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Dear Friend of the Animals:

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It's **Be Kind to Animals!** month, and we thank you for generous support and consistent kindness. Louisiana's animals benefit greatly because of your compassion!

CONCORDIA PARISH DOG SAVED FROM A LIFETIME OF ABUSE



Poor **King Charles** was severely abused for most of his life. According to neighbors who witnessed the ongoing cruelty, his owner beat him regularly, fed him poorly and left him tied outside in the rain without shelter. Luckily, the Vidalia Police Department conducted a thorough investigation and was able to document a clear case of cruelty. Officers on the scene took custody of the poor dog and sought urgently needed medical attention for his many injuries. We were glad we could step in to pay KC's vet bills, as requested. Most small animal control or law enforcement agencies have no budget for veterinary bills, meaning that animal abuse victims often go without needed medical care, unless we are able to intervene. The former owner, Rhonda Guillot, 64, has been cited for cruelty to animals. Our partnerships with law enforcement agencies across the state helps to ensure more abused and neglected animals get the help they need.

Our Wildlife Rescue Team was able to save these 3 mallard ducklings, who had fallen down a drainage basin in New Orleans East. To reach the ducklings, rescue team members pried open a manhole and lifted the cover off the basin. A team member lowered himself down a short shaft and emerged a few seconds later with the three ducklings. Since the mother duck could not be found, the little birds were delivered to a local wildlife rehabilitator.



We're not sure how poor little **Oreo** survived - his head was stuck in a fence for several days in Catahoula parish, with no one to help him. Luckily, Kelly Roy rushed to the rescue and was able to get an officer involved, who freed the pup. When Kelly later visited the precinct with the puppy wrapped in a blanket, one of the officers behind the front desk showed a lot of interest and commented on how cute the little guy was. It didn't take long before the lucky pup had a new home with the interested officer. Oreo is pictured (left) with his new Mom, Officer Seymour.



HSLA is always working to help cat rescuers and community cat caregivers. This month we gave a helping hand to Houma cat rescuer, Angel Wolfertz, who saved these beautiful kittens this month. So many caring people across Louisiana are doing thankless work to rescue and care for community cats in need, often dedicating their entire lives and resources to the cause. As we can, we always try to support their kind and thankless work.

The **Cottonport Cat Project** continues in the town of Cottonport, in Avoyelles parish. Kathryn Cumferswanner, a local rescuer, is overseeing and managing TNR efforts supported by our members. This cute orange kitty was fixed and returned to his colony this month!