

## GUCCI – WSSCA Rescue June 2025

In early June 2025 the WSSCA Rescue Coordinator was notified of a dog in the Philadelphia, PA Animal Care and Control facility that was thought to be a Welsh Springer Spaniel. The photo that the shelter posted online was reviewed and he appeared to be a Welsh Springer Spaniel. A WSSCA member drove to the shelter and pulled Gucci so that he could receive foster care and be placed for adoption. In doing so, the shelter shared the owner surrender document with WSSCA's Rescue Coordinator and the previous owner's contact information was included. With permission, the surrendering owners were contacted and queried about Gucci's origin. It was revealed that Gucci is the result of crossing a Cocker Spaniel with an Australian Shepherd and was purchased from the website/breeder site [www.lancasterpuppies.com](http://www.lancasterpuppies.com) in Pennsylvania.



Upon surrender to the ACCT shelter in Philadelphia, Gucci was extremely frightened and reactive. His surrendering owners were contacted upon his arrival in foster care and it was discovered that Gucci was never socialized or formally trained. His owners felt that they were protecting him by not taking him anywhere or doing any puppy pet training classes with him. Because of this, Gucci is uncertain of many things in his life and reacts from a base of fear and anxiety. Gucci has NEVER bitten anyone.

Gucci has not yet met other dogs in his foster home because he had kennel cough upon arrival. The foster parents also have an intact male Welsh Springer Spaniel and did not want to trust mixing them together until Gucci could have some time to settle in and relax, so he has not yet been introduced. The foster home has cats and has not introduced Gucci to cats since they are kept separate from the dogs.



While in foster care, Gucci has made HUGE strides with this confidence and personality due to the diligence and devotion of his foster parents. This dog absolutely loves to be loved on and thinks that catching a ball is the best thing in the world. Upon arrival to his foster home, Gucci promptly went for a swim in his foster parent's pool without even being encouraged to do so. He is a snuggler and is extremely eager to learn and be trained. Gucci arrived in foster care already crate trained and house trained. He has been a perfect gentleman when left uncaged in his foster home. His vaccinations have been brought up to date and he is now neutered. He is fascinated by lawnmowers and many

new experiences that are taking place while in foster care. His reactivity has decreased in the past two weeks as Gucci has begun to relax, and he is now ready for adoption.

**These are what Gucci needs for a successful adoption:**

- ✓ An owner that is committed to training (obedience, agility, rally, scent work, barn hunt, FastCAT, anything),
- ✓ A owner that is committed to helping him feel safe and realizes that he does not want strangers in his space until he has been properly introduced,
- ✓ A home that does not have another dog at this time or has the ability to maintain dogs and cats separately (at least until gradual introductions can be done).

Gucci's personality and demeanor reflect the Australian Shepherd in his make-up, so his new owner should be aware of this when considering him. He is a high energy dog, but does have an off switch. He walks well on a leash and has been a very quick learner with the basic obedience training that his foster parents have done.

If you would like to be considered for Gucci, please contact Shannon Gandee by email at [heatherstone@lumous.net](mailto:heatherstone@lumous.net) .

