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Dear Animal Defender,

The long, hot summer is sure hard on Louisiana's animals - we get so many cruelty complaints. Thank you so much for your commitment to helping, especially in the dog days of summer.

CANINE CRUELTY SURVIVORS HELPED THIS SUMMER

Thank you for helping us defend and save the lives of these dogs, who nearly escaped death this month.

FRANK. We're working to see justice done in the case of Frank, a beloved poodle, who was recently shot in Opelousas. The attack was apparently the result of escalating tensions between Frank's family and a neighbor, Christopher Nations; animal control officers had seized Nations' dogs, after a pack of them attacked Frank in his own yard. After shooting Frank, Nations allegedly continued to menace the neighbors with the weapon. It's miraculous that the poodle survived the violent attack, but he sadly lost an eye in the shooting. He also now lives with a bullet lodged in his skull. After a month-long investigation, Nations was charged with one count of cruelty to animals and two counts of resisting officers with force.





PHAT. Gentle border collie, Phat, was viciously attacked by a drunken man with a knife, when the poor dog jumped up to greet him. Phat's family was horrified, because the attacker was a family friend. The man is claiming self defense, so he has not been charged, even though video surveillance footage clearly contradicts the claim of self defense. We'll keep pushing for charges to be filed. We were glad to be able to cover the vet bills Phat's family couldn't afford, to save him after the vicious attack.



MOLLY. Thanks to our friends and colleagues at *4 PAWS Rescue* for climbing in a dumpster to rescue Molly, a beautiful Shih Tzu. HSLA is offering a \$500 reward for the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator of this crime. Seriously, who could put this precious animal in a dumpster?





CARSON. A neglected, severely malnourished Great Pyrenees was recently rescued and his owner charged with cruelty. Earlier this month, he jumped a neighbor's fence, desperate to eat food left for community cats. Shocked by his debilitated condition, Carson's rescuer contacted us and the sheriff's department, and we worked to ensure the owner was charged, after he couldn't produce any veterinary records explaining the dog's skeletal condition.