



**MAY 2020**  
**Humane Society of Louisiana**

## Dear Animal Defender,

As we continue offering new programs to meet the challenges of Covid-19, we're also working to adjust to a new normal. For the present, that means restarting adoption transports, preparing for hurricane season and reviving our push to improve and expand our 3 animal care facilities. We hope you and yours are keeping safe and healthy through this crisis. We deeply appreciate your support through these tough times.

## 55 Kitties Saved in One Lifesaving Transport!

We've all had so much bad news in recent months, we're happy to report at least one positive and unanticipated benefit of the recent pandemic. As Covid-19 has introduced many difficult changes to our lives, many people have used the additional time at home to welcome new cats and dogs into their families.

Apparently, social distancing has created a perfect opportunity for adoptions. People are also seeing how much animal companions can enrich their lives. Shelters and rescues across the country are being emptied out, as the demand for homeless cats and dogs for adoption has increased. As the nation

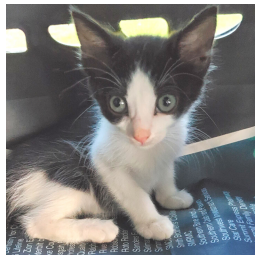
tentatively opens up again, this presents an exciting, new opportunity for homeless animals here in the South. We are delighted that we've been receiving many calls from our regular adoption partners and other great rescues up north, who are all in need of homeless animals for adoption.

Working with local shelter partners, we've recently been able to help make four lifesaving transports back to back. We've already saved hundreds of precious lives by transporting over 400 animals to our no-kill partners in just the last few weeks!

In the past, the need up north was primarily for dogs - mostly puppies. While that demand remains and has increased, there's even an additional need for kittens these days. One of our rescue partners recently pre-approved 55 cat adoption applications for families eagerly awaiting kittens. We're so pleased to report that something good has come out of all the recent heartache. We'll do all we can to save as many animals as possible in the coming months. Some of the kitties from the adorable '55 Kitten Transport' are pictured below - along with a few puppies who recently got their ticket out of the South, too.



Our ongoing food relief programs are helping people like Frank and cats like Kitty. Frank had fallen on hard times last year and was living at a New Orleans shelter, when he met and fell in love with a sick, homeless kitten near the facility. With no resources or a ride, he reached out to the Humane Society last year, and we were able to get Kitty needed medical care. Frank has since gotten a new place and HSLA is pitching in to get Kitty fixed this week. We also provided the pair with free cat food through our Covid-19 program.



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## Very special thanks to Kaare Johnson

### Successful 2nd 'Humane May' fundraiser for animals

New Orleans radio and TV host, Kaare Johnson, is a real friend of the animals and of the Humane Society of Louisiana in particular. He's invited our founder and Executive Director, Jeff Dorson, on his shows countless times to discuss important animal issues. He's also stepped up in an even bigger way to help animals in need. For the second year, Kaare hosted his 'Humane May' fundraiser to raise needed funds for our animal protection work. Of course, in such difficult times, we were particularly grateful that Kaare made such a major contribution to our cause again this year. Special thanks to Kaare's friends and fans, who pitched in to help this month.



## Rescued 'Princess' Becomes Social Media Darling



We received heartbreaking pleas to help a terribly injured homeless dog. She was spotted on the street with an eyeball hanging out of its socket in Baker, just outside Baton Rouge. Concerned people began posting photos of the poor dog on social media, and someone reached out to us to see if we could help. We agreed to pitch in to save the suffering dog. Animal lovers who had seen her heartbreaking 'before' pictures online donated to help with her vet bills. We're happy to report that a caring man who originally spotted the dog decided to adopt this special girl, who he named 'Princess'. We were delighted to have facilitated her rescue, recovery and adoption.



## COVID-19 CRISIS: HUNGRY ANIMALS STILL IN NEED

New Orleans residents continued to wait in long lines this month to receive urgently needed pet food as part of our ongoing pandemic response. Thanks to generous grants Alley Cat Allies and an anonymous donor, we will be able to continue our work to provide food and vet care to those in urgent need.

## ARREST made in violent attack on New Orleans woman and her dogs

Victoria Elmwood and her dogs were assaulted in a violent recent attack in the Bywater area of New Orleans. In an incident captured on security cameras, a man accosted Elmwood as she walked her pets, kicking her dogs viciously. He even tried to stomp on the head of one of poor animals. Luckily, Ms. Elmwood and her dogs escaped; she contacted the police department and HSLA. We were at the scene, when a neighbor spotted the suspect just a few blocks away. The victim quickly relayed the information to the NOPD's Fifth District. Officers responded quickly, and we were delighted to witness the arrest of the accused, Alexander Miller, as he was put into the police car. Miller was charged with assault and cruelty to animals and jailed. We will monitor this case through the court system and continue to assist in any way we can.



*We were happy to help Victoria Elmwood and her dogs.*



*Thanks to all of you who contributed on GiveNOLA Day in addition to making your monthly gift. Your kindness is truly appreciated during this unprecedented economic and health crisis.*

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