

### **Cusp and Zippy's story by Char Paul**

Cusp wandered into my life when a neighbour was unable to care for her. She has a very sweet and stubborn nature. Cusp has very patient with me across her 15 years, as I found caring for a fur companion challenging. Her friendship is a Blessing, as I have learnt the value of being responsible for another. About four years ago Cusp popped her hip whilst running with me. I carried her home and my sister got me to a late night vet south of the city. I was advised to put her down. Crazy! She was happy as apart from paralysis the hind down. After I picked her up the next morning a friend made her a harness with wheels from a laundry trolley. I did some Bowen massage with her and put her on a raw food diet. Within six weeks she was fully well; now she wrestles with Zippy frequently.

Zippy was adopted by me when a friend's dog had pups. I thought an additional fur member to the clan would be socially good for Cusp and my foster-son at the time. Zippy is high energy and loves his walks. I let him run when he can, though this doesn't happen often as he enjoys the game of 'I'm not coming back for a bit...' He loves to tease Cusp, and appears to de-throne her top-dog status, (she is hanging in there). One of Zippy's favourite past-times is chasing flies; he is quiet the fly-jumper!

I love them both very much, and am grateful daily that they are with me on this journey of Life.

