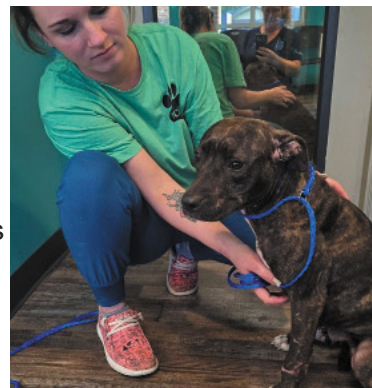


**Cagney's Journey: From Torment to Triumph** Thanks to your generous support, Cagney—a sweet, brindle pit bull terrier—has begun her journey to healing. Likely chained her entire life with multiple locks and tight collars, Cagney managed to escape her tormentors. Rescuers found her on the streets, bearing scars, wounds and lacerations that told a story of unimaginable suffering. Determined to bring her abusers to justice, we offered a reward and issued a press release to raise awareness about her case. By publicizing stories like Cagney's in local and parish newspapers, we not only expose perpetrators but also educate communities about the serious legal consequences of animal abuse. Together, we're helping victims like Cagney find safety—and creating a future where cruelty is no longer tolerated in Louisiana.



### Landry Pushes for Live Tiger Mascot Despite Widespread Opposition



While Louisiana grapples with urgent animal issues like pet overpopulation, Governor Jeff Landry seems fixated on one particular animal: a live tiger. Against the advice of LSU's renowned vet school and the opposition of the *Humane Society of Louisiana* and other groups, Landry orchestrated the November 9th appearance of Omar Bradley, a live Bengal tiger, at Tiger Stadium. The decision has drawn strong criticism from students, animal advocates and fans alike. Omar, transported from Florida, was confined in a cage and on the field for just seven minutes before being removed. LSU fans were unimpressed, with many calling the spectacle unnecessary and stressful for the tiger. The event was planned without LSU Vet School's approval or involvement. The university's mascot program has prioritized the welfare of Mike VII, LSU's official live mascot, by keeping him in his on-campus habitat. Instead, Landry partnered with Florida-based animal handler

Mitchel Kalmanson, whose history of USDA violations for improper treatment of big cats has sparked even more ethical concerns. The backlash against the stunt has been loud and clear. LSU's Student Senate unanimously passed a resolution urging the university to prevent any future live tiger appearances at football games. Landry's action contrasts with the growing national trend of universities moving away from live mascots. As apex predators, tigers are particularly sensitive to loud, chaotic environments like stadiums. Such displays also undermine efforts to protect these majestic animals in the wild. Governor Landry is reportedly persisting with this idea, despite widespread criticism. You can contact the governor's office to express your views about a live tiger mascot for LSU.

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**Dee Dee** injured her pelvis when she was struck by a car on Thanksgiving Day. To make matters worse, a pack of dogs viciously attacked her, when she couldn't flee or defend herself. The quick actions of a good Samaritan led to Dee Dee's rescue and your donations saved her life!



**Lucky Laura** was adopted this month! Just in time for the holidays!

### STILL UNPREPARED: LACK OF DISASTER PLANNING FOR LOUISIANA PETS



Following Hurricane Francine, HSLA reviewed Louisiana's readiness for safely evacuating people with pets. Sadly, we found that our state and local response apparatus is woefully inadequate. This is particularly troubling, since our leaders have had decades post-Katrina to focus on this issue. Our pre-storm communications with several public officials revealed a complete lack of planning for required pet-friendly evacuation shelters. This is obviously unacceptable. The lessons of Katrina are clear: pets must be able to evacuate safely with their families to help ensure everyone's safety. HSLA worked hard with many other humane agencies to secure the passage of new laws to achieve this goal. Sadly, it appears that just as with our state's anti-cruelty statutes, animal protection laws simply will not be enforced without rigorous and constant oversight. In 2025, before the next hurricane season, we'll be working with state leaders and emergency response agencies to address this situation.

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