

CHICAGOLAND OLD ENGLISH SHEEPDOG CLUB

BREED INFORMATION

RESCUE REQUIREMENTS

Clean, well-behaved Old English Sheepdogs with a good temperament are a joy to own. Too often the cuddly puppy becomes the unruly, dirty, matted adult. Old English Sheepdogs are NOT the breed for every family. Nothing is sadder than a homeless, unwanted OES with bad manners.

Our Club Rescue Chair has worked tirelessly for over 40 years trying to place unwanted OES with the right families. A responsible breeder will ALWAYS take back their own puppies. If you HAVE a dog that you want to place in rescue---first call the breeder to see if they can assist you in 're-homing' the dog.

Dogs are turned in for various reasons: allergies, death in the family, moving to a place that does not allow dogs, no time for the dog, dog is undisciplined, dog grew too big, dog does not like the kids, dog does not like the new baby, dog is old and the owner cannot face euthanizing the dog themselves, cannot afford the vet bills, cannot afford to take the dog to the groomer, dog gets too dirty and makes a mess of the house so it is relegated to the back yard or the garage.

Old English Sheepdogs are HOUSE dogs. They like the company of humans and they usually enjoy sleeping on the couch as much as their human counterparts. If you want an "outside" dog---select another breed.

Exercise: OES are active and they need a safe place to run and enjoy life. Long walks will often be enough for older dogs but puppies and younger adults enjoy a fenced dog park or fenced back yard where they can run freely.

COESC ADOPTION QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Do you rent or own your residence? How long have you lived there?
2. How do you plan to exercise your dog?
3. Is your yard fenced? What type and how high is the fence?
4. Have you ever owned an Old English Sheepdog? How long did you have this dog?
5. Have you ever owned another large breed dog?
6. Are there other dogs/cats in your home? How many? What age?
7. Are the other pets neutered/spayed?
8. Do you have a preference for a male or female? Why?
9. Is there an adult home during the day?
10. How many hours a day would the dog be left alone?
11. Do you have a large crate? Are you familiar with crate training?
12. Have you researched Old English facts: temperament, characteristics, personality, specific health needs, grooming, rate of growth?
13. Are you willing to travel a distance to get a Rescue dog? How far?
14. Are you aware a fully coated Old English requires at least 3 hours a week to groom? Do you have the resources to take the dog to be groomed? (Average \$65.-\$85 for a shave and bath).
15. Donations to the Rescue Program usually run \$300.-\$350 per dog, depending on age of dog. Is this agreeable with you?

Generally we never place Rescue dogs with families with children under four (4) years of age. Too often, these are the homes that are relinquishing dogs to the Chicagoland OES Club for placement because the dogs grow much faster than the children and the time needed to train and maintain these dogs is "lost" to the children.

For more information on any breed of dog, rescue groups or national breed clubs: www.akc.org, www.oldenglishsheepdogclubofamerica.org or www.chicagolandoldenglishsheepdogclub.org

For more information on Old English Sheepdogs in the Chicagoland area: (847) 464-4531