

HAPPILY EVER After

Just Out
talks to some of
queerdom's long-term
committed couples

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Admittedly plenty of us are not in pursuit of "happily ever after." We're content with serial monogamy or spinning the wheel of chance every weekend. Some of us are even happy celibates. But especially as we age, coupling and nesting can be increasingly appealing. There has long been a myth that queer couples can't stick together for any significant period of time, and during the sexually liberating days of the post-Stonewall pre-AIDS era, perhaps there wasn't much need to seek stability. We were busy having fun.

But these days more and more queer people seem to be in search of a bungalow for two with a yard for the dog. *Just Out* went in search of couples who've been together for a decade or more, as well as some advice from therapists who specialize in counseling gay and lesbian couples. So if your fantasies lean more toward picket fences than toward Stark Street, perhaps these glimpses of domesticity will inspire you.

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Al (left) and
Liz Lucero outside
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