

## Re-homing Coton de Tulears

The Coton de Tulear Club of the United Kingdom (“the Club”) first became aware of a Coton being handed into a rescue organisation for re-homing during the summer of 2007. The efforts to deal with the situation – which eventually resulted in the dog being re-homed successfully - highlighted the need for a system to cope with any future instances.

The issue was discussed by the committee of the Club and it was decided that while the breed was not yet large enough to justify a full rescue service, there was merit in agreeing to assist with future requests for re-homing.

As such, it was agreed that a volunteer from the Club committee would act as a Re-homing Co-ordinator whose details could be made available on the Club’s website, and other appropriate places, so that those who became aware of a Coton that needs re-homing could have easy and immediate access to someone who was able to co-ordinate assistance.

It is important to note that this initiative was done with the support of the committee but was NOT the responsibility of the Club and no liability accrued to the Club.



Since then, a number of Coton owners have created a small, financially independent, re-homing group and have established a constitution with relevant principles and documentation - with grateful thanks to a number of other re-homing groups that were very willing to share their experience. The group is recognised by the Kennel Club and are included on the KC website re-homing group directory. Annual returns are sent to the KC.

Everyone involved with the group actively support the following principles:

1. The group will have a No Destruction Policy, unless the dog is aggressive and could not be possibly passed on to anyone else or is so ill that it is cruel to keep the dog alive. This will only be done with veterinary advice.
2. All Coton de Tulears that are re-homed will be spayed/neutered as appropriate.



3. The group will retain all documentation for re-homed animals but will release relevant information.
4. The group will work effectively with other animal protection organisations in order to provide and develop a coordinated approach to the promotion of Coton de Tulear welfare.
5. The group will work with other agencies to provide information and general publicity documents to raise awareness of, and to specify how to obtain, help for Coton de Tulears in need.

It is important to note that the re-homing group will expect breeders to self-manage any re-homing of dogs they have bred rather than approach the group, therefore allowing the group to concentrate on those dogs that have been abandoned or where no breeder can be identified.

A total of 15 dogs have been re-homed very successfully so far.

The group is always keen to hear from people who would consider re-homing a Coton. They would appreciate some information about yourselves before you are added to the short waiting list. The group will ask for a donation towards the costs involved.

Currently, there are 50 families waiting for a re-homed Coton. There were no referrals of Cotons requiring rehoming in 2020, 2021 and none so far in 2022. Hopefully, it suggests that once a Coton arrives in your life, they stay there!

If you would like a copy of the rehoming group's charter, or you become aware of a Coton who needs this service, please contact the group on 0785 116 9900.

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