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Dear Animal Defender,

Thanks for your kind support this month. We particularly appreciate your help during the long, hot summer, when costs increase and donations decline. We appreciate your partnership!

PUPS SAVED FROM MISERY ON THE STREETS

Several weeks ago, a New Orleans family found a homeless puppy in their front yard. They noticed that one of his eyes was injured or infected; he couldn't seem to open it completely. Unable to afford vet care, they contacted us, and we contacted our friends at *Low Cost Animal Medical Center*. The clinic performed an entropion procedure on **Jonas** to correct his eyelid from rolling forward and painfully irritating his cornea. Workers at the vet's office also found him a



perfect home, complete with his own swimming pool and loving Mom! Also this month, In rural Concordia parish, adorable **Bella** (*left*) wandered up to a residence in obvious distress. The poor little thing cried out in pain every time she urinated. A vet discovered that she was suffering from bladder stones, a very painful condition. The only way to remove the stones was through surgery, at a cost of \$1600! We authorized the clinic to proceed, feeling confident many supporters would pitch in to save little Bella's life. Luckily, we raised the needed funds, and we're happy to report that Bella is now doing just fine after her painful ordeal. **Sarge**, a sweet little wire terrier was rescued with a horrible wound - his skin was peeled back, exposing raw flesh across

most of his tiny back. Fortunately, a Marksville resident heard him crying near her front door and called us for help. The local vet stayed late and patched up the little guy beautifully; one of our longtime members, Lt. Jeannine Cruz of the Hammond Police Department, adopted him. Sadly, during a follow up exam, tests showed that Sarge had previously been shot and had 7 pellets in his body. Luckily, the vet said they had not pierced any organs, and could remain in the flesh and muscles, where they are not causing him any pain or discomfort. We can't imagine how someone could do this to such an innocent little pup. Thank you for helping us save Jonas, Bella and Sarge.





TEACHING KIDS ABOUT KINDNESS: LEMON-AID WEEKEND FOR PETS

It's back! Thanks to volunteers Andrea Song, Christie Solano and Veronica Bard, we were able to revive our summer educational and fundraising program after a brief hiatus. Over the weekend of July 26th, kids around Louisiana set up lemonade stands to help animals. This annual event has great potential to teach young people the importance of helping animals. Andrea Song appeared on WVUE's popular mid-day show to help spread the word. Well done to all of our participants!

