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Humane Society of Louisiana

Dear Animal Defender,

All of us at the Humane Society of Louisiana wish you and yours a safe and happy holiday season, as this difficult year finally draws to a close. The challenges of 2020 were unprecedented, but we are hopeful that better days lie ahead for the people and animals of Louisiana - and everywhere! We deeply appreciate our *Defenders Circle* members now more than ever. You have kept us operating and saving lives despite devastating economic conditions. On behalf of the many thousands of animals we saved and helped this year, **THANK YOU!!**

Santa Delivers Aid to Animals in Need

Ever since Hurricanes Laura, Delta and Zeta came ashore in our state, the Humane Society has been making regular deliveries of urgently needed animal food and supplies to impacted communities. With the ongoing Covid crisis and so much political news this year, the needs in our devastated state have gone largely unreported, as compared to coverage of devastating storms in the past. With fewer donations to help meet the need, we've been working to get supplies donated from pet food and supply manufacturers, with great success. We estimate that we've been able to secure more than a half a million dollars in supplies from businesses catering to animals. In the spirit of the holidays, we made a big push to get needed items to small rescues, shelters and families in need.

We made several trips to west Louisiana, to areas hardest hit. Santa and his Humane Society elves loaded up rental vans multiple times to rush aid to towns and parishes including Lake Charles, Avoyelles, DeRidder, Jennings, Vidalia and more. Here are some pics of recent deliveries.



Neglected and pregnant, poor Annabelle was allowed to roam the cold streets, until she was seized by police in the tiny rural town of Evergreen in Avoyelles parish - population 300. We agreed to pick up and house the sweet girl at a vet's office, where she gave birth to seven puppies. Mom and pups are all safe and warm now in foster care.



We were happy to cover the vet bills for Noel Joy, a starving horse, who was seized by police in Oakdale, on the morning of Christmas Eve.



Remember poor Bo, rescued earlier this year? Look at him now, in his Christmas outfit, in a loving new home!

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Avoyelles Parish. We were thrilled this month when officers freed these long-suffering dogs from their padlocked chains and released them to us.



We thought these 'mug shots' were too cute not to share. All of these precious pups went to homes for the holidays. Incredibly, all 13 were born to one rescued Mom, who is now spayed and happily in her forever home, too!



To save the lives of cats, prevent unwanted births and stop the cruelty that often results from cat overpopulation, we support TNR (trap-neuter-release) programs for cats whenever we can. These three kitties were trapped, neutered and released in rural communities. We also help with vet bills for injured feral kitties like Miri, above right.



We were happy to help sweet Thelma, who was rescued in Catahoula parish, and needed veterinary care for an abscess on her face.



Hurray for cool weather! Our crew isn't constantly mowing and responding to hurricanes, so we can get projects done - like this new perimeter fence at our **TransPUptation Center. Thanks for making it possible!**