



The aims of Springer Rescue for Scotland are that every Springer Spaniel in Scotland should have the chance of a happy, fulfilled life in an appropriate home, and that every person or family that owns a springer should find this to be a positive experience, and one that enhances their quality of life.



In Favour of Oldies

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Have you considered an older dog?

Springer Rescue for Scotland always have older dogs looking for homes. Often, older dogs come to us for re-homing because their owner has sadly passed away or become ill. Dogs miss their owners and don't know why they have suddenly become parted.

Sadly, these older dogs often get overlooked in rescue because they don't have the same appeal as a puppy or younger dog does. However, older dogs have their own particular advantages

Older dogs often have a well developed and attractive personality

- They are more likely to be trained than a youngster, often make fewer demands, and may be more flexible - an oldie may not want to walk 3 miles a day!
- The older dog is less likely to want to jump all over you; they generally have an older person's manners.



Some thoughts on caring for an older dog

- Older tummies often find it easier to digest smaller, more frequent meals. . Little and often is the best motto.
- It is advisable to give less between meal treats to an older dog. Remember, they are often less active and as a consequence more prone to weight gain.
- Older Springers still love to use their brains. Our information leaflet on games and activities for Springers contains some suggestions for interactive play that are suitable for the less mobile dog.
- Keep older dogs well groomed and keep their nails clipped so that they can get about easily. Check your older dog's teeth regularly and have him looked at by a vet on a regular basis in case you miss something.

Support from Springer Rescue for Scotland

As with any SRS dog, you will always have access to the support and skills of our Co-ordinators.

If one of our oldies is on medication or has ongoing health problems, we can provide lifelong support for veterinary bills. Remember, though, that age, or lack of it, does not prevent illness or injury.

Many insurance companies will insure dogs for all but existing conditions. We highly recommend insurance for dogs of any age. You never know what may be just around the corner.

How do I adopt an older dog?

The process for adopting an oldie is exactly the same as for any other dog. Please see our leaflet 'Adoption Process'. When applying to adopt, please let us know that you are interested in an older dog. If this is something you would like to discuss with us, please get in touch with our Rehoming Team, on 01698 333734, or via our website at www.springerrescuescotland.org.

Remember, while you may not get to enjoy a whole lifetime with your older Springer, you will have the joy of giving him what may well be the best years of his life.

If you are sympathetic to the welfare of older Springers, whether or not you are in a position to offer one a forever home, then you may wish to find out more about Cara's Fund. Cara's Fund is named in memory of Cara, an ex-breeding bitch who spent her last few months living with one of our Trustees. By becoming a Cara's Fund supporter, you will know that your contribution is going specifically to provide for the welfare of older Springers who come in to our care. By helping us offer back-up and support, you will increase the chances of older Springers ending their days safe in a 'forever home'. To find out more, please visit our website.

Alternatively, contact our Fundraising Co-ordinator Gwen Matear on 01875 320523, or email friends@springerrescuescotland.org.

