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Humane Society of Louisiana

Dear Animal Defender,

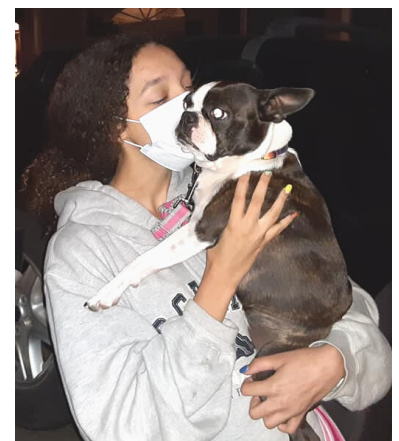
We had just sent last month's alert, about the record number of disasters we've responded to for animals this year, when we faced yet another crisis. Incredibly, another storm, Hurricane Zeta, had moved into the the Gulf and was threatening our state. **Zeta became the sixth named storm to strike Louisiana in 2020, eventually coming ashore as a strong Category 2 hurricane. Eventually moving directly over New Orleans, Zeta was the strongest storm to directly hit the Crescent City since records were kept, starting in 1859.** (Although a more powerful storm, Katrina did not make a direct hit on the city.) In any other year - one not distinguished by Covid-19, economic turmoil and political campaigns, our battered state's disasters would have generated greater relief support, in terms of donations and volunteers. With less tangible help, aiding animals this year has been extraordinarily tough. We simply could not appreciate your contributions more, when so many fundraising options are closed to us, at the same time many donors are less able to help. Thank you so much!

Stella! Beloved New Orleans Pet Recovered after Car Jacking

As we've been busy providing disaster relief, our work to fight cruelty and to defend animal crime victims has never stopped. One recent story, about a dog named Stella, had a very happy ending. On November 2nd, Stella, a much loved family pet, was the victim of a car jacking in Uptown New Orleans. The dog's Mom, Georgia Wilson, had just finished watching Amaya, her 14-year-old daughter, play a soccer match at the Fly. She had loaded Stella, the family's 4-year-old year Boston terrier, into the front seat, as she moved a few more items into the car. She put the key in the ignition and walked around to the back of the vehicle for a moment, to say goodbye to some of the other parents. In that instant, a young man quietly opened her driver's side car door and began backing up the vehicle. Ms. Wilson yelled at him, at first thinking he had accidentally gotten into the wrong vehicle. She soon realized that the young man was intentionally stealing her car. As he was pulling away, Ms. Wilson and Amaya yelled and begged for the driver to release Stella, but the heartless criminal simply stared blankly at them and drove away. Obviously, the family was devastated and contacted everyone they could to help recover their dog. When they contacted our office, we agreed to help, quickly issuing a press release, getting the word out to local media and offering a reward. While these situations can very often end in tragedy, we have been successful in recovering animals in such instances. You can imagine everyone's joy when a call came in, stating that a couple had spotted a dog meeting Stella's description, darting in and out of traffic. The caring couple stopped and managed to rescue the distraught pup, unharmed. We were cautiously optimistic that the dog was indeed Stella. When the Wilsons went to meet her, the miracle was confirmed. The family was overjoyed to be reunited with their precious Stella. With so much bad news recently, we were delighted to be a part of this happy ending and share the story with you.



Precious **STELLA** before the car jacking (above) and reunited with her overjoyed Mom (below) after her rescue.



*Happy
Thanksgiving*

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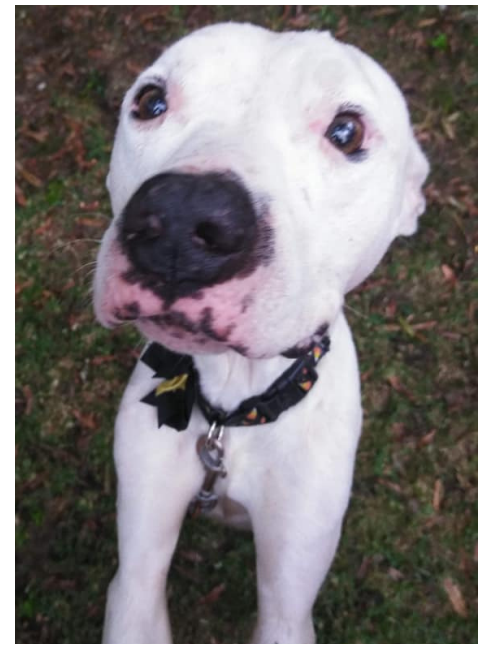
THANK YOU FOR HELPING GUNSLINGER: *Virtually every day, we receive heartbreaking calls about cats in urgent need. While kitties are beloved by so many of us, there are far too many heartless people, with an almost pathological hatred of our precious feline friends. We were glad that we were able to help Gunslinger, who was spotted on the street a few weeks ago, with what appeared to be a dislocated shoulder. A veterinary examination revealed that the poor little guy had in fact been shot. His leg required amputation, but he is expected to recover fully and start a new life, with a loving family.*

Thanks to all who participated in our

Pets for President Fundraiser...
and the winner is



Frankie the Opossum
The votes are all tallied for November's only election without any Donkeys or Elephants! Frankie - a maverick candidate who challenged several more 'mainstream' pets - pulled off a surprise victory, with a total of 662 votes out of 2395 total ballots cast. Frankie vows to use his prehensile tail and four opposable thumbs for the good of all American pets and their people.



SUCH A SWEET, SAD FACE
We were pleased to be able to help little Ozzy this month. The poor dog was rescued behind a grocery store dumpster in Hammond. Starving and alone, who knows what horrors this frightened young pup endured. Another less fortunate dog was found shot dead, tossed inside the same dumpster, where Ozzy was found. To give him a new start at life, we were happy to pay for his routine medical care and heartworm treatment.



Major Cat Rescue Operation Underway

Conditions were so squalid at one East Feliciana residence that Humane Society of Louisiana team members had to wear hazmat suits to remove more than three dozen cats and kittens in need. Although well intended, the elderly and disabled caregiver of the animals simply could not keep up with their needs or afford to neuter the new cats, who kept showing up and breeding at his property. We were alerted by a case worker from elderly protective services. Local law enforcement and neighbors had known about the sad situation for years but had not intervened, as the community has no shelter or animal control services. The animals are all receiving medical care and will soon be made available for adoption. We are also working to find assistance for the disabled elderly gentleman in need.

Giving Tuesday is December 1st, and we're excited to mark the annual day of giving with a matching funds drive. Up to 30K in donations will be matched to help us purchase an urgently needed adoption transport vehicle. If you plan to support Giving Tuesday, this is a great way to help! A special pledge form is enclosed if you'd like to participate - or pass along to an animal loving friend.

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