: _____ What are your areas of strongest interest and or preference in Club work?: _____

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.

Applicant Signature: _____
Date: _____

APPLICANT Print NAME: _____
NOTE: Applicant, Proposer and Seconders (2) may not be related by family ties (Article II, Section 3 – ECSCA By-Laws

PROPOSER’S NAME (Please Print): _____ Member of E.C.S.C.A. _____
Years _____
(Comments of Proposer **are required** – use space below, additional sheet or forward separately) (Five(5) year minimum)

Signature of PROPOSER: _____

SECONDER’S NAME (Please Print): _____ Member of E.C.S.C.A. _____
_____ Years _____
(Five (5) year minimum)

Signature of SECONDER: _____

SECONDER’S NAME (Please Print): _____

Signature of SECONDER: _____ Member of E.C.S.C.A. _____
Years _____
(Five (5) year minimum)

NOTE: PROPOSER and SECONDERS should read the sponsor section below before signing this Application.

This Application should be forwarded to the **Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Kate D. Romanski, P.O. Box 252, Hales Corners, WI 53130**, 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. Acknowledgement of application is 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 first hand 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 (se additional sheet if needed)

The English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.

STATEMENT OF CONDUCT

I/We agree that if accepted for membership in the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc., I/We will endeavor to abide by and uphold the following guidelines:

1. To strive for the betterment of the English Cocker Spaniel, and to support work in obedience, field, tracking, agility, therapy, etc. which promote the breed's true characteristics and versatility.
2. To abide by and uphold the principles of the Constitution and By-Laws of the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc. and the American Kennel Club.
3. To register all English Cocker Spaniels owned or bred by me (us) with the American Kennel Club, if deemed by me(us) to be of show or breeding quality in accordance with the Breed Standard as approved by the English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.
4. To refrain from any deceptive or erroneous advertising.
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 registration clause or withhold registrations papers until proof of neutering of these animals is received.
6. 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.
7. To provide each dog purchaser with the following:
 - a) AKC registration papers, where applicable
 - b) A three-generation pedigree
 - c) A complete medical record
 - d) Details on proper care and feeding
8. To supply no animals to pet shops, commercial breeders or dealers, or to raffles or similar projects.
9. To promote Good Sportsmanship at all times.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Print Name: _____

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Print name: _____

(All members residing in the same household may sign on the same document)

Adopted by the ECSCA, June 1997