



## Dear Friend of Animals,

*Thank you so much for your ongoing commitment to saving animals in Louisiana. Your partnership provides critically needed operating support, month after month, as we save lives and work to transform our state.*

## Pilot Program for Community Cats Launched in Oak Grove

It's our mission to help create more humane communities across Louisiana, but our state's elected officials are not always receptive to our suggestions. We were pleasantly surprised, however, when the one mayor was happy to take our recommendations on board this month. Mayor Adam T. Holland of Oak Grove, a small town in the northeastern corner of the state, contacted us for suggestions for humanely handling an uncontrolled cat population.

Apparently, several cat lovers had regularly been feeding animals at a local park. The animals had never been fixed, so their numbers of animals were naturally getting out of control. (Sadly, the cost of neutering animals is financially out of reach for many Louisianians, particularly in the rural areas of the state, where vets do not offer low cost or discounted services.) The Mayor listened to our suggestions, as we explained that trap-neuter-return is the most humane and acceptable method for managing cat colonies. It's fair to say that his sort of cat-friendly, open minded approach would not even be entertained by most Louisiana elected officials. Mayor Holland, however, agreed to a plan in which the Humane Society would co-manage a colony at the town's city park. We agreed to pay for the TNR costs, and the town will have small feeders installed. They will also instruct the feeders to work with us to get the cats sterilized and set up normal feeding times. We hope this partnership can be a model for community cat management in rural other towns.



**SUCCESS!** Five ducklings were rescued from certain death! The little ones were found in a drainage pipe near a Walgreen's in Algiers. Dominique Bouchette, a caring store employee, contacted us. With some luck and a short fishing net, we were able to scoop them up and transport them to a wildlife rehabber.



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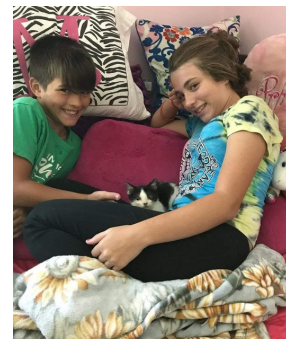
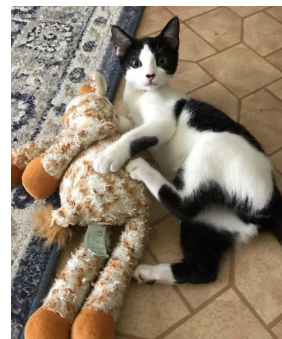
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*Hope, just after her miraculous rescue*

## Kitten Survives Horrible Ordeal, Finds Happy Home

We will never comprehend this cruel behavior, but we receive a shocking number of complaints about kittens being tossed from moving vehicles each year. Most often in such cases, witnesses are understandably too distraught and focused on helping the kitten or cat in peril to get a license plate number or other details about the perpetrators. As a result, most of these crimes go unpunished. Unlike most victims, Hope is one lucky kitten, who survived such an ordeal this month. A driver witnessed her being thrown from a vehicle in Marksville. The woman was able to pull over and was luckily able to locate the poor little one in the bushes. She rushed her to a vet, where we stepped in and arranged to pay for her emergency vet care, which included a leg amputation. The good news is that Hope has fully recovered and is now has a loving home.



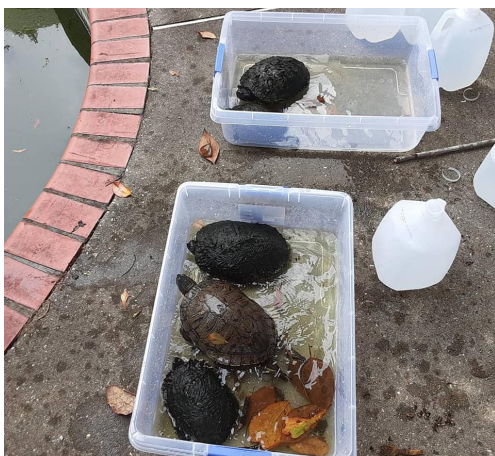


## TURTLES NEED LOVE, TOO!

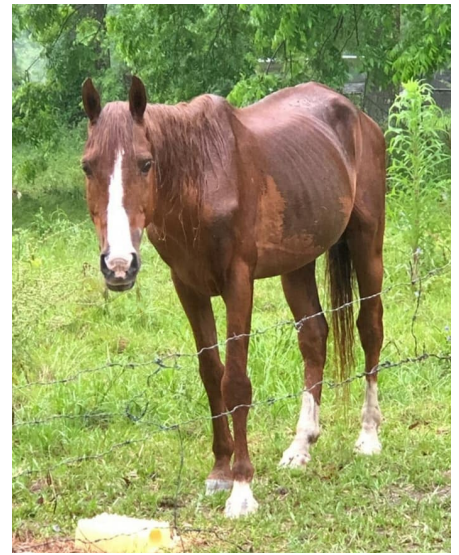


*Volunteer Jeri Enright helps with an ongoing turtle rescue operation in Algiers. Thanks, Jeri!*

A concerned citizen recently contacted us, after he discovered multiple red-eared slider turtles living in an abandoned swimming pool. At some point, the turtles managed to get in, but apparently couldn't get back out, after the water level subsided. The turtles have apparently lived in the barren environment for years, breeding and living on mosquitoes, gnats, and other insects. Our team put together a plan to relocate the turtles to the wild, where they belong. On our first day out, we captured and safely released six turtles; we returned the following day and with one of our go-to volunteers, Jeri, and caught an additional 10. The work continues!



*Turtles headed for a better life!*



## NEGLECTED HORSE RESCUED IN AVOYELLES PARISH

Supporters like you helped save Hotshot, a sorrell quarterhorse who was a victim of neglect in the town of Evergreen. Our contact in the area, Kelly Cole, had previously reached out to the owner, to urge him to provide better care for the animal. When days went by and no noticeable improvements were made, she contacted the police. They agreed with Kelly that the horse was being neglected, and they cited the owner with cruelty. Local law enforcement authorized a local horse rescuer to take custody of the horse until trial.

## Lifesaving Transports Still Saving Shelter Animals

Although the demand for homeless p̄ts has slowed considerably, as people emerge from Covid lockdowns, our team is still hard at work, rescuing animals from possible euthanasia at overcrowded shelters and transporting them to loving homes up north. Here are just a few of the faces of lucky pups rescued this month. Thanks to our crew for their tireless efforts to save them!

