

Suffield Veterinary Hospital October 2022 Patient of the Month

Meet Tookie, a 3-year-old spayed female Pomeranian who recently joined Dr. Huntington's family. If you've been to Suffield Veterinary Hospital in the last couple of months you may have met Tookie, as she observes the world from the door to Dr. Huntington's office behind the front desk or, more likely, in the lap of any one of our receptionists. It's how she got to Suffield that is her story.

Tookie's father, Goody, is from Bangkok, Thailand. Several years ago he and his owner traveled to the US to see how he would do entered in AKC dog shows. He was a smash, winning many prestigious shows, including the Pomeranian national specialty. Goody and his owner made many friends in our country, including a Pomeranian fancier from New Hampshire named Susan, who asked if she might be considered if any offspring from Goody became available. A couple of years later Tookie traveled with her former owner from Thailand to New Hampshire and became an American.



Susan and her family treasured Tookie, entered her in some dog shows in the Northeast, and she became a grand champion. After she retired from the show ring at two they considered breeding her to continue the line, but decided that, due to her petite five pound frame, motherhood might be dangerous, and had her spayed.

Meanwhile, Dr. Huntington had started putting out feelers for a dog to replace her previous Poms, Webster and Manny. There was no rush, but if the right opportunity came along, she was ready. A friend of a friend knew about Tookie, connections were made, references checked, tears shed, and Tookie moved to Connecticut.

Most good dog breeders deeply love their dogs. But they also know the dogs might be happiest as the beloved only pet in a family, as opposed to one of eight or a dozen dogs. The sorrow they have letting a dog go to a new home is more than balanced reflecting on the happy new life it is starting. While the wait for one of these dogs might be long, the rewards of getting a new family member that you know is trained, healthy and well socialized can make them worth the wait.

For reminding us that there are many paths to dog ownership, and for being so stinking cute, we're happy to name Tookie the October 2022 Suffield Veterinary Hospital Patient of the month.

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