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Zippy's Getting His Zap Back!

In September 2006 we highlighted the case of Zippy, a little dog who had suffered some horrific injuries and is now in the care of Stephanie Henry and Pauline Wright of 4Pawz&More Rescue.

Thanks to the kindness and generosity from many people throughout the country who either donated or organised fundraising events, £8,125.00 was raised so Zippy was able to have the much needed operations which would help give him back some use of his legs.

November 23rd 2006

Zippy had the first of a two part operation to repair one of his damaged legs. During the days that followed he received intensive physiotherapy to help stretch his muscles and soft tissue. There was a possibility that another operation may be needed if his ankle wasn't in alignment with his leg. He responded well to treatment.

November 30th 2006

The second part of the operation to repair Zippy's left leg didn't go as well as was hoped and his leg became very inflamed. He was on pain relief and antibiotics for a while but by December 8th he was much brighter and with the help of his support sling he finally managed to stand on all four legs.

December 18th 2006

Good news! Zippy was discharged from hospital and was welcomed back into the arms of his foster carer Stevie. Zippy still had to undergo constant physiotherapy and take short slow walks to help stretch his muscles and get him to use his legs properly. At this point the hospital was still undecided what to do about his ankle operation.

January 29th 2007

Zippy went back to the RVC hospital to have some x-rays. A decision also had to be made as to whether he should have his ankle straightened. The hospital staff were happy with Zippy's x-rays and decided it was best not to do any more operations for the time being. The next stage would be hydrotherapy sessions, starting in February.



Zippy before his operation, when he had been involved in an accident and brutally abused by some youths.

February 13th 2007

Zippy went for his first assessment for hydrotherapy. He wasn't allowed to swim because his spine was painful but he received some soothing laser treatment and massage. This made a big difference – his back was straighter and he managed to run around the room!

Zippy is continuing to have on-going treatment and hopefully will have his first hydrotherapy swim on 20th February 2007.



Zippy is now standing on all four legs after two operations and physiotherapy, and is soon to have hydrotherapy.