



Dear Friend of Animals,

Because of your kind support, we have been able to respond to more calls for assistance than we have in any other year. Your generosity is so deeply appreciated, on behalf of those we rescue and defend each month. Our apologies for some of our alerts being delayed - we will update you on all of our recent work in the next few weeks!

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87 Cats Rescued in 3 Cases This Month!



We routinely receive calls regarding people who have far too many cats than they can humanely care for and keep. Some of these are classic hoarding cases, but other incidents involve well meaning people who have simply gotten overwhelmed, often in communities with no low cost spay/neuter services, shelters or rescue groups. This month, we were able to remove scores of cats in urgent need from three homes in Webster, Avoyelles and East Baton Rouge parishes. Because of the circumstances in these cases, cruelty charges were not appropriate, although the need to remove the animals was extremely urgent. Luckily, the owners were eager to surrender the cats, with the knowledge they would receive vet care and placement in loving homes. We will update you on the progress of the kitties next month.

These Little Piggies Got Saved!

We love all animals of all kinds, but we must admit to having a real soft spot for pigs; they are as smart as dogs but rarely get shown a lot of love. This month, we were happy to be able to help some pigs in urgent need of help. Wilbur (*pictured right, upper*) was rescued after surviving a house fire in Denham Springs. As firemen were putting out a raging fire at an abandoned house, a neighbor remembered that the family had kept a miniature pig at the back of the property. When they checked out the area, they discovered that Wilbur was still there. The poor animal had not only managed to survive being abandoned - he had also survived the blaze. We were able to provide him with needed vet care, so he could be placed with a family. We were also able to save four miniature pigs in a separate case - one of whom is pictured at right. When their owner had threatened to shoot them, we intervened to save the animals. We also arranged for them to be placed in foster care. The pigs will be neutered and placed with caring adopters. In a related note, plans are underway to construct a pig and large animal housing area at our *Enoch J. Donaldson Animal Sanctuary*.





MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR COMMUNITY CATS

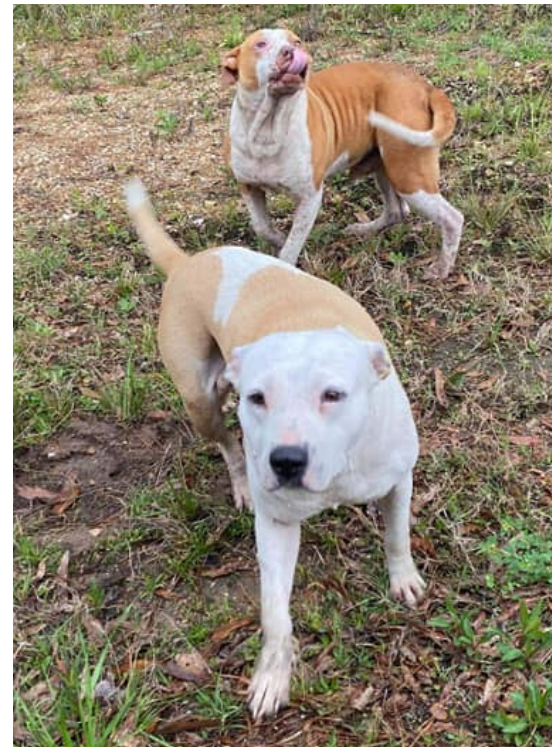
Thanks to our generous supporters, we are expanding our efforts to curb cat overpopulation. Heading into kitten season this year, we've made it possible for hundreds of cats to be trapped, neutered and released into managed colonies. Thank you for helping us prevent the suffering and death of potentially thousands of homeless kittens, both in rural and urban areas.



DUKE'S STORY

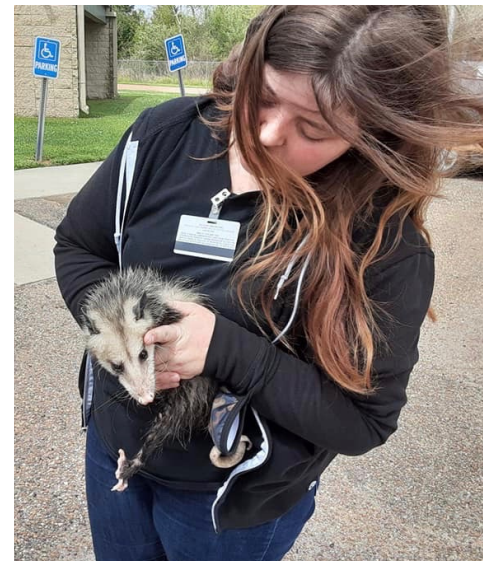
A brave rescuer asked us to help her save Duke. She had learned about his plight and rushed to save him.

The hound mix had been hit by a car and was struggling to survive by the side of a rural road in Acadia parish. The rescuer travelled to the scene and put herself in danger to rescue the poor dog. Suffering and in pain, Duke actually bit her arm, as even the nicest dogs may do in such difficult circumstances. Undeterred, she forged on and got Duke off of the roadside, into her car and to the nearest veterinary emergency clinic. Despite the recent setback of a GI infection, Duke is recovering well, after care and treatment provided by our supporters. After lots of rest and more healing, Duke, who would otherwise have suffered and died alone on the side of the road, will soon be able to find a loving home. We are happy to report his rescuer, Amber, is recovering just fine from the bite wound, too. Happy endings for all!



RURAL ROADSIDE RESCUE

We were happy to be able to help these dogs and the local rescuer who saved them. The two sweet dogs appeared to have been abandoned along a rural highway in Tangipahoa parish, but they are safe and comfortable now.



There are very few services for injured wildlife in Louisiana, but we do what we can to help individuals in need. We were able to rescue and deliver this injured opossum to Victoria Clarke at Jefferson Parish Animal Control, one of the few shelters that offers services for wild creatures. Special thanks to Kaare Johnson, who spotted this little guy on the neutral ground.