

## Two dogs, bird rescued in Holliston house fire

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Boston terrier, Gidget, is given some oxygen after being rescued from a house fire at 29 Winchester Drive in Holliston.



HOLLISTON —

Firefighters rescued two dogs and a bird from a burning home on Winchester Drive Monday afternoon.

Deputy Fire Chief James Moore said no one was home when the blaze at 29 Winchester Drive broke out before 1 p.m.

Police received a call reporting the fire around 12:50 p.m. When firefighters arrived, flames and heavy smoke were billowing out of the first floor, said Moore. It took the department 45 minutes to put out the fire, said Moore.

The fire likely started in the living room but a cause had not been determined by presstime, authorities said.

Fire Chief Michael Cassidy said the building inspector determined the house was total loss. While it looked mostly intact outside, the home sustained considerable interior damage.

One engine and a ladder responded to the alarm. Department vehicles were parked in front of neighboring houses and along Fiske Street. A stretcher was set up down Winchester Drive as a preventative measure. The smell of smoke could be picked up several blocks away.

Emergency workers at the scene gave oxygen to one of the small dogs, using a mask designed for use on animals.

According to Holliston Board of Assessors records, Kristine Irving owns the single-family home, built in 1975. The records list the assessed value at \$486,400.