

## HELPING OUR LOUISIANA SHELTER PARTNERS



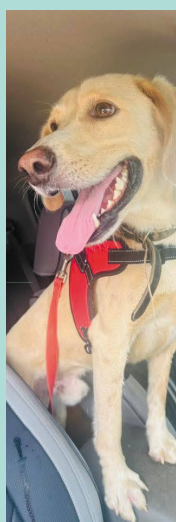
As a heartbreaking pet overpopulation crisis grips our state, this is a difficult time not only for the animals but for the shelters and rescues working to save them. To lend a helping hand, we try to do little favors for our shelter colleagues whenever we can, in addition to regularly networking their homeless pets for possible transport. Just recently, to help the overcrowded *St. John Parish Animal Shelter*, we sponsored one of their dogs, **Big Boy**, at a local vet clinic. The shelter had recently rescued him and cited the owner for neglect - but they urgently needed the space during renovations. We also gave *Vernon Parish Animal Shelter* a \$300 micro-grant, as a 'thank you' to their officers for dropping off food and flea prevention supplies to a nearby group of homeless puppies and adult dogs, which was recently reported to our office. (Luckily, someone is looking after the dogs, and the shelter will pick the group up next week, when they anticipate having additional space.) The crisis for animals is absolutely heartbreaking, but it always helps when animal advocates support each other in this difficult work.

## ANIMAL ABANDONMENT OVERWHELMING LOCAL ANIMAL LOVERS

We worked with the Assistant Chief of the Basile Police Department and other rescuers this month to address a complaint about a potential hoarding situation. While there were multiple animals and less than ideal conditions at the site, the situation was more complicated. The homeowners reported that most of the animals had been dumped at their house, since they were known animal lovers in the area. They cared for the animals and weren't unwilling to keep them but needed our assistance with neutering and some other needed veterinary care. It was agreed that, for the time being, they could keep the animals, who appeared happy and well fed. This seemed the best option, considering the pet overpopulation crisis in our state, and the fact that so many shelter dogs are already searching for homes. HSLA and the other rescues will keep in touch to make sure standards at the site don't decline and that additional animals aren't added into the group. This is only one of many such cases we've encountered in recent months, with pet abandonment on the rise.

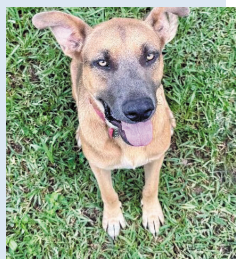


We helped these Livingston parish foster kitties recover from a respiratory infection this month.



We can't thank Teena Lear enough for taking action to save poor **Brody** (left). The poor dog was dumped at a gas station in Greensburg, in St. Helena parish - yet another Louisiana parish with no shelter or rescue group. Brody managed to live on handouts for a week until the Lears agreed to go to his rescue on our behalf.

When homeless **Bud** (right) wandered up to a retiree's house this month, the resident fell in love with him. On a fixed income, however, the man simply couldn't afford to take in another pet. When we offered to cover the costs of Bud's neuter and shots, his new pal couldn't have been happier. Now Bud has officially joined the family, which includes a friendly and playful doggie brother.



**Honey** (right) wandered up to a rural home in shelterless Franklin Parish, in northern Louisiana, suffering from a severe case of mange and parasites, we covered the vet bills, so her new friends could adopt her.



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