

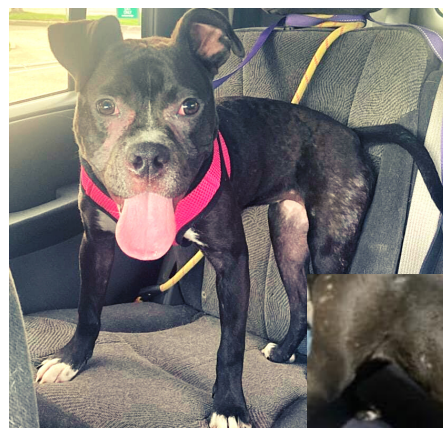
Breakthrough in Ville Platte!



Incredibly, we first visited the substandard Ville Platte dog pound in 1989, and we have been encouraging successive administrations to make basic humane improvements ever since. AT LAST! Mayor Jennifer Vidrine is actively working to address the pound's serious deficiencies by allocating needed funding. She has also established the area's first Shelter Advisory Commission. We are very grateful to Mayor Vidrine for finally taking action, unlike her predecessors.



HSLA volunteer investigator, Kelly Cole, was finally able to gain custody of beautiful Sye this month! The 13-year-old Quarter/Walker mix was abandoned by his owner, who HSLA had already been monitoring for possible neglect.



BEFORE

AFTER



Precious Belle was tossed out of a vehicle in East Baton Rouge recently. Luckily, a caring motorist stopped to save her. We were able to treat her eye infections, skin lesions and provide other needed vet care, as she awaits a loving new home.



FIGHTING CRUELTY TO CATS

We operate a wide variety of programs, but our primary focus has always been cruelty investigation and prevention. Our work in this area has even earned us the distinction of being licensed as a private detective agency. We believe that focusing on promoting kindness and defending the vulnerable not only protects animals in need but improves life for everyone in our state. With the overall rise in violent crime in recent months, both in Louisiana and nationwide, we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of cruelty complaints. The fact that there are more homeless animals on the streets has exacerbated the problem, as shelters and rescues everywhere have become overcrowded and overwhelmed in the post-pandemic environment. Homeless cats and kittens are particularly targeted for abuse. From shootings and poisonings, to beatings and abandonments, our office is receiving far too many heartbreaking cases of cat abuse. Here are just a few examples of our work in this area: we are currently seeking leads and offering a \$600 reward in the case of a friendly gray community cat, who was shot in the head in Holden, a small town in Livingston parish. We're also offering a \$1000 reward for information leading to an arrest in the abandonment of four malnourished and flea-ridden kittens in Washington parish. (*The three survivors are pictured, left.*) Sadly, one of the little ones drowned, when the plastic tub in which they were abandoned filled up with rain water. As cruelty complaints pour in every day, we'll keep working to save feline victims and bring perpetrators to justice.

You're Invited! Cruelty Investigation Workshop, Metairie

August 17th, Wednesday 6-9pm
Lafreniere Park, Foundation Room
3000 Downs Blvd, Metairie LA 70002

Learn how anti-cruelty laws protect animals and how to help us fight cruelty!

*\$10 admission, book online at HumaneLA.org
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