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**Dear Animal Defender,**

It's **Be Kind to Animals Month** and we couldn't be more grateful for your kindness. A special shout-out goes to our dear friend, veteran NOLA TV and radio personality, Kaare Johnson. We're so grateful to Kaare, for once again spearheading the annual 'Humane May' fundraiser. With his support, we were able to raise another 10K for animals in need. Thank you, Kaare!

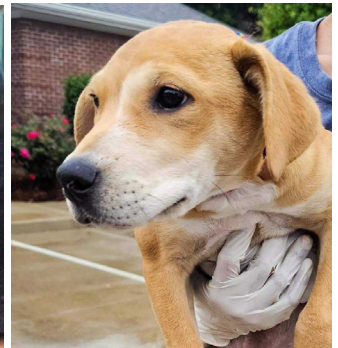
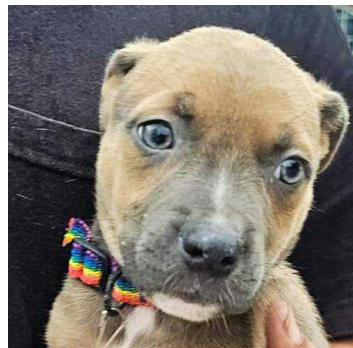
**30K MATCHING CHALLENGE FOR ADOPTION TRANSPORT VAN**



For many months, we've shared the sad news that our cross-country adoption transport opportunities have declined significantly, as shelters nationwide have experienced serious overcrowding and decreased adoptions, post-Covid. This month, we finally have some good news! Our northern adoption partners are slowly starting to accept more animals, and we've been able to rescue more homeless shelter pets, as a result. Even better news: our wonderful Board Secretary, Dr. Michele Johnson, recently contributed an amazing \$30,000 towards the purchase of a Dodge Ram Promaster van, to make sure we don't miss any opportunities to save Louisiana shelter animals. (Our last van was recently retired, and we've had to pay private transporters in recent months.)

The cost of the new van, with the required rear air conditioning system, is roughly \$60,000, so Dr. Johnson's extraordinary gift takes us half the way there. As our most committed donors, you already do so much, but if any of you are in a position to pitch in to help us raise matching funds for the van, we'd be extremely appreciative. We've included a donation card in this mailing specifically for that purpose. We're thrilled about this opportunity and very encouraged by developments on the animal transport front. We'll keep you posted and thanks in advance to anyone able to help.

*These pups were transported to loving families this month.*



**DOGS RESCUED FROM LIFETIME OF NEGLECT**

Union Parish Sheriff's deputies arrested and charged Kenneth Young, Jr. with criminally abusing his two dogs, Bill and Ted. Living in miserable and squalid conditions, the poor dogs endured years of severe neglect and starvation before their eventual rescue. It is truly the best feeling in the world to see sweet pups finally freed from lifetimes of misery. We are grateful to rescuers Deanna Prescott and Emily Goode, who arranged to get the dogs to New Orleans. We were able to provide for their medical care, thanks to your support.

