

## STATESMAN WELSH SPRINGER SPANIEL QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete and return only after you have carefully and thoroughly read Statesman's Information and Statesman's Pet Contract. Thank you.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**DOGS ARE EXPENSIVE!** Before starting the questionnaire, have you considered the cost of acquiring and raising a dog through its first year? Along with the initial cost of the puppy there will be; shipping fees if out of town \$100-250; initial veterinary check-up plus booster vaccinations and heartworm preventive can cost \$200-\$400 or more; obedience class fees range from \$50-\$100 per 6-8 week session; crates cost \$70-100; dog food costs \$20-40 per month; leashes, collars, bowls, toys add up quickly, too)

**(Yes, No)**

**Dogs, like people, sometimes get sick or have injuries.** Our contract stipulates that our only financial responsibility is to provide a replacement puppy for hip dysplasia, elbow dysplasia, hypothyroidism and/or inherited epilepsy. Are you prepared to pay hundreds or even thousands of dollars to return your dog to normal health should your dog require it?

**(Yes, No)**

**Puppies and dogs require a tremendous amount of time.** Are you prepared to commit the time and effort it takes to raise a happy, healthy puppy and provide for its exercise and training needs for the next 12-13 years?

**(Yes, No)**

**You will be REQUIRED,** by contract, to have your dog's hips xrayed at the age of 24-26 months as well as a blood sample drawn for OFA thyroid evaluation. Are you prepared to pay the \$150-300 total cost needed to have x-rays taken and blood drawn by a vet and evaluated by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA)

**(Yes, No)**

1. How did you obtain Statesman's name/number?

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2. For what reasons have you chosen the Welsh springer spaniel?

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3a. For what purpose do you want a dog? (Circle as many as apply.)  
Pet/Companion    Hunting    Obedience    Show    Breeding    Agility  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3b. Have you considered the amount of time that a puppy requires in order to develop into a happy, healthy member of the family (daily housetraining, daily play time, daily exercise time, puppy kindergarten training classes, obedience classes and daily obedience training, etc.)

**(Yes,No)**

4. Gender desired: **Male Female**

Would you be interested in a pup of the opposite sex if your first choice is not available?

**(Yes,No)**

5. Describe the composition of the family with whom the dog will live. (Husband, wife, children--please include their ages and gender. Are you planning more children? When?) Are any of the family members reserved or afraid of dogs? If so, who? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Describe your living arrangements: (single home, duplex, condo, apartment, etc.)

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7. What kind of fencing do you have?

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How tall is it?

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8. How do you plan to exercise your dog?

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9. Where will your dog go to eliminate? How do you plan to clean up after the dog? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. In what rooms inside your home will the dog be permitted? (Do you have any plans on how to keep the puppy out of certain parts of your home, if desired?)

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11. Where will the puppy/dog sleep?

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12. Where will the dog stay when you are not home?

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13. How many hours each work day will the dog be alone?

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14. How many evening activities (church, sports, school, etc) do you and or any family member participate in during the week?

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15. Are you familiar with crate training?  
**(Yes,No)**

Would you be willing to acquire and use a crate?  
**(Yes,No)**

16. About how often do you go away (mini- or major vacations)?

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Will the dog accompany you?

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17. Who would care for the dog when you are away from home and it cannot accompany you (a dog kennel is an acceptable answer).

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18. Have you ever owned a dog before?

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If yes, what kind, how old was it when it died, and how did it die?

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19. Do you have a dog/dogs now?

**(Yes, No)**

Please describe:

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20. Do any family members suffer from allergies to dogs or other pets?

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21. Please tell about your dog owning experience, if any: (pet owner, attended obedience classes, showed in breed or obedience, hunted with retriever, spaniel, or pointing breed, etc.)

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22. Do you have a veterinarian?

**(Yes, No)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

23. Do you have obedience classes that utilize positive motivational methods offered in your area?

**(Yes, No)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

24. References (please list two, including address and phone number—these can be members of a local kennel club, a groomer, veterinarian, or friend):

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25. What would you do if:

a. You returned home to find your dog had chewed the furniture?

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b. You enter a room in your house and discover that your puppy has peed on the floor?

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c. Your dog is vomiting and stains your best carpeting/rug?

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26. Are you on the waiting list from another breeder(s) for a Welsh Springer or another breed?

**(Yes, No)**

Is so, whose list (s) are you on?

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Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions. Hopefully, your answers will help me to know if the Welsh springer will make you happy or miserable, and which puppy in the litter would be the right one for you, if you decide to add a Welsh springer to your life. Your happiness, and that of a dog that might become part of your life for many years, should not be left to luck.