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## Cody and Flower: A Plea for a Home

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Our readers may have read stories of birds and people finding each other through Mickaboo. What our readers may not know is that often our *birds* end up finding other birdy companions through Mickaboo too! (After all, we *are* called Mickaboo COMPANION Bird Rescue!) Birds will often meet other birds at their parront's home and form lifelong bonds.

Cody and Flower are one such story, and they are both looking for a new foster *or* permanent home.

Cody, a green cheek conure, was adopted through Mickaboo to a nice lady. Cody's adoptive mom already had a green cheek conure, named Flower. Two birds of the same species will not necessarily make friends with each other. Parrots, after all, have their own little quirks, likes and dislikes, just like humans. That said, Cody and Flower became the best of friends.

Unfortunately things don't always go according to plan. In Cody's case, while he found a mate in Flower and vice versa, the dynamics did not work well for the owner's cockatiels. Cody and Flower decided that it would be fun to terrorize the resident cockatiels. The adopter tried her best to maintain peace in the avian household, but her concerns for the cockatiels' safety grew, and she contacted Mickaboo. Since Cody and Flower were now a bonded pair, everyone decided they should be surrendered to Mickaboo together.

We now need an adoptive or foster home that will welcome *both* of these rambunctious little imps. It's often hard to find homes for single birds, let alone pairs, and hence this plea to our wonderful readers. We know that someone reading this article would provide the perfect home for these two beautiful and fun birds!



Cody (in foreground)

If Cody and Flower were a bowl of porridge, two words that would describe them to a potential adopter would be "Just Right!" They are a perfect blend of friendship with just enough independence so as not to be too overpowering for a busy parront who doesn't have oodles of time.

Potential adopters often want a very 'hands-on' bird that loves handling and constant human companionship. People often assume (incorrectly) that bonded pairs won't make good companions or be too much work. Anyone who has had a velcro-bird will tell you that the bird's constant need for interaction can get old quickly. It's all warm and fuzzy and picture-perfect selfies for the first few weeks, but then the human's attention turns to work and family and can't keep up with the bird's demands for constant companionship.

Cody and Flower would be perfect for a family that has a schedule, limited time, perhaps kids – and yet yearns for feathery companionship. Both birds are friendly enough to enjoy human interaction and can keep each other entertained while their human family goes about their regular life.

Flower's foster mom says she is generally well behaved and occasionally steps up. She will happily fly into the shower when her mom asks "Flower wanna shower?" and will fly back into her room when told "Go into your room"! Cody will step-up nicely on a stick once he learns to trust you.



Flower making a landing

Cody is the greener of the two, while Flower's plumage resembles a pineapple. Cody loves to give Eskimo kisses or "nose bonks" (beak to nose) and will say "love you" in a little old man's voice. He also loves to play catch with his little plastic red ball, and has his mom perfectly trained to fetch the ball when he throws it.

Both birds are fantastic eaters (half the battle won here - no need for angst about pellet or vegetable diet changes). They love Nutri-An Cakes and enjoy organic dandelion greens and raw almonds. They would do well in a home with someone who

will enjoy showering with them twice a week, ensure a strict bedtime routine, and understand that despite Flower's wild flair, she aims to please when given her space. Her mom warns that she is a really good (and FAST) flyer, so extra vigilance around open doors or windows will be required.

Both birds and their foster mom (not to mention the poor cockatiels) have been waiting for over a year for someone to offer Cody and Flower a home. If you have any questions about Cody and Flower or think they would be a good fit for your family, please contact [coordinator-conure@mickaboo.org](mailto:coordinator-conure@mickaboo.org) and mention "Cody and Flower" in the subject line.