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305-451-3380 • MM 99.5 Bayside, behind Cafe Largo



Adopt a Key Largo Animal Shelter Pet

Meet a few of the animals who are currently available for adoption at the Key Largo Animal Shelter. If you are interested in taking one of these adorable furry friends home, stop by or call. The Shelter is located at mile marker 106 Oceanside; phone 305-451-0088.



Pumpkin



Kiki



Charlie



Sheldon & Leonard



humaneanimalcoalition.com



Tiki

WHAT'S YOUR "BLUES" NAME?

1. Use your first initial to find your first name

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|---------------|---------------|
| A = Fat | N = Peg Leg |
| B = Buddy | O = Red |
| C = Sticky | P = Sleepy |
| D = Old | Q = Bald |
| E = Texas | R = Skinny |
| F = Hollerin' | S = Blind |
| G = Ugly | T = Big |
| H = Brown | U = Yella |
| I = Happy | V = Toothless |
| J = Boney | W = Screamin' |
| K = Curly | X = Fat Boy |
| L = Pretty | Y = Washboard |
| M = Jailhouse | Z = Steel-Eye |

2. Use your middle initial to find your middle name

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|-------------|-------------|
| A = Bones | N = Foot |
| B = Money | O = Mama |
| C = Harp | P = Back |
| D = Legs | Q = Duke |
| E = Eyes | R = Dog |
| F = Lemon | S = Bad Boy |
| G = Killer | T = Baby |
| H = Hips | U = Chicken |
| I = Lips | V = Pickles |
| J = Fingers | W = Sugar |
| K = Boy | X = Willy |
| L = Liver | Y = Tooth |
| M = Gumbo | Z = Smoke |

3. Use your last initial to find your last name

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|----------------|---------------|
| A = Jackson | N = Thompkins |
| B = McGee | O = King |
| C = Hopkins | P = Bradley |
| D = Dupree | Q = Hawkins |
| E = Green | R = Jefferson |
| F = Brown | S = Davis |
| G = Jones | T = Franklin |
| H = Rivers | U = White |
| I = Malone | V = Jenkins |
| J = Washington | W = Bailey |
| K = Smith | X = Johnson |
| L = Parker | Y = Blue |
| M = Lee | Z = Allison |

Conch Republic Strong!

Before the storm the words from a popular song by The Clash stuck in my head..."Should I stay or should I go?" Though I knew I could not stay in a trailer, the thought of driving through the state of Florida and running out of gas alone on a dark Florida highway was more frightening to me than to ride out the hurricane in Key Largo where I have friends and can get help. When I inquired about a room at the Moose, and was able to secure the last one available, I felt blessed and safe. After all, the building was built by Henry Flagler and had survived two previous hurricanes. It is made from coral rock, concrete and Dade County pine, making it a virtual fortress. As time ticked by, the TV news channels all predicted doom and gloom for the Upper Keys... as they advertised duct tape and lumber yards(!) But my weather guru, Vivian Kay, had NOAA on her phone and the outlook for Key Largo kept looking better as Irma continued to push west.



The shadow from a flashlight in my hotel room let me know I was not alone.

KLI donated flashlights and lamps. As I retired in my room that night to ride out the storm I put the flashlight on the bedside stand and the shadow of an angel appeared on the wall, that is when I knew my cat Tuna and I were not alone and through all the wind, rain and tornados, the Moose Lodge remained Conch Republic Strong.

The most frightening and disturbing thing that is once the power went off and we could no longer charge our phones, we were all concerned about conserving our batteries so our families could keep contact as long as possible. Well-meaning friends continued to call and text, sucking up our juice... even when we pleaded with them to stop.

Heros are born from disasters and this one was no different. Max Trent, a manager at KLI and the new administrator of the Moose, kept the lodge open throughout, offering happy hour prices and free breakfast, lunch and dinner every day. He was there from morning until late night, either cooking with his friend Greg Elliott or taking a shift tending bar. The lodge was open to the public and they fed grateful families with small children, retired

citizens and veterans. It was then that the true Keys spirit took hold and people started bringing in whatever they had to share. The Hideout donated food, Hobo's donated food and ice, someone brought generators and another brought gas. Max orchestrated it all. Even the Florida Highway Patrol were sending people there. Everyone helped each other. Soon people came in reporting the damages to their homes and the devastation they had seen. It was then that Max Trent found out that the houseboat he had been renting by the Hideout had completely sunk, including everything he owned! Never uttering a word of self pity, Trent kept his focus on helping the community.

Several other restaurants including the Conch House, the Big Chill and the VFW offered free food to the community and the VFW served as a hub for donations. Thank you to the Florida Keys Electric Cooperative and Monroe County for getting us up and running fast. Congratulations to all our advertisers who quickly restored their businesses so they could serve the influx of people who came here to help, as well as those in the process of repairing their homes. We are Conch Republic Strong!