



Tony La Russa's
Animal
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Adoptable Senior Pup Celebrates 12th birthday at Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation

Kirk, a senior pit bull mix, has been homeless since before the pandemic.



WALNUT CREEK, California – April 22, 2021 marked one year since the rescue team at Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation found Kirk, a senior pit bull mix in need of extensive medical treatment, at a municipal shelter. At the time, Kirk was estimated to be 11 years old, and it was clear he had been living a hard life on the streets. To celebrate how far he has come, ARF threw Kirk a party for his twelfth birthday. He enjoyed lots of treats and toys, but the birthday gift he really wants is a forever home.

While adoption interest increased at animal shelters across the country during the pandemic, Kirk is still seeking a loving home to call his own. This warmhearted pit bull mix has been homeless since before the onset of COVID-19 last year. He was originally found as a stray. ARF's team rescued him on April 22, 2020; transporting him from a municipal shelter that didn't have the resources to treat his extensive medical needs. ARF's veterinary team removed cancerous tumors, treated skin and ear infections, and eased Kirk's arthritis pain.

Kirk's cuddly and goofy personality emerged after recovering in a nurturing foster home with a volunteer. His affectionate nature has gained him many fans. Several artists have highlighted Kirk's charm, and one fan has even generously sponsored his adoption fee.

Kirk's adopter will get:

- Non-urgent wellness care provided through ARF's clinic for a year post-adoption
- Refills on his medications through ARF's clinic for one year
- ARF will provide his prescription food for his allergies at no cost for the rest of his golden years.

You can help find Kirk's forever home:

- **Spread the word.**
Share Kirk's profile www.arflife.org/help/kirk. His perfect adopter is out there, ARF just needs your help to find them.
- **Donate.**
ARF is able to give animals like Kirk a second chance thanks to the community's support. Now is a great time to give, because a generous donor is matching all gifts, one-for-one, up to half a million dollars.
- **Submit an adoption inquiry.**
Learn more about making Kirk your new best friend at www.arflife.org/adoption-process.

Despite all of the challenges and uncertainties we've faced during this pandemic – no matter how long it takes – ARF stands committed to finding Kirk the perfect match.

About Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF)

ARF's core mission is the rescue of dogs and cats who have run out of time at public shelters, giving them a chance at life until a new home can be found. ARF couples this focus with innovative programs strengthening the human-animal bond for children, seniors, veterans, and people in disadvantaged circumstances. Through ARF, people experience the unconditional love and acceptance of dogs and cats to fulfill a mission of People Rescuing Animals ... Animals Rescuing People®. www.arflife.org

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