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## Meet Max and Freddie: One Success Story, and One in the Making

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Max checking out the new shower!

One of the greatest aspects about adopting animals is the sense of satisfaction you feel when you give a surrendered animal a safe place to call home. Double that sense of satisfaction when you give a new bird a home *AND* give another bird that has lost his or her feathered companion a new friend! Mickaboo's volunteers work towards these kinds of goals in finding forever homes for over 450 birds now in our foster care.

One such adoption success story is Max, a 20-year-old male cockatiel recently adopted to a new home in San Francisco. Max was in Mickaboo foster care for just over a week when he came to the attention of the caring owners of an older tiel, Dizzy, that recently lost his mate.

Max came to live with his new parronts late this summer after they were approved as adopters. Max was described as tame but not hand-friendly when he first arrived at his new digs. With a little time and attention, Max readily settled in.

He passed his healthy bird exam, finished quarantine, and was ready to meet Dizzy tiel to tiel! It didn't take long for the two to become friendly and soon Dizzy began to share his play space with Max.

Max is one of the many fortunate birds to be adopted quickly to a new, quality home with the bonus of providing companionship to a lonely bird – a Mickaboo success!

Sometimes a foster bird gets passed by for no apparent reason. One such bird in Mickaboo's care is Freddie, who has been a Mickaboo foster since 2011. Freddie came from a Placer County shelter where he was placed as a stray. His age is unknown but he is likely about 6-10 years old.

Freddie is a sweet, friendly, healthy gray cockatiel who is sharing a large cage with Coco, another cockatiel. Coco has been a solo bird most of his life and unfortunately seems to have little interest in being friends with Freddie. Freddie will bow his head to get head scratches from Coco, but Coco just ignores him. Still, good-natured guy that he is, Freddie doesn't complain and continues to be a well-adjusted, happy bird. Of course Freddie's foster mom believes he would be much happier with a more social tiel friend, just like how Dizzy and Max now have each other.



Dizzy (foreground) showing Max the lay of the land at his new digs.



Freddie, a tiel in foster care

Despite not getting any real tiel friendship these days, Freddie likes to get close to his mirror and his foster mom (the two play kissy kissy) and loves the attention she gives him when she talks and coos to him. Freddie is quite the singer and whistler and is very athletic and strong. He is an excellent climber and as his Mom says “just an all-around good guy”.

As patient as Freddie has been, we think it's high time he was sprung to a forever home of his very own. Freddie is in excellent health and eats very well. Just think how much more Freddie could blossom with more personalized

attention from you and or another tiel in a stable home

environment. Won't you please consider Freddie for adoption so he can finally have the forever home he has patiently waited for? Express your interest in adopting Freddie by emailing [coordinator-cockatiel@mickaboo.org](mailto:coordinator-cockatiel@mickaboo.org).



Freddie looking for tiel friendship just like Max found!