

A Lifeline for Community Cats



Requests to help community cats and their caregivers have increased dramatically across Louisiana. With more cats being abandoned and joining established colonies, the need for action is more urgent than ever. Increasingly, new cats appearing at colonies aren't truly feral but are abandoned pets with nowhere else to go. This situation is made worse by the rising costs of vet care and the lack of available low-cost spay-neuter programs. The problem can sometimes seem overwhelming, but it can be tackled one colony at a time. We partner with dedicated feline advocates like Amber Richard to make a difference. Amber has been managing a challenging colony in Basile, Acadia Parish. This months-long effort began in July, focusing on a colony fed by an elderly woman. So far, an additional 20 cats have been neutered, and over 40 have been relocated to seven managed colonies, thanks to Amber's networking. This work is labor-intensive and costly, but with teamwork and community support, we can bring situations like these under control. If you're a cat lover, there are many ways to help. Donations of cat food and humane traps are always welcome. Want to get involved? Contact us to learn more about opportunities to help community cats in your area.



We were delighted to be able to contribute to *Geaux Wild Rehab* this month, towards the care of a beautiful rescued bobcat. At last report, she is on the road to recovery and release in a few weeks. We're also excited to report that a bobcat was recently spotted at our Merry Wood refuge in Tylertown. Bobcat attacks on humans are extremely rare, as they are shy, elusive creatures who prefer to avoid people. Did you know that there has never been a single recorded fatal bobcat attack on a human?

FOSTER HOMES URGENTLY NEEDED

With so many animals in need foster homes are needed now more than ever. Charlie (*right bottom*), a handsome Redbone Coonhound, was just rescued by the roadside in Franklinton, unable to stand. A kindly couple found him and asked for our help. A vet clinic determined that his swollen leg was the result of an old, infected injury and luckily was not broken. After a few more days of hospitalization, he'll need a place to recover and await adoption. If you can you foster Charlie, please contact us at info@humanela.org.



Congrats to **Goldie** (*below*) on her recent adoption!



Is there some holiday magic out there to help sweet **Damon**? (*left top*) It breaks our heart that he's now our longest sanctuary resident who came to us as a puppy. For reasons we can't understand, he just hasn't been chosen for adoption. He is a wonderful dog. Please help us find that special someone who could give him a loving home for the holidays.

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.

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