



In March, MassPAWS embarked on a spay/neuter project mentored by MRFRS and supported by funding from Petsmart Charities. We wanted to spay and neuter as many cats as we could during the spring, before they would have a chance to reproduce in the street.

Carol and Eileen successfully trapped, spayed and neutered over 150 free roaming cats from Lynn, East Boston and Revere in 3 months! In the course of this project, over 100 kittens were discovered, given vet care and sent on to adoption, saving them from an uncertain life growing up on the street. We are grateful to our supporters and donors, and to MRFRS and Petsmart Charities for this opportunity. Stay tuned; this



targeted project demonstrated that we are making a difference in saving lives and how many more we can potentially help.

**Carol and Jan spent 17 days in Lynn outside a burned apartment building in order to secure the cats they knew were still inside.** When Mocha, the last at known to be alive was finally rescued, everyone was relieved. MassPAWS stepped up to pay for vetting and needed care for 7 cats from the building, and they were reunited with their owners. Thank you to donors who sent dedicated funds for the Lewis St cats, and thanks to our friends at Animal Umbrella for helping with Mocha's extended hospital stay.

# Paws for a Song

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## Zippy; Chapter Two

... By Jan Simmons

Why start with chapter two? Because only Zippy knows the first chapter. His second chapter started in December of 2011. I was meeting up with Carole, another MassPAWS volunteer, to catch a domestic rabbit abandoned in the Lynn Highlands. Carole was not familiar with the area, so she drove in from another direction that was easier for her to find. At the crest of the hill she caught a fleeting glimpse of a thin dark colored dog, but by the time we both parked the little dog had vanished.

Spotting the tan rabbit we set up a drop trap in hopes of catching her before winter's deep freeze really set in. In the meantime we kept watch up the hill for the dog. After a number of hours we saw no signs of the dog and the rabbit was proving to be hard to capture. I got my net from

the car determined to out-wit the "wascally wabbit!" Once again the bunny hopped over to the food and then started to groom herself... WHAM I slapped the net over her before she could dart off again, smashing my knuckles open on the pavement. Safe from the streets now, I got her into a carrier in my car.

Carole and I then concentrated our efforts on finding the dog. Residents of the area had been seeing him for over six weeks, and had notified Animal Control, however each time the ACO had shown up the dog was gone again. It was getting late so Carole and I devised a plan to capture the dog the next day.

The following day I bought a hot rotisserie



chicken and Carole brought a fold up crate. I got there earlier and walked around looking and listening behind a vacant house in a small patch of woods and I figured the dog was likely hiding there, so I watched quietly from a deck behind the vacant property. I heard a scratching noise coming from the yard next door but figured it was a squirrel burying nuts.

Carole showed up soon after and we set off in

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# 2013 Paws for a Song Benefit

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## Zippy; Chapter Two continued . . .

different directions on foot looking for the dog . . . however several hours had passed and no signs of him, so we headed to our cars to warm up.

Kids were out of school for the day and parents were getting home at that point. A woman in the neighborhood told us she had been seeing the dog coming and going from a particular driveway but the person that lived there didn't answer the door, and we had to respect the "no trespassing" signs.

Feeling defeated we planned on returning the next day and trying again when another woman shouted "there he is!" Carole ran to get the crate while I took the chicken and tossed some toward the scared dog. He loved it, but was in survival mode so was not coming close to me. I kept tossing chicken to him afraid that he'd be full fast and tried to get him close enough to slip a leash around his neck but he was too frightened. Inching the crate toward him I decided to try to get him to go into it by putting the rest of the chicken in the back.

Feeling cornered the first attempts failed, however the lure of warm food worked well enough for me to gently push him in the crate and latch the door. **We got him!** He panicked not knowing why he was locked in and was trying to bite me as we loaded him into the car. I realized that the little guy had been hiding under the car cover where I'd heard scratching from earlier, trying to keep warm during the bitter winter's nights. I got him home and gave him a pile of blankets and more food and water and soon he felt a bit more at ease

so I could fit him for a harness. That night we all slept like babies . . . exhausted.

The next day I called the local vets office and the ACO to report him as being found. There were no reports of a miniature pincher missing. I posted ads on Petfinder lost & found, as well as the local newspaper and no response. I searched for missing min-pins ads on the computer but still nothing.



"Chevy" as he was initially named (after the classic car he was bedding under) was scheduled for a neuter and shots through MassPAWS . . . and I got him microchipped as well. His name morphed into "Zippy" which suited him better as he zipped back & forth during walks, and also because of the comic strip "Zippy the Pinhead."

Being an escape artist and capable of jumping and digging a secure home was going to take time to find. Several promising meet & greets happened however none of them seemed to be right for Zippy.

In May of 2013 an email came

into MassPAWS in-box from "Paula", a woman who had seen his bio on Petfinder. After we spoke we decided to meet that weekend. Paula brought along her dog "Lily" as recommended and the dogs got along quite well.

Paula was a bit hesitant at first about taking him in and asked many good questions; after discussing it more we chose a foster to adopt to see how Zippy would do in her home. Paula took a long weekend the next Friday and we met that morning and gave the dogs a long walk first. Zippy was loaded into Paula's car and it broke my heart (*in a good way*) to see his little face peering out the window as they drove off. At first there was a bit of jealousy on Lily's behalf but Zippy was well behaved; he got into a routine fast of long walks and lots of treats to help him bond with his new girlfriends.

Three weeks later Paula told me "*Zippy isn't leaving my family, we love him*" which was music to my ears! Paperwork was filled out and after 17 months Zippy was officially adopted.

Thank you Paula for taking on a tenacious little terrier, and a thank you to Lily for accepting Zippy as your new pal! It took a long time to place Zippy but the wait was worth it as I know he's in the best possible home now.

And the beautiful rabbit thrown onto the streets found her home as well. She was taken in by a rescue group in Marblehead where she was spayed and adopted out to a great home where she has her own bunny buddy!

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Call the S.T.O.P. clinic at (617) 571-7151
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- **Alliance For Animals** offers low cost Spay/Neuter services 232 Silver St., South Boston, (617) 268- 7800 [www.afaboston.org](http://www.afaboston.org)
- **MSPCA SNAP** (617) 541-5005 & **Shalit-Glazer** (617) 541-5007 programs, assisting low-income households with Spay/Neuter needs; go to: [www.mspca.org](http://www.mspca.org) and search SNAP or Shalit-Glazer
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