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## ABOUT ESSW



English Springer Spaniel Welfare (ESSW) was set up in 1990 by a number of English Springer enthusiasts who cared very deeply about the well-being of the breed. We have charitable status, number 1154632.

Our aim is the welfare of English Springer Spaniels who are being ill-treated or for whatever reason are unwanted, and to re home them into genuinely caring homes. At all times the welfare of the dogs is paramount.

In order to do this work we have recruited from our membership, trained Assessors who volunteer to visit potential new homes as well as visiting and assessing the needs of each dog to be rehomed. From these Assessors reports, Area Coordinators endeavour to match suitable dogs to suitable homes. Area Coordinators keep in touch with each other regarding dogs and homes that are available, so that very often dogs can be rehomed in different counties.

Area Coordinators and Assessors are unpaid volunteers who give a great deal of their time and energy to ESSW. In order to cover expenses and continue to do our work, ESSW relies on the generosity of voluntary donations from both the owner relinquishing the dog and the new owner.



In the case of new owners, your donation will be collected AT THE TIME OF RE HOMING. Donations help us to cover the costs involved in our work, including travelling to assess homes and dogs, vet fees, kennelling and foster care where necessary, phone calls and postage. Some dogs, through no fault of their own, may need specialist treatment for behaviour problems before they can be rehomed, which is very expensive for the charity.

We do not believe in euthanasia unless medically advised or in the case of a temperamentally dangerous dog. It costs us an average of **£258** to re home each dog, and although we understand that not everyone can afford to give such an amount, especially if you have neutering costs to pay for as per our rehoming contract, each and every donation enables us to continue our work to help Springers in need. If you are a UK tax payer you can gift-aid your donation meaning that we can reclaim the tax, making your donation even more valuable.

Membership of 'The Friends of English Springer Spaniel Welfare' is £10.00 per year and includes two newsletters and information on our dogs and our work. In addition, many members organise fund-raising events such as stalls at dog shows, game fairs, fetes, etc, and all money raised goes to the welfare of English Springer Spaniels.

So whether you are asking us to re home your dog, or find you a dog, please consider our costs and the efforts we will be making on your behalf especially if we have to take your dog into foster care or if the dog is elderly, because this is where our greatest expense lies. Please give as generously as you can so we may continue our work to make dogs and families happy.

**It costs ESSW on average £258 to re home each dog, please consider a minimum donation of £200 when applying.**

**Thank you**