

Cover Letter

Thank you for your interest in Star-Vue English Cocker Spaniels.. I have been showing and breeding EC for 46 years. In that time we have bred or co-bred 95 champions to date. We also have had obedience, agility, field, tracking, nose work, rally, dock diving, barn hunt, fast track, and therapy dogs from our line.

First and foremost we breed to maintain the true type and sweet outgoing temperaments of English Cockers. We health test the parents for OFA hips, patellas, PRCD form of PRA and breed only from FN clear dogs. We breed for ourselves so that we may continue to show and breed. What does that mean to you? I do not ever promise a puppy to anyone. My process is as follows. I send out a questioner to be filled out and returned. If I think that your family will be a good family for an English Cocker we continue on. I do not take deposits until I feel the puppies are doing well.

When a litter is born I contact everyone on my puppy wait list with an email with instructions on what to do next.

I send out weekly or monthly updates on the puppies to everyone on my puppy list or those who just like to see puppy pictures.

When it is time to accept deposits I go in order of when the deposit was received (I will take a text "it's in the mail" as your date as long as check gets here in a reasonable time)

Puppies do not leave here until they are 10 weeks of age from the date they were born so count it out on a calendar. 12-14 weeks is even better as they have had more training. Your puppy goes home with a complete puppy book containing instructions on how to raise a happy healthy EC. Refer to it often. You will also get a lead collar combo, a toy, and some food.

I do not accept personal checks when you pick up your puppy, only for deposits. Balance is either by cashiers check or cash. I do have a credit card machine at work but that is an extra 5% added on so plan accordingly.

Amount of deposit when required is anywhere from \$200 to \$1800 (full price)your choice. Deposits are kept in a special account. If I do not have a puppy for you the deposit is returned. If you decide early on not to continue with the process the check is returned or ripped up and pic texted to you. If you wait until much later or last minute to change your mind there is no refund on your deposit.

I do not ship puppies so if you live out of state, arrangements must be made to either fly or drive out. If you fly I do have a Sherpa bag to loan you with a \$100 deposit check that is ripped up when bag is returned. I hope this answers all of

your questions.

Nancy Praiswater 719-433-2810

Some Important points to consider:

If you are a first time puppy owner there are many things to consider before getting a puppy. First if you have very small children under the age of 4 or 5 I really do suggest that you do not get a puppy. I understand that you want your child to have the puppy experience but when they are that young they won't remember anyway. A dog is basically a pack type animal. You should be the pack leader. The puppy will put himself in the pack somewhere. If you have very young children he will often put himself above this particular pack member. If you are not prepared for this you will think that the puppy is acting aggressively towards your child. To the puppy the child is nothing more than a member of the pack and will place the child accordingly normally below himself. I have raised 4 children with my dogs and have not had this issue. Why is this? Because I allow only supervised play with the child and puppy. Otherwise the puppy and child are kept separate. I have bought 4 month old puppies who have tried to be dominate over my kids by growling which I can assure you was dealt with quickly. I will have my child walk the puppy on a lead with me present of course to teach thus the child is exerting dominance over the puppy. If you do not have time to learn how to keep your child from being the low one in the pack then please seek out a retired show dog that has been raised around or who is good with children.

Now to the opposite end of the spectrum. If you are an older retired person please remember that puppies will need to be put out every hour and watched to make sure they do their business and rewarded properly. They often times need to go outside at night to pee. Are you willing to commit to having your sleep disrupted? There are some easy remedies for this such as having puppy pads handy and putting the puppy and the pad in the bath tub and waiting for results. Puppies are also a big trip hazard. I do recommend that you use slip on type of shoes with no laces as puppies love to untie laces which again makes for a trip hazard. Or just check your shoes before walking around. This may also be a time where you are still physically active and may want to try something new such as showing your puppy or getting even more physical and enrolling your puppy in agility classes to compete when it is older. There is also nose work to consider which is great fun for the dog and owner alike. Having a dog is great but doing something with your dog is even greater.

I do hope I have answered your questions and also given you food for thought.

Please ensure your responses are visible in the field boxes. You can continue or add any additional information at the bottom of the form.

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PUPPY APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME: _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (Check the box for the best phone contact)

CELL _____ HOME _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU LOOKING FOR? SEX: M F
COLOR _____ RETIRED PUPPY

HAVE YOU OWNED A DOG BEFORE? YES NO WHAT KIND? HOW AND FROM
WHOM DID YOU OBTAIN THEM?

AT WHAT AGES AND FROM WHAT CAUSES DID YOU LOSE THEM?

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR YOUR ENGLISH COCKER? IE; agility, nose-work, hunting conformation, jr handling, obedience, dock diving, lure coursing, fast cat, barn hunt, tracking, search and rescue, therapy work, or just a house companion?

DO YOU WORK? YES NO IF SO HOW DO YOU PLAN ON KEEPING YOUR
DOG WHILE YOU ARE AT WORK?

IS YOUR YARD FENCED? YES NO IF NOT DO YOU PLAN ON LONG WALKS
WITH YOUR DOG EVERYDAY? WHO WILL LET THE DOG IN AND OUT WHILE YOU
ARE AT WORK?

WHERE WILL THE PUPPY/DOG SLEEP AT NIGHT (ie: lose in the house, crated, kennel, yard, confined to a specific room):

WHERE WILL THE PUPPY BE STAYING DURING THE DAY?

**WILL A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY BE HOME THROUGHOUT THE DAY? YES NO
IF NOT HOW DO YOU PLAN ON HOUSEBREAKING THE PUPPY?**

**DO YOU HAVE ANY ADULT DOGS AT YOUR HOME? YES NO IF SO WHAT ARE
THE AGES, SEXES AND BREEDS OF THE DOGS? ARE ANY INTACT?**

**HOW MUCH WERE YOU EXPECTING TO PAY FOR AN ENGLISH COCKER PUPPY/ AN
ADULT? ARE YOU WILLING TO FLY OR DRIVE TO PICK UP YOUR PUPPY OR ADULT?
I DO NOT SHIP DOGS BUT WILL LOAN OUT A SHERPA BAG WITH A DEPOSIT CHECK
UNTIL IT IS RETURNED.**

**WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO STAY IN CONTACT WITH STAR-VUE UPDATING US
THROUGH THE DOGS LIFE? WE ALWAYS WANT TO KNOW IF YOU ARE HAVING ANY
ISSUES, LOVE PICS AND GOOD NEWS TOO. YES NO**

**ARE YOU WILLING TO READ THE BOOK THAT WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN YOU PICK
UP YOUR PUPPY AND FOLLOW OUR RECOMMENDATIONS? YES NO**

**THE ENGLISH COCKER IS A BREED THAT REQUIRES FREQUENT GROOMING. ARE
YOU WILLNG TO EITHER LEARN TO GROOM YOUR DOG YOURSELF OR TAKE TO AN
EXPERIENCED GROOMER EVERY 4-6 WEEKS, PREFERABLY A MASTER GROOMER
WHO KNOWS HOW TO GROOM AND ENGLISH COCKER?**

WHEN THIS PUPPY IS PURCHASED AS A FAMILY COMPANION, HE/SHE IS NOT TO BE USED FOR BREEDING PURPOSES. WILL YOU BE WILLING TO SPAY A FEMALE BETWEEN 9 MONTHS AND 1 YEAR OF AGE AND KEEP HER FROM BEING AROUND ANY INTACT MALES IF SHE SHOULD COME INTO SEASON? WILL YOU BE WILLING TO NEUTER A MALE BETWEEN 1 AND 1 ½ YEARS OF AGE? YES NO

ARE YOU WILLING TO FOLLOW MY GUIDELINES FOR FEEDING YOUR ENGLISH COCKER AND USE PREMIUM OR HOME COOKED MEALS FOLLOWING DR PITCAIRN'S GUIDELINES. YES NO

Are you physically able to meet the demands of a young puppy? Getting up and putting puppy out and watching to make sure the puppy did his/her business? Are you willing to lose sleep putting a puppy out in the middle of the night if necessary? YES NO

Do You have children living at home? YES NO If so what are their ages and sexes.

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE ON AN ENGLISH COCKER SPANIEL?

PLEASE LIST AT LEAST TWO REFERENCES (VET, GROOMER, TRAINER, WHO PERSONALLY KNOWS YOU AND THE SUITABILITY OF YOUR HOME FOR A PUPPY)

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

HOW THEY KNOW YOU: _____

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

HOW THEY KNOW YOU: _____

**COMPLETE AND SEND TO NANCY PRAISWATER
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All puppies are picked up at my grooming shop Country Critters Uptown located at 615 N Beacon Lite Rd Monument Co. All correspondence and deposits are mailed to Nancy Praiswater 16735 Von Neuman Dr, Monument, Co 80132

Additional Information: