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Alaqua Animal Refuge Helps “Manny” Run Again with Prosthetic Leg

In late March, Alaqua Animal Refuge received a call from a shelter facility in Chipley, FL, stating they had a dog that came in that just broke their heart. “Manny,” a 4 year old large shepherd mix had arrived, missing his front right foot and was in horrific pain. The Chipley shelter manager was told that it was “a homemade amputation.” With circumstances unknown, Manny immediately received veterinary care until Alaqua was able to take him in. Manny was evaluated when he arrived at Alaqua and it was determined that his weight would make it difficult for him to adjust using three legs. Manny’s medical information was sent to a team of veterinary specialists at Animal Ortho Care, LLC., in Chantilly, VA, to see if Manny could be a candidate for a prosthetic foot. Using 3D technology, Derrick Campana, C.O. and his staff at Animal Ortho Care, LLC., were able to create a prosthetic by using a mold that was created of Manny’s injured foot by Alaqua.

On April 8th, the prosthetic was placed on Manny’s leg, where he now wears it five hours a day. Pictures and video will be sent to Animal Ortho Care, LLC., to evaluate Manny’s progress. Alaqua is extremely grateful for the outpouring of support. Donations were utilized to cover the cost of the prosthetic as well as Manny’s medical care. The great news is Manny is being adopted by a family in Texas and will meet them very soon. If anyone would like to donate to help Manny continue his road to recovery or help another animal in need at Alaqua Animal Refuge, please visit <https://www.alaquaanimalrefuge.org/HappyHeartsFundraiser?tab=3&frsid=510>



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