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Roaming for 8 days in Clearwater, FL... Sparky is now SAFE & HOME!!! Here is Sparky's story told by his owner Katrina...

We adopted Sparky on Friday, August 5, 2016. We currently have three rescue dogs and one rescue cat, so it didn't seem that far of a reach to add one more; especially only 8 cute little pounds! We knew he had suffered more than most, especially in the way of trusting humans, but we didn't know to what extent. What we did know is between us having backgrounds in dog and horse training and our animals having been through it already (we tend to adopt the harder cases) we were certainly capable of showing him how to be a carefree dog again.

We didn't see much of him the first week and we were going to let him come around on his own terms. He certainly knew what food was and he knew what outside was. His fear never came in the way of that until day 6 of him being with us. We let our guard down for a split second; I mean that can't happen to us, right? We are animal trainers. He was gone like a flash. We sprinted up the road after him in sheer panic. Everyone we passed knew what we were running after and pointed us in the right direction. We eventually had to go back and get the car, he was just too fast. The last sighting of Sparky was running through the school yard being chased by a boy on a bike. I thought for sure we would never see him again... We're talking about a dog deathly afraid of humans and he was now being chased by a bike????

We came back home, made flyers the best we knew how in such short notice. We went everywhere and posted them on every corner. We posted him on the local lost and found page. Some kind of effort was better than none; had to be... I felt like we had completely failed him. The very next day we started getting sightings of this little guy 2 miles from the house. Every sighting we checked out but everyone was just too eager to catch him, so he would run before we were able to get there. We sat for several nights at his favorite spots with a crate and dog food trying to lure him in.

After three long days of sightings I could tell he had a routine. He was being seen at the same places, at the same time each day. We even devised a plan to corral him at one point on Wednesday but that was botched by an over eager good Samaritan. We were exhausted by this time and at a loss for what to do next.

It was suggested that we call PI Jamie Katz, she was great! Jamie was very helpful and empathetic at the same time. And it was practically the middle of the night when I called her. She helped with the production of larger, brighter, better signs which really did help get more sightings. She confirmed that we were not going to get him without trapping Sparky. Jamie also provided guidance on how to set up the food stations to lure him to one particular spot, as well as guided us on how to bait and place the traps. Within 12 hours of us setting the traps we had our little guy home! Now we can start his rehabilitation over again!

Luckily our story ended happily and for that I am forever grateful!

- Katrina Evans in Clearwater, FL