

## 2 Very Special Bonded Pairs Need Two Special Homes

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We rescued 13 year old Cookie and her 3 senior “kids” at the end of November and we’ve gotten to know these four incredibly sweet dogs (2 bonded pairs) very well. It’s now time to place them in their forever homes.

Cookie, Coco, Lucy and Melo have had to adjust to the loss of the only home and family they ever knew. Their original owner described them as “happy, sweet, social, people dogs” and that is certainly true.

Cookie has had to face the most significant challenges of all. She is 13 years old, deaf and blind, and a week after we rescued her, one eye became very painful, the pressure soared and she had to have surgery. She has recuperated in an experienced foster home where everything was new and strange – new people, new environment, and worst of all, she had to wear the dreaded cone for almost a month. While recovering from the effects of surgery in a totally strange world, Cookie was understandably anxious and afraid, and it was difficult for her to settle.

What was truly amazing was to watch Coco (her daughter and guide dog) try to comfort her. Coco stayed as close to Cookie as possible, wouldn’t go outside without her, and she comforted and licked her – she is Cookie’s devoted nursemaid.

The endless patience and care of Cookie’s foster Mom and Dad and Cookie’s adaptation to her new circumstances (and the end of wearing the cone) has helped Cookie become calm and more focused. It also helps that she loves food and her favorite place is in the kitchen when someone is cooking. She also wants to be close to people and now can relax and enjoy bellyrubs. She is housebroken and likes to go for walks.

Cookie and Coco need a home with people who are around a lot, preferably have cared for a blind and/or deaf dog, and are patient and understand she will have to adjust once again to new people and a new environment, but Coco will be there to help and she’s a joy to be around.

Lucy and Melo are also two affectionate, low-key, bonded cockers. They have had to endure a short separation this week due to Lucy’s surgery to remove bladder stones. +Our caregiver noticed she was straining when trying to urinate and a fast trip to the vet and x-rays revealed bladder stones.

On Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, we took Lucy to a specialist who did an ultrasound and various other tests and then performed surgery the same day.

Lucy bounced back quickly – the vet said “she did great” and also pronounced her “a very sweet dog”. She’s out of the ICU, urinating normally and loving all the attention she’s receiving. Lucy will need a special diet for life (available at Chewy or the adopter’s vet). She has dissolvable stitches and is ready for her new home with Melo.

For more information about adopting these sweet cockers. Please call 603-547-3363.

Thank you.**Update on Cookie, Melo, Lucy and Coco**

## **Update on Cookie, Melo, Lucy and Coco**

**November 11, 2022**

Cookie and her 3 ten year old “kids” are ready to leave the city and settle into new homes in New England.

Three weeks ago, they all had a day of beauty at the groomers and the groomer said they were easy to groom and now look very spiffy!

On November 2nd, all 4 dogs went together to the vet for a general wellness exam. Coco has a small skin growth on her right front paw and Melo had an ear infection that was treated with the long-acting BNT ear medication. He also had a skin infection in his groin area and was put on 14 days of antibiotics. All of them need a dental cleaning and CSRNE will have them rechecked when they settle in New England. The staff at the vet’s office said they were “cute and well-behaved”.

Coco gets very high marks from her current owner who describes her as very intelligent, a social butterfly who loves attention, is very playful, beautiful and a joy to be around. Whoever rescues her should consider themselves blessed. She’s an amazing, loyal companion.

Melo is a big boy weighing in at 51lbs (the vet said he could lose some weight). Several years ago Melo was diagnosed with allergies to fleas and dust mites as the probable cause of his ear infection. CSRNE will have him checked out further for allergies and, if necessary, start him on the treatment for environmental allergies.

Melo has always lived with Lucy and their owner feels they are a bonded pair. Melo loves children and his current owner feels he would flourish in a situation where children are around. He loves to run and play in a fenced yard and go for leash walks.

Lucy is a beautiful black and white merle color. She likes other dogs and she enjoys car rides. She is happy and lovable and, like so many cockers, enjoys getting into an open garbage can.

CSRNE needs to settle these cockers in New England before the end of November. Our caregivers will have a chance to further evaluate them for personality, activity level, personal quirks, etc. We will have them rechecked by our vet for the progress of Melo’s ear treatment, schedule dental cleanings and provide any other care they may need. The vet who examined them on 11/2 felt they were essentially healthy dogs with some typical cocker issues.

We’re anxious to place these socialized, affectionate cockers as soon as possible in loving, forever homes.