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Humane Society of Louisiana

Dear Animal Defender,

The long, hot summer is upon us. With lots of animal-saving activities already underway, it's going to be a real push for us to prepare for hurricane season and keep our programs operating, in the midst of this serious economic downturn. An increasing number of *Defenders Circle* members have regretfully let us know they can no longer continue their monthly support, due to the economic downturn. We know times are hard, and we seriously appreciate those of you, who are able to keep contributing so generously, on behalf of Louisiana's abused, neglected and homeless animals. Thank you!

HSLA Coordinates \$60K Gift of Supplies for Local Shelters and Rescues. More on the Way!

Last year, we kicked off our first *Louisiana Animal Shelter Support Month* in June. Even with circumstances markedly different this year, we were determined to lend a helping hand to our state's underfunded shelters and rescues. Luckily, many companies have been assisting animal charities with pet food donations during these hard times, so we looked for another special way to assist. A major and ongoing expense for many small groups is the cost of puppy pads. The pads are widely used to line crates, both in shelters and for transports. (In 'days gone by' groups used lots of donated newspaper, but now that most people get their news online, puppy pads are even more in demand.) A small bag of pads can cost as much as \$20! When we were offered two huge mack truck loads of free puppy pads from *Hartz Mountain* this month, we knew we had to figure out how to accept this huge donation, valued at close to \$60,000! To store and unload the massive gift, we mobilized dozens of people, both in Mt. Hermon and in New Orleans to unload one truck at each site in the sweltering heat. With no loading dock, forklift or special equipment, the unloading was a serious challenge, but two crews worked tirelessly to get the job done. We rented two storage units in New Orleans and used the opportunity to get a much needed second shipping container at our *Enoch J. Donaldson Animal Sanctuary*. Every open space was filled to the brim with huge bags of puppy pads! The shelters were delighted to receive the free supplies.

We've held many giveaway days for 501(c)3 groups and wildlife rehabbers, helping these groups collectively save tens of thousands of dollars. We're saving on puppy pads, too - since we regularly use them for our transports. The giveaway was so successful, *Hartz Mountain* wants us to distribute another huge donation. This time, they'll be assisting with rabbit and bird food and other small animal supplies. We're very grateful for this new partnership!



*HSLA Board member Evie Burguières poses on a mountain of puppy pads, just a few of the thousands donated by **Hartz Mountain** this month.*



We were so happy to be able to help so many groups and shelters with puppy pads, like our friends at the Denham Springs Animal Shelter (above). Many groups have come multiple times to load up on supplies.



HOMER (aka Tweety) is one lucky pig. Two Kenner men bought him, intending to kill and eat him. When they began stabbing and slowly tormenting Homer, a neighbor heard his squeals of pain and contacted police. The men were charged with cruelty and Homer was seized. We found a place for him to recover and a farm animal sanctuary to accept him after he heals.

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Couldn't we all use more puppy pics in these difficult times? Well, here's our contribution for the month! Their lucky Mom, who was just about to give birth, was rescued from severe neglect. These precious little ones would likely have died, if they had been born into such terrible conditions. Thanks for saving their lives!

NEW SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASED THIS MONTH



Thanks to your kind support, we were able to purchase a badly needed commercial washer and dryer set and a dog grooming station this month. Replacing your washer or dryer? We can always use old ones if still running.

Lots of Improvements Underway at our Animal Care Centers

Last year at our first *Afternoon for Animals* fundraiser at *Andrea's Restaurant* in Metairie, we announced a campaign to raise \$200,000 for improvements and additions at our three animal care facilities. Although the Covid-19 emergency led us to delay the kick-off of that fund drive, you'll be hearing more about our exciting goals soon. We'll be working raise funds for new animal housing facilities, as well as renovations and additions, some of which are already underway.



ATTENTION NEW ORLEANS AREA SUPPORTERS:

We're looking for items valued at \$50 or more for the annual **Auctions in August** fundraiser at Gulf Coast Bank. Please go to our web site for info or contact us at info@humanela.org if you can help.



LAKE ARTHUR

We were happy to support a dog rescue effort in the rural area this month. Working with a nearby rescue group, we were able to successfully raise \$2000 for the care of a group of homeless dogs.

