



Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Inc.

Rescue Committee Guidelines

What constitutes a Rescue Animal?

Welsh Springer Spaniels in the following situations:

1. Immediate peril
2. Strays
3. Relinquished to shelters
4. When breeders refuse to take the dog back or give strong support to the owner

Any dog that cannot stay in its present home that the breeder does not take full responsibility for or any Welsh Springer Spaniel of unknown origin is considered a rescue dog.

Guidelines for the Rescue Committee

1. To help placeable Welsh Springer Spaniels who are unwanted, abandoned or are victims of inhuman treatment or subject to an uncertain fate find good and loving homes;
2. To coordinate and assist the efforts of committee personnel and WSSCA members in the rescue of Welsh Springer Spaniels in their area;
3. To provide financial assistance with the rescue effort when the guidelines for rescue are met;
4. To educate potential adoptive owners about the Welsh Springer Spaniels and their special requirements to ensure an educated decision in adopting this breed;
5. To keep statistics on Welsh Springer Spaniels that get into the rescue system;
6. To educate animal control officers and shelter staff on how to identify a Welsh Springer Spaniel;
7. To encourage the policy that final responsibility for any Welsh Springer Spaniel that needs a home lies with the breeder(s), this responsibility is for the life of the dog, no matter what the circumstances.

Funding For Rescue

Rescue money will be collected annually, with dues, on a voluntary basis. If needed, a special appeal for funds may also be a funding source. Money collected for rescue will be used toward the direct costs in rescuing dog and the reasonable reimbursement of medical fees and impoundment fees. Rescue is a volunteer function of the WSSCA. As the word "volunteer" implies certain sacrifices should be expected.

Telephone and gasoline expenses should be donated by each volunteer member in the spirit of the rescue program. However, in the event that extensive travel or calls are necessary, the WSSCA will reimburse the member, if a request for reimbursement is made.

Reimbursement

The WSSCA Guidelines must be followed in order to be eligible for reimbursement. Any major deviation must be presented and approved by the Rescue Committee prior to reimbursement;

1. Request for reimbursement will be sent to the Chairperson of the Rescue Committee, who will review and submit the approved reimbursement request to the treasurer.
2. All items for reimbursement must be documented, showing receipts for services. No money will be reimbursed without receipts or some type of clear documentation of expenses.
3. A maximum of \$500.00 in expenditures will be reimbursed for each dog unless special circumstances have been approved by the Board of Directors and Treasurer.
4. Reimbursements will be paid for dogs that must be bought from Humane Societies or Shelters.



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Welsh Springer Spaniel Identification

All dogs must be properly identified as Welsh Springer Spaniels to the best of the Rescue Committee's knowledge. If a dog is found without positive breed identification (registration papers or known breeding) it is suggested that a team of two Welsh Springer Spaniel owners/breeders evaluate the dog if possible. If there is any question regarding the dog's heredity, the team should give the dog the benefit of the doubt. It is better to rescue a possible Welsh Springer Spaniel cross than to leave an untypical purebred Welsh Springer Spaniel behind.

Medical

1. Dogs that become part of the rescue program should be spayed or neutered. However, each case must be evaluated on an individual basis. If the decision is made to spay/neuter, then it is to be done with money from the Rescue Fund and before the animal is adopted into a new home.
2. Inoculations for Rabies, DHLPP booster and Bordatella are required and will be paid from the Rescue Fund.
3. Heartworm testing and initial preventative medication will be paid from the Rescue Fund.
4. Routine worming that covers all types of internal parasites will be paid from the Rescue Fund.
5. Major medical expenses must have prior approval by the Board of Directors and Treasurer for reimbursement. This includes treatment of heartworm positive dogs, radiographs, blood work and so forth.

Emotional/Treatment Status of Animal

The dog must be of stable temperament and without any serious chronic behavior problem. The dog must be considered adoptable and desirable as a family companion for even a novice pet owner. Any rehabilitation and/or needed training should be attainable by a novice owner. If the animal is in a foster home, that home should start the rehabilitation when possible as it is then possible to learn more about the depth of any problem and the corrective work that may be required. The dog **MUST NOT** have a history of biting, snapping or acting aggressively or being excessively fearful towards people. It should not be aggressive towards or with other dogs. **NO DOG SHALL BE PLACED THAT HAS A HISTORY OF BITING.** This dog should be humanely euthanized at Rescue's expense.

Foster Care

The best situation for the rescue dog is to be placed in a loving foster home until a permanent home may be found. This way, the personality traits, house behavior and reaction to everyday situations of the dog may be observed and any problems noted. The animal should be observed and evaluated for a minimum of 2 weeks, giving the dog adequate time to adjust to new surroundings so that the true behavior and personality may be observed. If a dog must be boarded at a commercial kennel, the Rescue Fund will pay up to \$12.00 per day for a maximum of 2 weeks (14 days).



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Adoption Criteria

1. The prospective owners should be personally interviewed and a home visit conducted when possible. The interview should be an in-depth process designed to educate the individual(s) on owning a Welsh Springer Spaniel, as well as to evaluate the lifestyle of the prospective owner(s) and plans for the dog. Past dog ownership history and personal views on companion dogs must be explored when evaluating a potential home.
2. It is recommended that the individual meet the dog and then wait to think about the decision for 24 to 48 hours before adopting the dog. This helps prevent emotional impulse adoptions. Prospective owners who are committed will make a second trip to acquire the dog.
3. An adoption questionnaire must be filled out. A written agreement **MUST** be signed by the prospective owner and witnessed. This agreement releases the WSSCA and person conducting the adoption from any liability; forbids the owner from transferring ownership without contacting the Rescue Committee; prohibits the sale or donation of the dog to a person or corporation for experimental research; specifies that the dog will live as a family pet with its emotional needs met and states that the person will provide humane care and treatment including regular care for the dog. The adoption agreement must also require the owner to license the dog yearly, follow local pet regulations and not allow the dog to roam freely.
4. A mandatory adoption donation of \$400 is to be collected at the time of adoption. The check should be made out to the Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Inc. The purpose of the adoption fee is an indication of the new owner's commitment to the dog and to replenish the Rescue Fund for the next dog. An owner that cannot afford a reasonable adoption donation cannot afford to maintain a dog properly.

The Rescue Committee's responsibility toward the new owner is to provide:

1. Documentation of all medical care, including Rabies vaccination certificate.
2. General information about the dog's age, where found, history and so forth.
3. Guidelines for feeding and general care.
4. Any observed behaviors, rehabilitation guidelines, if needed, and a general statement about the adjustment period for re-homing.
5. Names and telephone numbers of local WSSCA and Rescue Committee members to contact with questions or concerns.
6. A copy of the signed agreement.
7. After adoption, quarterly follow-up calls and/or visits should be made to check on the progress of the dog for a period of one year. Thereafter, a yearly check is sufficient

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Reimbursement Request Form

The following expenses were incurred while engaged in Rescue Services. All receipts are attached.

	Type/Detail	Amount
Veterinary Fees:	_____	_____
Boarding Fees:	_____	_____
Shelter/Pound Fees:	_____	_____
Other Expenses:	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
		TOTAL _____

Further details related to "Other Expenses":

Reimbursement request submitted by: _____

Date: _____

Approved: _____



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Release and Indemnity Agreement

IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of _____ (\$ _____), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by _____

The Welsh Springer Spaniel Club Of America, Inc., releases full responsibility and ownership of (name, description, AKC #) _____

to the undersigned adopter(s). In return, the undersigned adopter(s) do hereby forever release, and consent to hold harmless the Welsh Springer Spaniel Club Of America, Inc, its members, representatives, officers and any other person(s), firm or corporation chargeable with responsibility or liability, from any and all claims, damages, costs, expenses, loss of services, actions and causes of actions incurred as a result of this adoption or by the actions of the dog transferred herein.

The undersigned hereby agrees to abide by the terms of adoption listed below:

- 1) **NON-BREEDING:** This dog will not be used for breeding purposes. It is understood that if not already done, this dog will be spayed/neutered within 30 days of this adoption date.
- 2) **RETURN:** If for any reason the adoption is not satisfactory, or if the adopter(s) fail(s) to comply with all the terms and conditions of this agreement, the dog must be returned to a Welsh Springer Spaniel Club Of America, Inc. representative. If the return takes place prior to 30 days from the adoption and the dog is in as good or better mental and physical condition as on the date of adoption, as decided by the representative, the adoption fee will be reimbursed minus expenses for or connected with the return of the dog. There will be no refunds after 30 days.
- 3) **TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP:** This dog may not be transferred to any person, firm, corporation or organization for any reason. The adopter(s) will contact the Welsh Springer Spaniel Club Of America, Inc. Rescue Committee if unable to keep the dog for any reason.
- 4) **HUMANE CARE AND CONTROL:** I/we agree to care for this dog humanely including adequate food, water, shelter, exercise and veterinary care. This dog will be maintained as a house pet and family companion. It will not be maintained outside as a yard dog or in a basement, garage or outbuilding. I/we agree to supervise the dog at all times when loose outside and will not allow it to roam free. I/we will abide by all local and state animal control ordinances. I/we agree to have the dog wear a buckle collar with an identification tag at all times.
I/WE WILL NOT USE THE DOG FOR MEDICAL OR ANY OTHER EXPERIMENTAL PURPOSES.
- 5) **HEALTH :** The dog will be put on an inoculation and heartworm preventative program as prescribed by a licensed veterinarian to assure and maintain the health of the dog. The dog will receive a rabies vaccination and dog license in accordance with state law.
- 6) **RESERVATIONS OF RIGHTS:** The Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Inc. reserves the right to an ongoing review of this adoption and to follow up on any complaints or reports to protect the welfare of the dog throughout its life. If the terms of this agreement are not satisfactorily upheld by the adopter(s), and /or any misrepresentations) have been made in order to obtain this dog, the Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Inc. reserves the right to terminate this agreement and demand the return of the dog.
- 7) **ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS:** Should it become necessary for the Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Inc. to take legal action to recover an adopted dog or otherwise enforce the provisions of this agreement, the undersigned adopter(s) agree(s) to pay all court costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

SIGNED AND SEALED this _____ Day of _____ 20_____

In the presence of _____ Phone _____
(Representative for The Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Inc.)

Signature (s) _____

Adopters (s) name (s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____



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Private Party Surrender Agreement

I (we), _____ the sole owner(s),
relinquish to the Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Inc. representative, a Welsh Springer Spaniel known as _____

I (we) hereby deliver signed AKC registration papers (if available). I (we) hereby deliver all information, health records and full ownership and responsibility of this dog. I (we) fully understand that I (we) am/are no longer responsible for this dog and have given up my/our rights to control the dog's future. I (we) understand that the representative of the Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Inc.'s Rescue program will do their best to find this dog a suitable home. I (we) am/are also aware that if a suitable home cannot be found or that if the dog is evaluated as dangerous or is not an adoptable dog it will be humanely euthanized. I (we) understand that euthanasia is the humane act of putting a dog to death by lethal injection.

Please fill out the following information as completely as possible.

Dog's date of birth: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ Weight: _____
Is the dog spayed/neutered? Y() N()
Vaccinations/Medical Records: DHLP-P _____ Coronavirus _____ Bordatella _____
(list dates) Rabies _____ Tag # _____ Heartworm Tested _____
Is the dog on heartworm preventative? Y() N() Type: _____ Last dose _____
Does the dog have physical problems? _____

Reason dog is surrendered: _____

Where did the dog come from? () Breeder (list name/address). _____

() Pet Shop () Stray () Other (list): _____

If this dog came from a breeder, was the breeder contacted? Y() N()

If contacted, what was the response? _____

How old was the dog when you obtained it? _____

Did the dog have previous owners? Y() N()

If so, list names and addresses, if known. _____

Yes	No	Yes	No
()	()	()	()
()	()	()	()
()	()	()	()
()	()	()	()

Is this dog an excessive barker?
Is this dog housebroken?
Can this dog be left alone?
Does this dog chew excessively/
inappropriately ?
Is this dog good with children?
Is this dog in good health?
Is this dog good with babies?
Is this dog good with strangers?

Signed and Sealed this _____ Day of _____ (month) 20 _____ (year)

In the presence of _____ Phone: _____
Representative of the Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Inc.

Signature (s) _____ Date _____

Adopter's name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Telephone _____ Work Telephone _____



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Adoption Questionnaire

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: Day: _____ Evening: _____

E-mail: _____

1. Why do you want a Welsh Springer Spaniel? _____

2. Have you ever owned a Welsh Springer Spaniel before? Y () N ()

3. Have you ever met and/or spent time with a Welsh Springer Spaniel? Y () N ()

4. Housing arrangements in which you currently reside: Check all that apply.

() City () Rural () Suburban
() House () Apartment () Condo () Own () Rent
Yard () Fenced () Unfenced () None

If yard is fenced, what type of fencing do you have? _____

If you rent, do you have your landlord's permission to house a dog? Y () N ()

Landlord's name: _____ Phone: _____

5. Do you own any of the following for your Welsh Springer Spaniel?

Airline crate Y () N () Size: _____

Other type of crate Y () N () Size: _____

Kennel Run Y () N () Size: _____

6. Do you work outside of the home? Y () N ()

If so, what are your work hours? _____

Will someone be home during these hours to care and give support to this dog? Y () N ()

If no one will be home, where will the dog be kept during your work hours? _____

7. Where will be the dog's primary living area? () lives outside () lives inside () both

Where will the dog be allowed? _____

Where will the dog sleep? _____

8. Do you have children? Y () N () How many? _____ Ages: _____

9. Have you had dogs before? Y () N ()

What happened to the dogs? _____

10. Do you have pets now? Y () N () Kinds: _____

11. Would you consider attending obedience classes? Y () N ()

12. Will you take this dog to the vet regularly? Y () N ()

Will you keep this dog current on immunizations? Y () N ()

Will you keep this dog on heartworm preventative? Y () N ()

13. Are you willing to be financially responsible for this dog? Y () N ()

14. What will you do with this dog when you go on vacation? _____

15. What will you do with this dog if you have to move to another home or location? _____

16. Do you object to phone calls/visits in the future from WSSCA Rescue about this dog? Y () N ()

17. How did you learn about Welsh Springer Spaniel Rescue? _____

18. A donation is expected to help cover expenses incurred for this dog as well as to help other rescued Welsh Springer Spaniels. Are you willing to make a donation of \$400? Y () N ()



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Assistance Listing Questionnaire

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone 1: Day: _____

Phone 2: Day: _____

Phone 3: Day: _____

Phone - Evening: _____

E-mail: _____

1. Please put a check mark next to the rescue areas that you would be willing to assist with:

_____ Check internet shelter listing for Welsh Springer Spaniels.

_____ Visit a shelter to identify a dog.

_____ Provide foster care for a rescued dog.

_____ Transport a rescued dog.

_____ Complete home visit checks for potential adopters.

2. Please complete and forward this form to the Rescue Committee Chairperson.

3. Rescue Committee Chairperson:

E-mail address, name and address:

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Thank you for your assistance!