



Dear Animal Defender,

We sincerely thank you for supporting our work for abused, homeless and forgotten animals in 2025. We hope you have a wonderful holiday season and new year.

SPIRIT OF THE SEASON: HELP FOR A FAMILY IN CRISIS



We were heartbroken by the story of a Bogalusa family of animal lovers, who recently lost their home in a fire. We stepped in to help by raising needed funds for their animal companions, who were also victims of the blaze. Firemen rescued two dogs, **Shasta** and **Mailman** (*left*), and family members found their grey tabby cat, **Cookie**, two days after the tragic event. In a true holiday miracle, the family's black kitten, **Oreo**, was found ten days after the fire! Our friends at *Resurge Veterinary Surgical Specialists and Rehabilitation* in Covington are treating all four animal survivors. The animals are being provided with high-tech recovery and rehab at

Resurge, where they receive around-the-clock wound care and pain management.

DOGS RESCUED IN TRAGIC HOARDING CASE

The Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Department and two local volunteers responded to a recent call involving the alleged mistreatment of animals. Sadly, the dead bodies of multiple dogs were found in the front yard. The conditions inside the house were heartbreaking, with filth and garbage everywhere. Four starving and terrified small dogs were also found - it was miraculous that they survived in such conditions. Your donations covered the costs of their exams and treatment. Shirley Dunn, 75, was charged with multiple counts of aggravated cruelty.



PRECIOUS PUPPY RESCUED FROM ABUSER'S TRUNK



In a stroke of good luck, sweet little **Rosie Joe** (*left*) was rescued from an animal abuser, who has since been charged with cruelty. Your donations paid for her care this month. Special thanks go out to cruelty investigator Brittany Ware, who responded to yet another complaint involving the mistreatment of animals in Allen parish. Brittany is a seasoned cruelty investigator, who has processed dozens of crime scenes and helped to bring charges against 25+ suspected animal abusers. Oakdale police and neighboring sheriff's deputies contact Brittany on a regular basis. On December 12th, Oakdale police called Brittany after stopping Dallas Antoine for a traffic violation. They heard barking coming from the trunk of the car, so they popped it open and found an underweight 8-week-old puppy. On probation for other crimes, Antoine surrendered the puppy and his other dogs to law enforcement, who transferred their care to Brittany.