

## MIRACLE RESCUE: DOG RESCUED ALIVE FROM DUMPSTER



*Bella at the vet, after her rescue.*

It's hard for people who love animals to hear about horrible acts of cruelty - but at least this heartbreaking story has a happy ending. Over Mother's Day weekend, concerned neighbors noticed a small black dog crawling on the hot cement of a 4th-floor New Orleans balcony. The dog, Bella, had no food, water or shelter in the sweltering heat. When authorities were slow to respond, neighbors took action to save Bella's life. One volunteer coordinated the rescue efforts; another couple climbed to the roof to bring the dog water and food. When Bella later disappeared from view, three other women approached the owner and discovered that she had placed the injured dog in a plastic bag and tossed her into a dumpster! The women raced to the dumpster, found the sweet dog inside and quickly rescued her. They later returned and rescued the Mama dog's two puppies. All of the dogs were vetted and adopted within hours. Code enforcement officers eventually arrived at the scene and cited the owner for cruelty.

*HSLA Executive Director, Jeff Dorson, met for dinner with everyone involved in Bella's successful rescue to thank everyone for their help.*



*Bella's two pups also got a new lease on life!*



**HSLA's grassroots lobby team (right) met with pro-animal legislators in Baton Rouge this session.** We've been working hard to help impact the lives of Louisiana animals at the state capitol this session. We'll send you a full legislative report in next month's alert.

### A Message from a Supporter

*thank you*

*I would like to send a big shout out and thank you to the Humane Society of Louisiana for sponsoring the last 4 kitties I have in my care that needed Spay/Neuter surgery!!*

*They are having their procedures done today at SpayNation for Dogs & Cats which is an awesome facility that does amazing work sterilizing community cats at mass quantities!! I had the pleasure of meeting Jeff Dorson after 2020 Hurricanes Laura and Delta. He came to my home with a large, generous donation of food and litter.*

*Jennifer Joyce, May 2024*



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