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Puppy Saved by Brevard County Animal Services & Palm Bay Police

PALM BAY, Fla. – An abandoned six-month-old spaniel-mix puppy lost his leg but not his life, thanks to Brevard County Animal Services & Enforcement, Palm Bay Police Department, and Palm Bay Animal Clinic.

Animal enforcement officer Denise Karlton and Palm Bay police officer Chris Maloy responded to a report of a seriously injured puppy in the woods in Palm Bay last month, and found the dog in agony.

“I was in Grant-Valkaria, so it took a while for me to get there, but Officer Maloy stayed with the puppy and tried to shade and comfort it,” Karlton said. “It was in bad condition, with multiple fractures, and a leg swollen and covered in maggots.”

Karlton rushed the puppy to Palm Bay Animal Clinic, where veterinarians Dr. Paul and Dr. Jen Sikoski immediately volunteered to perform the necessary surgery and treatment.

“Dr. Jen volunteers at the South Animal Care Center, so she knows our financial situation,” Karlton said. “She and Dr. Paul said they would do the leg amputation, provide the medications and everything needed.”

Maloy and his fiancée then volunteered to provide foster care for Conner as he healed, and a month later, have decided to adopt him permanently.

“We didn’t plan on getting a dog,” said Maloy. “We can’t live without him now.”

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