



## Dear Friend of Animals,

Thank you for your very kind support this month - as you can tell, we're keeping very busy, helping all kinds of animals, each and every day. Here are some highlights of our recent work.

## WORKING AT THE STATE CAPITOL TO FIGHT PET OVERPOPULATION

The *Humane Society of Louisiana* has always fought to put animals front and center in the minds of politicians and local government officials. You may not know that our charity originally started out as a lobbying organization, solely dedicated to helping animals through passing laws and using the political process. We eventually expanded the scope of our work to include direct animal care and rescue programs, and we became a nonprofit. To this day, however, our charity is distinguished from other hard working Louisiana rescues by the fact that we have extensive experience with helping animals through the political process. We believe that combining life-saving hands-on programs with political advocacy is the best way to enact positive change. Stay tuned! In the coming months, we will be announcing more ways in which we'll be working to make Louisiana a more compassionate place through the political process.



### Louisiana Pet Overpopulation Advisory Council July 2022 meeting in Baton Rouge

HSLA Executive Director and founder, Jeff Dorson, (*second from right*) has served as Chair of Louisiana's **Pet Overpopulation Advisory Council** for many years. HSLA passed legislation to create the Council, which distributes grant funding to small groups to subsidize spay/neuter surgeries for low income pet owners. Program funding is raised through the sale of Louisiana's *Animal Friendly* license plate (*shown below*) which can be purchased everywhere other license plates are sold. Dorson and HSLA Board member, Evie Burguières, (*fourth from right*) posed with other Council members working to stop pet overpopulation after a recent meeting at the state capitol.



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*Pretty pigs, Bela and Lugosi, (L) enjoy a delicious summer meal at **Merry Wood Refuge** in Tylertown. Your gifts allow us to feed and care for more than 150 animals each and every day: at the refuge, at our **Animal Transport Center**, at the **Enoch J. Donaldson Animal Sanctuary** and at satellite and foster locations.*