



Springer Spaniel Rescue, Inc.

MEMBERSHIP and CODE OF ETHICS

Note: Each new member must have a signed copy on file with Springer Spaniel Rescue, Inc. (SSRI) to maintain a valid membership. Email to marysand111@gmail.com or mail to SSRI, P.O. Box 370776, Las Vegas, NV 89134. Email is preferable.

It is for the love and passion I hold for the English Springer Spaniels seniors and younger ones that I hereby pledge to:

- Avail my support and assistance to Springer Spaniel Rescue, Inc. (SSRI) whenever and wherever possible.
- Help unwanted, abandoned and abused dogs for whom I know I can make a difference.
- Kindly provide a safe and loving environment to those dogs temporarily in my care.
- Assist fellow SSRI members in their rescue efforts where I know I can be of help.
- Conduct my personal rescue efforts ethically and responsibly.
- Endeavor in my words and actions to be honorable and dependable in promoting the English Springer Spaniel breed.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Geographical area I can rescue in:

I can volunteer to do the following:

_____ Foster (Please submit a **Foster Home Application Form, membership and code of ethics**)

_____ Transport a dog to a foster home, to the vet, events or to a forever home

_____ Transport a dog or dogs across state lines: 1-4-hour trip

_____ Transport a dog or dogs across state lines: Long-distance trip

_____ Coordinate transports across state lines

_____ Participate in fundraising and informational events

_____ Plan and/or coordinate events (informational)

_____ Plan and/or coordinate fundraisers

_____ online

_____ on ground

_____ Write ad copy about foster dogs for Petfinder, Craig's List, Facebook, Instagram, and, or the website

_____ Write stories and content for the website, Facebook, and/or Instagram

_____ Conduct home visits and owner relinquishments

_____ Temperament evaluations of dogs to be relinquished from owners and shelters

_____ Help with the website. Please indicate your experience in this area along with WordPress experience

_____ Admin on Facebook including watch the site and post photos with stories

_____ Help with administrative work related to rescue activities

SPRINGER SPANIEL RESCUE, INC. CODE OF ETHICS

As a member of Springer Spaniel Rescue, Inc. (SSRI), I pledge to perform all rescue-related activities in accordance with the following Code of Ethics:

1. GENERAL CONDUCT

a) I will perform my rescue activities on a purely voluntary basis, receiving no personal gifts or monetary compensation for my rescue work.

b) I will conduct my rescue efforts for SSRI and any other rescue group as a non-profit endeavor.

c) My rescue work for SSRI will be performed in accordance with the policies, procedures, and guidelines of SSRI as set forth in the bylaws and approved by the membership.

d) I will restrict my representation to no more than three recognized breeds in order to uphold the best interests of each breed.

e) I will never use or promote any intact rescue candidate for breeding purposes.

2. FOSTERED ANIMAL CARE

a) I will house rescued animals under sanitary conditions, providing appropriate food, clean water, and shelter for all animals in my care.

b) I will arrange for veterinary care for fostered rescue animals with SSRI approved veterinarians.

- c) I will ask veterinary office to fax invoices to the SSRI treasurer at the end of each visit or donate to SSRI by personally paying for the bill.
- d) I will maintain detailed medical records of all veterinary care administered to each animal under my care and will make these records immediately available to both the adopter and to SSRI upon the animal's adoption.
- e) I will make every effort to thoroughly temperament test each animal in my care and will exercise good judgment to assure its suitability for placement. I will communicate this to SSRI leadership.
- f) I will make SSRI aware if any rescued animals in my care should be deemed not adoptable for reasons of health, temperament, or any other reason for which they should be humanely euthanized by a veterinarian or certified euthanasia technician.
- g) I will get permission from SSRI leadership before euthanizing.
- h) I will give lots of love to the foster dog and help him or her get adopted.

3. ADOPTIONS

- a) I will educate potential adopters regarding issues relative to English Springer Spaniel traits, i.e., temperament, health, training, and care.
- b) I will ensure that an application is obtained from any prospective adopter and will thoroughly interview potential adopters utilizing two or more methods, i.e., written application, phone interview, veterinary reference, home visit, or face-to-face interview with the goal of placing all rescue animals in homes that are breed-appropriate and specifically suited to the individual animal.
- c) I will arrange for the sterilization of all rescue animals prior to adoption. For the health of the dog, some sterilizations will be delayed. The adoption of any unsterilized animal must be approved by SSRI's leadership.
- d) I will fully, honestly, and accurately disclose, in writing, any and all known health and temperament information about each rescued animal to the adopting family.
- e) I will provide courteous follow-up advice and assistance to adopters.
- f) I will ensure that any AKC registration paperwork available on a rescued animal and released to the adopted are clearly marked as "Limited Registration."
- g) I will never accept into the program, transport, or place an SSRI program dog without first having completed the paperwork as required.

4. INTERORGANIZATIONAL/INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS

a) SSRI’s organizational culture is positive and comes from a core value of “it’s about the dogs.” As a representative of SSRI, I will at all times conduct myself in a helpful, courteous, and honest manner such that my behavior brings credit to the image of SSRI and animal rescue in general.

b) I will abide by all written contracts entered into with a releasing agency or person.

c) I will return phone calls to and reply to emails from agencies/private owners with animals in a timely manner. If I am unable to respond promptly, I will make alternative provisions to have calls/emails handled by another rescue representative.

d) I will respect the privacy of all emails/posts to any SSRI lists of which I am a member and will not cross-post, forward, or otherwise share the content of these emails with anyone outside of SSRI without the consent of the author(s).

I, _____ (type or print name)
herein agree to abide by the SSRI Code of Ethics and understand that failure to adhere to the mission, goals, policies and procedures of SSRI will be grounds for immediate termination of membership from the group.

Signature of SSRI Member

Date