STATE MOVES FORWARD WITH CRUEL AND DISGUSTING BEAR HUNT



Despite our best efforts, we couldn't block the Louisiana black bear hunting season planned for late 2024. We are heartbroken that any animals from our small population of bears will now be stalked and slaughtered. In a final insult, funds from the black bear license plate, which HSLA established decades ago to help save the species, can now be used for hunt related purposes. If you have a black bear license plate, we recommend that you not renew it and instead purchase another pro-animal plate. Sadly, many people wanting to 'save' the bear were really only interested in having a handful of bears around to kill them. At least we were able to help save the animals from extinction. We have a long way to go to change attitudes on this issue, but we promise to keep up the good fight.

A St James parish resident contacted us recently. His neighbor had found an injured dog with 7 puppies; we named her Ida. This poor Mama dog was in very bad shape, but our vets thought they could save her. Despite everyone's best efforts, Ida took a turn for the worse and euthanasia was eventually recommended. Our team scrambled to find bottle feeders and foster homes for the puppies. Luckily, all of the little ones made it and have since gone on to loving homes. Their Mama would be very grateful and proud!

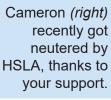


Lilo (*left*) was lucky to survive a situation of serious neglect. His puppy siblings and another adult dog suffered and eventually died from a combination of parvo and parasites, in the home of an inhumane backyard breeder. The accused is now under investigation by local police, and the case is being monitored by HSLA. We were happy to pay for lifesaving treatment and general care for little Lilo, who is now seeking a loving home.





Earlier this year, folks discovered a precious, gray tabby kitten, who was trapped in an engine block. At that time, our members pitched in to treat the kitty's eye infection, and this month, the happy kitty is getting spayed, thanks to HSLA.











Poor Dr. Danny (above) lay motionless for three days alongside a busy highway, in the sweltering summer heat, before he was rescued by our friends at *Heroes Everywhere Animal Rescue*. Your generous donations paid for his medical care.



Poor little Star (*left*) was rescued in Avoyelles parish with a severely infected eye. We were happy to pay for the needed surgery to remove the eye and put her on the road to a happy life.

A good Samaritan found Pickles (*left*) and contacted us for help. Unable to hold onto the dog, she surrendered her to our friends at *JPAWS* public shelter. We're pleased to report that volunteer, Doug Atkins, agreed to pick up Pickles from the shelter and is now fostering her, as she awaits a new home.