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Humane Society of Louisiana

Dear Animal Defender,

As this month began, we were working hard to adopt the remaining Mardi Gras horses. We never dreamed we would soon face the Covid-19 pandemic, a crisis unlike any other. We'll keep working hard to defend and save animals in these difficult times. Just as we have through many disasters over the years. Now more than ever, we truly appreciate your support! Please stay safe and take care!

Major Dog Rescue in North Louisiana

Our phone has been ringing off the hook recently with cruelty and neglect cases, but a sad case involving at least 60 dogs was by far the most difficult and heartbreaking. A Bossier City resident, apparently a former breeder or hoarder, recently died. Sadly, she left behind scores of severely neglected dogs. Because local animal control had no way to house such a huge influx of animals, we agreed to help. The scene was heartbreaking. Dozens of frightened, sick and hungry animals kept outside (or at large) on the property. In addition to having health and behavioral problems, these sweet dogs were also covered with ticks. Two of the anemic puppies required emergency hospitalization, when we first took custody of them. Luckily, they rallied and survived. A few of the pregnant dogs gave birth during the initial rescue, as well. This was a very lucky break for the sweet young pups, who would have almost certainly died of flea and tick infestation, had we not arrived on the scene. This will be a difficult, long term project, as many of the dogs are in need of heartworm treatment and socialization. *Thank you for helping us save them!*



Sweet little Rocky (RIGHT) wandered up to a house in Clinton, in East Feliciana parish. The poor little dog was suffering from a painful prolapsed rectum. Humane Society donors like you made it possible for us to provide the surgery needed to save his life. We're happy to report that he is doing great in a new home.



In early March, we worked with the Evangeline Parish Sheriff's office and St. Landry Animal Control to help save three starving horses. The owner was charged with cruelty and two poor animals were seized. We're very sad to report that the poor little colt pictured below did not survive the ordeal. We will work hard to see that justice is served for all of these suffering horses.



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Marvel is on the mend!

Although we've never been funded or set up to provide 24 hour emergency services around the state, we still do our best to respond to late night calls for help, whenever we possibly can. One such recent, after-midnight case involved an injured Chihuahua mix, who was in serious danger.

The poor little dog was found severely hurt in rural Church Point, in Acadia parish. Several concerned citizens contacted an area rescuer, Amber Richard. She rushed the dog to an animal emergency clinic in nearby Lafayette. There, the dog was assessed to have several bleeding wounds.

She was also unable to move. The vet believed that the small dog was the victim of a vicious animal attack. Amber couldn't take on personal responsibility for the dog's care, so we agreed to sponsor the vet bill. The next day, we asked our Facebook community to pitch in and help, if they could. Thanks to their generosity, we were not only able to sponsor the dog's vet care: we were also able to assist a horse owner in the area, who had fallen on hard times and urgently needed help with feed. The dog's rescuer, Amber, was very grateful for the help! She named the lucky dog Marvel, which is French for 'miracle'. Thanks to all who helped, Marvel was soon released from the emergency room. She is on the road to a full recovery and a happy life.

A Dozen Dogs Rescued in West Carroll Parish



We were recently contacted by Jade's Paws to Rescue, a grassroots rescue group up north, in Caldwell parish.

The small group had recently learned about a case involving a dozen abused dogs in their community. The poor animals had been left behind to fend for themselves in an abandoned house. Because the small rescue was unable to accommodate a large group of additional dogs, the Humane Society agreed to take custody. We committed to caring for the dogs and getting them on a lifesaving transport to one of our no-kill adoption partners in the northern U.S. Isn't it great when groups are able to work together to save the lives of animals in need?



Who doesn't love a puppy pile-up?

Awesome Job, Team!



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SPOTLIGHT:

Very special thanks go out to our Mardi Gras horse adoptions A-Team, who wrapped up the program this month. Rachel Goyette, Brian Henderson and Nicholas Farley: you rock for saving 20 horses!

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