## **CUTTING THROUGH RED TAPE TO SAVE LIVES**

We are very often contacted to help in special cases where other agencies are unable or unwilling to help. As a case in point, we helped save a hospitalized woman's dog this month, who was locked in an apartment, with no one to care for him. The tenant, an elderly lady, was hospitalized on a Friday. That Monday morning, someone noticed the dog in her window and called Adult Protective Services (APS). To get access to the apartment, APS contacted the apartment manager, who informed them that he had lost the only key! APS contacted us, and we asked them to get permission to use Pop-a-Lock to open the door without a warrant. They got permission, but neither APS nor the apartment manager would pay the \$70 fee required to open the door. Meanwhile, the dog was desperate for food and water! To cut through the red tape, we paid Pop-a-Lock so that the local animal control agency could rescue the dog. (They didn't have permission to pay Pop-a-Lock either). Sometimes, it really shouldn't be that difficult to do the right thing.



Willow (pictured left, before and after) was seized in a cruelty case in late March. Look how well she's doing, just after a few months! Special thanks to Kelly Roy, Josh Spears and Brittany Ware, our top volunteer humane investigators in three parishes up north. Concordia's sheriff's deputies charged Willow's previous owner with animal cruelty and allowed Kelly and Josh to take custody of Willow, her colt, and two starving pit bulls. The case will likely be heard before the end of the year. Thanks to everyone involved in saving these animals!

SUCCESSFUL GIVE NOLA DAY MEANS HELP FOR ANIMALS IN NEED Thanks to all of you who supported our charity on GiveNOLA Day! The needed funds will go a long way towards paying veterinary bills and operating our animal care facilities during the long, hot summer. With the help of our supporters and volunteers like Kelly Roy, we were able to reach our \$17,000.00 goal. Kelly is a heroic volunteer - a top-notch rescuer and humane investigator. She supports local law enforcement by providing tips and leads, and she accepts custody of animals when search warrants are executed. This year, she also ventured into fundraising when she signed up to be one of our Give NOLA Day Animal Ambassadors. To thank Kelly for all of her work, her local sheriff, Sheriff Hedrick, asked what he could do in return. She asked if he could make a donation, explaining that she had pledged to raise \$500 for the Humane Society of Louisiana on *GiveNOLA Day*. HIs response? "Come pick up your check." Thank you, Kelly and Sheriff Hedrick! These great partnerships between our representatives and local law enforcement officers are key to fighting animal abuse statewide.

We were able to help little **Groot** this month, who was a victim of heartbreaking abuse. Some cruel person once tied a rope, cable, or leash around his mouth, cutting off his circulation and leaving a horrible wound around his entire muzzle. Fortunately, a rescuer intervened and took possession of the sweet little pup, turning over the evidence of abuse to local authorities. We agreed to help this month by providing needed veterinary care for the little one, including vaccinations and neutering. We are confident this now-loved puppy will have a happy life ahead of him, despite his incredibly traumatic start.





Very special thanks go out Kaare Johnson for spearheading another successful Humane May fundraiser and for helping us raise 10K for animals in need. We are also especially grateful to Michael O'Hara, who not only served as Honorary Marshall of the Humane May Dog Walk and Picnic but also contributed generously to the fundraiser.

Our members and supporters are awesome- always thinking of unique ways to help animals in need! Longtime supporters Coni & Mike recently raised funds for the Humane Society of Louisiana at an alien-themed birthday party, *The Aliens Have Landed!* Guests were asked to give donations to HSLA in lieu of presents for Mike's 70th birthday. What a fun idea!



Our longtime friend and Defender's Circle member, Truman Tench, has supported us generously for a very long time, but we are particularly grateful for his generosity over the past several months. Truman, thank you for caring SO much!

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