



JULY 2020
Humane Society of Louisiana

Dear Animal Defender,

Between hurricane season and the pandemic, our work to save animals is facing challenges like never before. We deeply appreciate your compassion and support through the long, hot summer, when it's tougher to raise funds in the best of times. We promise to keep working hard to save lives and make a difference for animals.



*We were happy to make it possible for **Moon Pie** to get neutered this month in Pineville, in Rapides parish. Thanks to Alley Cat Allies, for helping us to provide additional and needed vet care during the Covid-19 pandemic.*



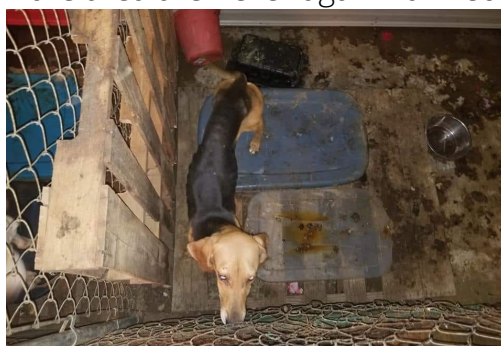
Small rural shelters sometimes contact us for help with vet bills in special cases, to save animals from euthanasia. We were happy to say 'yes' to a request to save the life of this senior beagle, who needed heartworm treatment and surgery for cataracts. Thanks to your support, this sweet senior pup was able to get a well deserved chance at a happy retirement.

Our State's Shelters in the Spotlight

For years, we've formed great partnerships with many shelters around Louisiana. We've also shined a spotlight on abuses at these facilities, when animals are treated inhumanely. We are always actively working for animals in both capacities. For example, this month, we were happy to put together a fundraiser which raised \$6000 for a small rural shelter in DeRidder, in Beauregard parish, after it was vandalized. The funds will be used for new security cameras and much needed equipment. We were also hard at work on behalf of a dog named Kain, who was deprived of needed medical care at the St. Tammany Animal Control shelter. Sadly, this public facility has come under fire for animal mistreatment by local animal advocates in recent months. Kain had been left untreated in a kennel with an injured leg for a year, before he was finally released to a rescue to receive needed surgery. Sadly, the leg could not be saved and amputation was required. We coordinated a call-in campaign to local officials this month to demand justice for Kain and to seek better treatment for impounded animals at the St. Tammany shelter. Reform efforts to improve the facility are ongoing.

Rescue Under Fire for Animal Mistreatment

While the vast majority of small animal rescues in our state do a great job for animals in need, with very limited resources, some of these groups can lose their way. Such cases are particularly unfortunate, when the founders started out with the best of intentions. In one such case this month, 39 animals were removed from terrible conditions from the *Catahoula Urban Tails* facility in Catahoula parish. Some did not survive. Many animals were documented to have arrived at the facility in good condition, only to have their health deteriorate significantly in the rescue's care. We are collecting witness statements and have retained an attorney to manage the case, to ensure animals in the area are never again harmed in this way.



Animals were found in heartbreaking and inexcusable conditions at the Catahoula Urban Tails Rescue.

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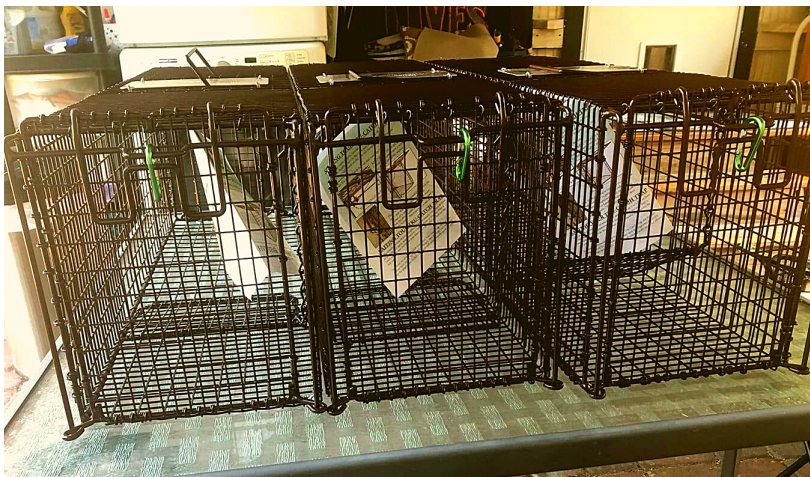
Hope Rescued on Verge of Death in Livingston Parish

We were very glad to be able to help Hope, a poor Walker Hound, who was rescued with no time to spare this month in Livingston parish. A neighbor heard a weak bark coming from the backyard of a nearby house. Luckily, she looked over the fence, where she spotted poor Hope, on the verge of death from starvation. Apparently, Hope's owner had died, and her family either forgot about or abandoned the poor dog. We turned over a report to the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office, and a detective has been assigned to review the facts of the case and determine who, if anyone, should be charged. For now, we are delighted that Hope is feeling better and has survived against the odds.



PUPPY PAD GIVEAWAYS CONTINUE TO SHELTERS AND RESCUES IN NEED

Last month, we told you about the incredible donation of more than \$60,000 worth of puppy pads we received from Hartz Mountain. On Saturdays this month, we held regular giveaways in Algiers, where scores of animal rescues and wildlife rehabbers received free supplies for their animals. We're delighted to have been able to help our animal-saving colleagues in such a significant way, saving them tens of thousands of dollars, which could instead be used for vet bills and other needs.



HELPING CAT TRAPPERS SAVE LIVES

Because they breed so often and easily here in our tropical climate, countless thousands of wonderful cats suffer terribly in our rural areas and on our city streets. That's why we support small trap-neuter-return groups and individual trappers who are making a difference by neutering homeless animals and caring for colonies. We were happy to send new traps this month to two hard working TNR groups. By making it possible to neuter more animals, this equipment will help them save thousands of lives over years of use.