

Cyndi is a 2.5 year-old petite, purebred Cocker, who had a rough start in life. She was born in a puppy mill, sold to a broker at 5 weeks of age, and purchased from a pet store at 8 weeks. She lived in a family with young, active children who were too much for her. She saw a Veterinary Behaviorist at 6 months of age who prescribed anti-anxiety medication and supported the family's decision to place her with CSRNE. Cyndi has been in foster care with an experienced, professional positive reinforcement dog trainer. Cyndi has done very well with structure and a relationship based on trust and two-way communication, and is ready to find a very special person of her own. Because of Cyndi's past, and likely genetics, she has limited coping skills. She needs someone who will make sure that she does not become overwhelmed, which can happen easily. Cyndi has an exercise pen "apartment", complete with beds, toys, water, etc. She loves her space and feels very comfortable in it. Her new home should understand that this is her safe and happy place, and to help her transition she will want to spend most of her time here initially, observing the world from a place where she feels comfortable. It would be helpful for Cyndi to have this safe space available to her when she wants or needs it, possibly for the rest of her life. She is fine being home alone in it, so may be a candidate for someone who works as long as she is not left for more than 6 hours. Cyndi will guard high value items, so she is only given certain kinds of chewies. She likes playing with toys, running in a fenced yard (she comes inside when called every time!) and going for walks. She is good in the car, and an easy dog to be with. She sits for her food, at the door, before coming out of her pen, etc. Cyndi needs someone who will respect her terms. She will do anything for a treat, so it's easy to get her to do what you'd like. She is not the type of dog who should ever be forced to do anything she doesn't want to. She thrives in a cooperative environment with two-way communication and is very sweet.

We think that Cyndi is very special, and we're looking for an equally special person who will treasure this little dog who tries so hard. If you have NO CHILDREN at home or who visit, a fenced yard, and no other pets, please inquire about this very pretty little Cocker. (Please read more about Cyndi in the December '17 CSRNE Newsletter. She's come a long way since then!).