ABUSED CAT RESCUED IN THE NICK OF TIME, HELPED BY NEW SHELTER



HSLA awarded rescuer Monica LaCour a \$50 Petco gift card, a small 'thank you' for quick action she recently took to save a cat's life. Monica witnessed some teenagers at an apartment complex tormenting the poor animal, intending to kill him. As some in the group pinned the poor cat down, others attempted to ride over him with their bikes. Horrified, Monica took immediate action and grabbed the cat away from the teens, scolding them for their cruelty. She was undeterred, even as some of the kids became belligerent, demanding the return of the cat, creating a dangerous situation. Fortunately, Monica held her ground and got the cat to safety. The *Pineville Police Department* and the *Pineville Animal Shelter* were notified. In

an attempt to identify the perpetrators; HSLA is offering a \$500 reward to assist their efforts. The Pineville Shelter took custody of the cat, altering and vaccinating him as part of a plan to rehome him. This former tomcat had other plans, though. Due to several behavioral issues, such as relentless indoor spraying, their team felt he'd do best and be happiest in their barn cat program. Our Director, Jeff Dorson, spoke at length with the Shelter Supervisor, Linzay Sylvia, and was impressed by her commitment to making the right choices for the animals in their care. The new Pineville Animal Control facility is another bright spot in the often bleak Louisiana animal protection landscape. Opened just a little over a year ago, the building is three times larger than the old facility and is in a much improved location, to facilitate adoptions. The old shelter generated numerous complaints to our office over many years, so we're delighted by this progress!



Ikkie Boy (left, rescued in a Marksville case) was neutered this month and is doing much better after his ordeal.



We were happy to support TNR efforts this Spay/Neuter Appreciation Month.



TNR volunteers in Avoyelles Parish trapped this sweet gray tabby, **Sniffles**, (*left*) who was suffering from an upper respiratory infection and conjunctivitis. Since the volunteers were already doing so much to help area kitties, we stepped in to help through our Emergency Veterinary Fund.





Your gifts helped pay for Big Mama's care, (right) as she battled parvo this month. We're happy to report that she responded well to treatment and is doing better now!



Madea (left) wandered up to a rescuer's house in Elton (Jefferson Davis Parish) with a fishing lure painfully embedded in her skin. It required surgery

to remove, which we sponsored. Thank you for stopping her suffering and for putting her on the road to recovery.

