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Humane Society of Louisiana

Dear Animal Defender,

We thought we had seen every kind of disaster, but the Covid-19 crisis and the associated economic collapse has been unlike anything we have ever experienced. The Greater New Orleans area has been particularly hard hit. Our hearts go out to all who have been experiencing illness, loss, heartache and hardship during this extraordinarily difficult time. Take care and thank you for keeping hungry animals fed and cared for during the pandemic!

COVID-19: NOLA Feeding Program Helps Thousands of Animals, Residents in Need

We've been working hard to respond to the special needs of animals and their people during this time of hardship. Early on, we mobilized our crew to achieve three important goals: to ensure the health and safety of our workers and our animals; to provide needed services in an increasingly difficult environment, and to create new programs to meet the urgent needs of animals in our community. Our crew, supporters and volunteers have really stepped up to the challenge, and we've been achieving great things together! We were extremely grateful to receive a \$30K grant from our friends at *Alley Cat Allies*. The funds were contributed to set up pet food distribution days and to provide veterinary care for cats in the Greater New Orleans area.

We've helped countless thousands of animals (and their people!) through this ongoing project. We'll keep you posted on our progress, as we adjust to the new normal. We hope you and yours are staying safe and healthy during these difficult days. Extra special thanks go out this month to our partners at *Jefferson Feed* and *Zeus's Rescues*.



The Humane Society team has provided home deliveries of pet food to at-risk animal caregivers. We've also been coordinating free drive-up cat food distribution days in New Orleans and in Jefferson parish. As many shelters have shut down around the state, our work to respond to cruelty emergencies is even more critically needed.

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FEELING GRATEFUL: HUMANE SOCIETY CREW, ANIMALS SAFE AFTER KILLER TORNADOES, STORMS

Isn't one disaster enough? We thought we had our hands full with the Covid-19 pandemic, but devastating tornadoes and storms caused widespread destruction in communities around our animal care facilities in Mount Hermon, LA (the *Enoch J. Donaldson Animal Sanctuary*) and in Tylertown, MS. Many homes and lives were lost in the Easter weekend tornadoes, so we consider ourselves lucky. Still, kennels and out buildings were destroyed and supplies damaged. Equipment rentals and cleanup costs ran up thousands of dollars in unanticipated costs not covered by insurance. All this, just as we're beginning to make preparations for the 2020 Hurricane Season!



Days of massive cleanup followed multiple storms and tornadoes in and around our animal care facilities.

Case Update

Earlier this year, 8 newborn pups were amazingly rescued by a fisherman, Mac Kennedy (right, with pups), who saved them from drowning in a bayou. They were cruelly thrown off a bridge by Gary Goulas (below). After we offered a reward and detectives tracked him down, Goulas confessed to the crime. The puppies, a few months old now, had a heartwarming reunion with Mac, their savior, a few days before the lockdown. We thought you'd enjoy a few of the pics.



Our crew drove 12 hours round trip to save these sweet dogs. Their Mom contracted Covid-19 and could no longer care for them.



WARNING! Cuteness Alert: Rescued puppy with pacifier

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