## **Tucker & Boomer Dougherty**

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Meet Tucker and Boomer Dougherty, the cockapoo brothers. Tucker, the first born, is the 10-year-old, soon to be 11-year-old, who has a golden coat. When he was just a puppy, the Dougherty's picked him up from Mulberry Farm, a breeder in New York, and brought him home as the newest addition of their family. He was calm, affectionate, intelligent and caring from the start. When they brought him to their summer home in Maine for the first time, they immediately knew he would fit right in. He was overjoyed when he got the chance to stick his head out the window on the long car ride up to Maine. From that first trip, to all the summers that followed, Tucker has loved to get his paws sandy and wet. Because he is curious and loves trying new things, the Dougherty's quickly introduced him to "Seal Island" a quick boat ride away. Tucker not only loved the fresh ocean breeze in his fur as they navigated the waters, but he also loved meeting the seal that swam right up to the boat to say hi.

Back at home in Wellesley, Tucker's easygoing personality allows him to make new friends and connections easily. He is kind and loving and seems to know exactly what you are thinking and feeling at all times. Whenever he sees his family members packing up their bags to go to Maine, he stands by the car making sure they don't leave him behind. Because of his kind and gentle personality, Tucker recently got a job as a therapy dog in a program called Caring Canines. He loves his new job where he can meet different dogs and people and is very friendly to all he comes across.

Speaking of new dogs, Boomer, the Dougherty's newest addition to the family, has left quite the impression on Tucker. Boomer joined the family a few months ago. Like Tucker, the Dougherty's picked Boomer up from the Mulberry Farm breeder and brought him home to their house in Wellesley. Boomer has a black and white coat and is very energetic and full of life. He has grown to love his big brother and follows him everywhere. When he first entered the Dougherty's house, he was only 3 pounds. Similarly to Tucker, who brings his bowl out whenever he is hungry, Boomer would sit in his food bowl telling his family that it was time for him to eat. Over the past couple months he has learned a lot from his older brother and teacher. Tucker has taught Boomer how to chase away squirrels in their backyard, swim, snuggle and play tug of war with their favorite toys. Boomer will go to Maine for the first time this summer, so hopefully he will also enjoy getting his paws wet, feeling the ocean breeze, and meeting some new friends like the seals. Like many pups, he is very energetic and always seeks attention, so he loves to run around off leash, explore and meet new people. Although Boomer is new to the family, everyone loves him including Tucker. These two cockapoo brothers have already become life-long best friends. Hopefully you will get a chance to meet this duo when they are out exploring the neighborhood.