

## Did you know we help care for hundreds of community cats in the Greater New Orleans area alone?



We help pay for food and emergency vet bills for cat colony caregivers. This month, we tried to save the life of poor Chalmette (left) who was found immobile on the streets. While we were initially hopeful that we could save him, the vet later discovered that he was suffering

from an incurable neurological condition, which made a return to his colony impossible. Euthanasia was decided to be the only humane choice for Chalmette. While these cases are heartbreaking, we are glad that we are at least able to prevent needless suffering when there is no other option.

We always do what we can to help small rescues. This month, for example, we wrote and distributed a press release to help *Jenifur's Love and Hope Special Needs Animal Rescue and Sanctuary* in Lake Charles. The small group gained a lot of media attention, which translated into needed donations and community support.



### Bud Finds Family After Misery on the Streets



Who knows what poor Bud endured, before he crossed paths with his guardian angel earlier this month. Just a few short weeks ago, the miserable dog was wandering along a rural highway in the town of Sunset, when Amy Riley Miller intervened to save his life. Amy was driving on Highway 754, when she thought she saw the outline of a dog, hunched over in the middle of a two-lane road. She went immediately into action; she pulled over, picked up the dog, and rushed him to her car. She noticed right away that the poor dog was suffering from dozens of bite wounds and marks and that he was bleeding profusely. Amy drove home, cleaned his wounds and reached out to our agency for help. Fortunately, through our

*Emergency Veterinary Fund*, we were able to provide the dog - who Amy named Bud - with the extensive medical care he needed to treat his injuries. Thousands of people on social media also followed Bud's rescue and recovery and chipped in to pay for his medical care. Poor Bud had to spend an entire week at the hospital! Although he still has a long road ahead of him before he is fully recovered, Bud has made significant progress since being discharged from the clinic. The sweet little guy can finally chew on his own! In the best news of all, Amy has adopted Bud, which is wonderful. It is clear to everyone that they were meant to be together.



The reports come in every day from across Louisiana. Callers describe heartbreaking situations, in which animals of all kinds are suffering in every corner of our state. It's hard to keep up, but we do whatever we can to respond, working with witnesses and law enforcement agencies until animals are helped. The poor dog above was finally rescued from a lifetime in miserable conditions by a commissioned investigator. Thank you for enabling us to provide needed vet care as he recovers.

We were happy to help rescue more than 100 kittens from overcrowded Louisiana shelters in the past several weeks. These homeless little ones travelled north to new homes, through our adoption partners. A very special shout out goes to Defenders Circle member, Judy Newman - a special friend of cats and all animals. Her extraordinarily generous gift at the holidays made it possible for us to save these precious lives - and more! Thank you, Judy!! The kitties couldn't have a better friend, and neither could we!



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