

American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Rescue Trust

Foster Home Application

Foster homes are a vital and integral part of any successful rescue program. They are essential to the welfare and proper placement of Cavaliers entering the rescue system. Foster homes allow the rescue Cavalier to live in a caring home environment as part of a family and to receive the medical care and training needed to make a successful transition into a permanent home.

The definition of "foster" is: 1) to bring up, rear, nurture; 2) to promote the development or growth of, encourage, cultivate; 3) to nurture, cherish. A foster caregiver must be able to provide all elements of that definition. Cavaliers entering rescue may have been abused, neglected, and/or untrained. They may have medical problems that require steadfast attention and care. At the very least, they will have been taken out of a familiar environment and may be confused, unsure, and afraid. The majority will be mature or elderly dogs. It is very rare that a puppy or young dog enters the rescue program.

The Volunteer Application, Agreement & Waiver of Liability and the References form must be completed in addition to this application in order to be considered as a foster caregiver. The information you provide is confidential and will be used to determine the suitability of a particular foster home for a particular rescued Cavalier. Completing these forms does not guarantee the placement of a Cavalier in any particular home. Please be as complete as possible in your answers.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Do you live in a (circle one): House Condo Townhome Apartment
Other (please explain): _____

Do you rent or own your residence? _____

If you rent, does your landlord allow pets? (circle one): Yes No

If you rent, please provide your landlord's name, address, and telephone number: _____

Number of animals you keep at your residence: _____ Dogs _____ Cats
_____ Birds _____ Other (please explain): _____

Do you have a fenced yard? Yes No What kind of fencing? Describe: _____

How many adults live with you? _____ How many children? _____

If children reside with you, please list their names, ages, and genders: _____

Are all children comfortable around dogs? Yes No

Will the children help care for the foster dog? Yes No

If yes, how will the children help? _____

Where would the foster dog be kept during the day? _____

Where would the foster dog sleep at night? _____

How and where would the foster dog be exercised? _____

Please detail any experience or special training you have that may help you evaluate personality and temperament of Cavaliers: _____

Please detail any experience of special training you have that may help you to understand and address the potential problems a rescue Cavalier may have: _____

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the care you would give to a foster Cavalier in our rescue program? _____

Have you or anyone living with you ever been arrested, cited, charged, or convicted of any civil or criminal offense related to animal cruelty or neglect in any jurisdiction, even if such offense was later dismissed, vacated, expunged, or otherwise removed from the public record? Yes No

If yes, please explain and provide copies of any and all pertinent records relating to any offense: _____

Have you or anyone living with your ever surrendered an animal to any rescue organization? Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

Please circle "Yes" or "No" in response to the following questions. If you answer "No" to any question, please attach a written explanation.

- ★ Are you willing and able to evaluate the personality and temperament of a foster Cavalier to determine the best type of adoptive home (i.e., a home with children, a home with adults only, a home with other other animals, a home as the only dog, etc.)? Yes No
- ★ Are you willing to foster a Cavalier with medical needs which may require regular trips to a veterinarian? Yes No
- ★ Are you willing to foster a Cavalier who has been abused and/or neglected who may require special attention and lots of love and reassurance? Yes No
- ★ Are you willing to foster a Cavalier who may need training for behavior problems? Yes No
- ★ Are you willing to provide written progress reports to the Trust's representative as necessary? Yes No
- ★ Do you understand that the foster dog is the property of the ACKCS Rescue Trust and can be removed from the foster family by the ACKCS Rescue Trust or their representatives at any time and without prior notice? Yes No
- ★ Do you understand that no decisions may be made regarding veterinary care (including but not limited to euthanasia) or placement with a adoptive family without the prior approval of the ACKCS Rescue Trust? Yes No
- ★ Do you understand that the foster dog must be treated as a house dog and a member of the family and must NOT be treated in any other manner? Yes No
- ★ Do you understand that under no circumstances may a foster dog be used for breeding? Yes No
- ★ Do you understand that any foster dog entrusted to your care must be provided adequate food, water, affection, socialization, training, exercise, and medical care? Yes No
- ★ Do you understand that a foster family is expected to provide basic obedience training and socialization to the foster dog to help improve the odds of a successful transition into a permanent home? Yes No

- ★ Do you understand that a foster family must provide a securely fenced yard or other safe means for exercising the dog and that under no circumstances is the foster dog to live or be kept outdoors?
Yes No
- ★ Do you understand that if the foster family finds it can no longer keep the foster dog for any reason, you shall immediately notify the ACKCS Rescue Trust?
Yes No
- ★ Do you understand that under no circumstances shall the foster dog be sold, abandoned, relinquished to a pound/shelter/other rescue group, transferred or given to any other individual or establishment for the purpose of resale, or surrendered to any research institution?
Yes No
- ★ Do you understand that in the event the foster family wishes to permanently adopt a rescue dog in its care, the family must file a Preliminary Adoption Application and follow all other ACKCS Rescue Trust Policies and Procedures governing placement in a permanent home?
Yes No
- ★ Do you understand that the ACKCS Rescue Trust and its representatives have limited information about the temperament and habits of rescue dogs?
Yes No
- ★ Do you understand that the foster family must ensure that the foster dog is not allowed to run loose, remain unsecured and unsupervised for extended periods of time, or injure or be injured by any other animal or person?
Yes No
- ★ Do you understand the policies and procedures for reimbursement of expenses as outlined in the ACKCS Rescue Trust's Guide for Rescuers?
Yes No
- ★ Do you agree to cooperate in accommodating people who wish to see the rescue dog?
Yes No
- ★ Do you agree to provide the ACKCS Rescue Trust with an assessment of the dog's interactions with any potential adoptive family and provide your impressions of the likely success of such adoption?
Yes No
- ★ Do you agree to follow the policies and procedures of the ACKCS Rescue Trust as outlined in the Guide for Rescuers?
Yes No

By signing this Foster Home Application, I certify that all the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand and agree to provide personal references as part of this application and that the ACKCS Rescue Trust may contact any and all references at any time. I also understand that this Foster Home Application is an Addendum to the Volunteer Application, Agreement & Waiver of Liability and thus subject to all the terms and conditions contained therein.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Co-Applicant: _____ Date: _____