



Dear Animal Defender,

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The holidays are here, and we wish you and yours the very happiest of celebrations! We deeply appreciate all your kindness this year and wish you a wonderful 2025.

73 Puppies Saved So Far This Holiday Season



The Humane Society has been busy bringing joy to homeless puppies this holiday season. We recently coordinated a lifesaving adoption transport of 50 pups from local shelters, rescues, and our own facilities and foster homes. Many of these pups had been abandoned and rescuing them has been a race against time. In a more recent case, we saved three mama dogs and their 20 nursing puppies from a local animal control facility. In near-freezing temperatures with inadequate shelter heating, their survival was uncertain. We stepped in to take on the whole

group. Some of these tiny pups required bottle feeding and needed round-the-clock care from our dedicated team. Preparing just this one group for adoption will involve 86 vaccines, 23 spay/neuter surgeries, heartworm prevention, flea control, extensive deworming and heartworm treatments for the moms —not to mention food, puppy pads and countless other supplies needed over several weeks. It's an enormous effort, but seeing these puppies warm and content on cozy blankets this Christmas makes it all worthwhile. Thank you for being a part of this mission to save lives and spread holiday cheer to the animals who need it most.

30 Farm Animals Rescued, Sanctuary Director Charged with Cruelty



30 farm animals have been rescued from *Miracle's Ranch*, a professed animal sanctuary in Avoyelles Parish, following an investigation by the local sheriff's office. The sanctuary's 18-year-old founder, Miracle Emma Kelone, faces 19 counts of animal cruelty. Earlier this year, our team, along with *Hayden's Hoofbeat Haven and Training*, responded to complaints involving Kelone. At the time, Kelone was 17 and operating a rescue from her home. We found over a dozen animals in poor condition. Kelone claimed she had purchased the animals from

sale barns, intending to rehabilitate them. Despite her professed love for animals, they were clearly neglected in her care. We removed the animals and provided guidance on proper care, hoping to inspire improvement. Sadly, when we returned with deputies, we discovered conditions had worsened. Over 30 animals, many malnourished and in need of veterinary attention, were seized. *Hayden's Hoofbeat Haven* stepped in to take custody, while HSLA is covering the costs of feed, veterinary care and transportation for the rescued animals. This ongoing investigation may result in additional charges in this sad case.



Tonto was among the animals rescued in the recent farm animal case. His before and after pics show how much he's already improving after having five teeth removed, which were making it difficult for him to eat.

