## An Easter Education: Protecting Bunnies, Chicks and Small Animals



One of the things the Humane Society of Louisiana does best is get the word out on a range of animal issues through local media outlets. We don't even have to spend much money to accomplish this, thanks to our many caring media contacts and our credibility around the state. This spring, HSLA was all over the airwaves and in print, encouraging people not to give live animals as Easter presents. We reached countless thousands of people with this important message, helping to keep discarded small animals from swamping our state's already overcrowded animal shelters.

## **Promoting Compassion for Farm Animals**

HSLA is committed to defending all animals in need, so we are delighted to return to vegan outreach and education in 2023. After back-to-back hurricanes and Covid lockdowns, we're particularly pleased to be able to come together again for vegan dine-outs, outreach events and more. We'll soon be rolling out a New Orleans vegan dining guide and announcing more ways for vegan-friendly volunteers to get to work promoting healthy and compassionate lifestyles. After all, lambs, cows, pigs and chickens deserve love and kindness, too!





A beautiful Canadian goose was helped recently, thanks to your support. Shelly Haydel, a certified wildlife rehabilitator, contacted us about a poor bird, who had rope tied around her leg and neck. It prevented her from flying and looking after her goslings. Shelly repeatedly tried to catch the goose with a net, unsuccessfully. We agreed to purchase a net gun to aid Shelly in this and future rescues. UPDATE: After the net gun arrived, Shelly set out to rescue the goose but was happy to find that concerned neighbors had successfully cornered her. Kelly was able to use a regular net to contain the bird and successfully free her from the twine. She is already planning to use the gun in another rescue effort - to capture an injured duck in Kenner and deliver the bird to LSU Veterinary School. Care to help hands-on with wildlife rescue efforts? Volunteers are always needed to respond to injured or orphaned wildlife calls. You can be trained to capture injured and orphaned wild animals and/or and deliver them to licensed rehabbers.

## HARLEY AND HARPER



Sweet Harley has already found a home, but Harper is still looking for his forever family.

Times are heartbreakingly tough out there. We've simply never received so many reports of animals being abandoned, surrendered, or forsaken. When you look at the sweet faces of these gentle, trusting and loyal animals, you simply can't understand how anyone could do such a thing. HARLEY and HARPER are two such dogs, but they are among the lucky ones. It's a miracle that these two were found in the woods in Franklinton, in Washington parish. Fortunately, a neighbor heard the dogs barking, which led to their rescue. The good Samaritan alerted animal control, who came to the scene, and we subsequently took custody of the animals. Apparently, the owner is incarcerated, and a family member or friend, rather than caring for or rehoming them, abandoned the dogs. The investigation is ongoing.



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