

THE BALLAD OF BIG RED



Big Red waiting for his forever home.

Big Red's journey in life has been a long one for such a young dog. When he was just a puppy, Good Samaritans took him from a man who was trying to get rid of him in a Walmart parking lot. The poor puppy not only had a broken leg, but he was also suffering from pneumonia by the time he was brought to our clinic. We agreed to treat him and to find a home for him. We set the leg and built an oxygen chamber because he was having such trouble breathing.

Once Big Red was on the road to recovery, one of our employees offered to foster him. Big Red's leg continued to have complications, and eventually it had to be amputated. Despite losing his leg, Big Red remained his lovable self. His sweet nature and friendly kisses endeared him to our staff and all who came in contact with him.

Big Red made his public debut at our July 2013 MEGA Adoption event. First Coast No More Homeless Pets organizes and sponsors large weekend adoption events three to four times a year. We partner with county shelters and animal rescue groups to find new homes for homeless dogs, cats, kittens and puppies. These events are the largest in the country.

Big Red waited all weekend, patiently greeting potential adopters. He was looking for the right family to care for and love a three-legged dog. Finally, on Sunday, he found them.

A military man stationed in Jacksonville had volunteered at one of FCNMHP's previous MEGA Adoption events and adopted a dog. He and his husband came to the July event to find their dog a companion. When they saw Big Red, they knew he was the one. FCNMHP staff and Big Red's foster dad gathered around Big Red, cheered and cried tears of joy as Big Red bonded with his new family on the spot.

Big Red's story is special, but what is truly extraordinary is that he was one of 1,007 homeless pets—each with a special story—finding new families in just one weekend!

First Coast No More Homeless Pets partners with both public and private animal welfare groups, and our employees are dedicated to saving lives. We believe that every life is special and that no animal should go without care for financial reasons. Help us help more special pets like Big Red—donate today!



Big Red at the adoption event with his new dad.