



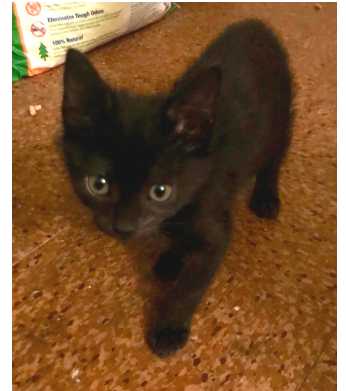
**OCTOBER 2020**  
**Humane Society of Louisiana**

## Dear Animal Defender,

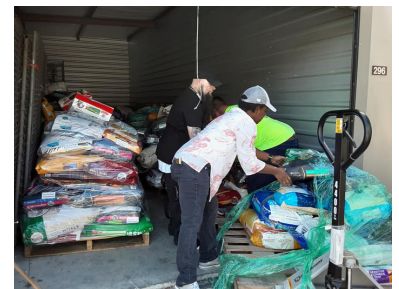
Like everyone in Louisiana, we are eagerly awaiting the end of a devastating and exhausting hurricane season, while still nervously eyeing the Gulf. Even though it's late in the year, it seems nothing is impossible in this year of disasters. With your support, we'll keep working to make a lifesaving difference for animals.

## Saving Animals in Louisiana's Disasters

It's hard to understate what a challenging year it has been for everyone. Our original plan for the year - to focus on upgrading and expanding our animal care facilities - took a back seat to disaster response, starting with Covid-19, continuing with spring tornadoes and moving into a summer spent preparing for and responding to a record number of hurricanes. We were in the 'cone of uncertainty' for hurricane landfalls an incredible six times this summer! This month, as we were continuing our ongoing response to Hurricane Laura - during which we saved more than 1000 homeless animals in harm's way - Hurricane Delta once again brought devastation to our state. As such, our already important work in the disaster zone - transporting animals in need, supporting small shelters and distributing needed supplies - continued in earnest. We've already rescued more than 300 additional animals, and our efforts are ongoing. Sadly, this hurricane season also revealed some serious deficiencies in our state's disaster relief infrastructure for animals. Despite laws having been passed and programs established after Katrina, we found much of the governmental response to the recent hurricanes to be woefully inadequate from the animal protection standpoint. With some exceptions, we encountered instance after instance of laws not being enforced or animals being left out of disaster response plans entirely. Apparently, in the same way that our cruelty laws often go unenforced without rigorous oversight, laws that protect animals in disasters are also subject to being overlooked, ignored or dismissed out of hand. To resolve this situation will require nothing short of our establishing a new, permanent campaign to ensure that parishes, municipalities and government agencies are adequately planning and preparing to aid animals in future disasters. We are compiling and will be releasing an after-incident report on this year's hurricane season in the coming weeks. We are also preparing to take on a new role as watchdog agency for the state's disaster response programs for animals. We certainly have a lot already on our plate, but this is a critical new role we must play, to ensure animals do not suffer needlessly in future disasters.



Little **ESMERELDA** wishes you a magical Halloween and an enchanting fall season. Rescued with her sister, Samantha, just before Hurricane Laura, the two bottlefed kitties, still just 8 weeks old, are looking for a loving home.



We have been working nonstop in this year of disasters to provide food to animals in need. We were very grateful to Science Diet this month for donating an incredible \$200,000 worth of food for our hurricane and Covid relief efforts.



*We say a fond farewell this month to longtime Defender's Circle member and friend, Ann Cadro, who recently passed away. Ann was a true lover of animals, who supported our work for decades. Rest in peace and thank you for your kindness, Ann! We will miss you.*

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## Pets for President Fundraiser

*Had enough of Elephants and Donkeys this election season?* Why not participate in our

election themed, politics-free Facebook fundraiser? Candidates include dogs, a cat, a horse, a hedgehog and an opossum, all of whom are competing for your vote. Polls indicate that while all candidates are still in the running, *Frankie the Opossum* has taken an early lead over *Mr. Tigglesworth*, the hedgehog, and *Tea Biscuit*, the cat, who are currently neck and neck in the second and third spots. Make your voice heard by casting your ballot today! All 'votes' are \$1.00, and we'll look the other way if you vote multiple times.

After all, who says big money can't buy an election?

**Go to [www.facebook.com/petsforpresident](http://www.facebook.com/petsforpresident) to participate!** Just hit the 'Donate' button on the post for the candidate of your choice. Contest ends Nov 3rd.



We were glad to be able to help save little Bo, who incredibly survived a terrible ordeal and near starvation. Spotted on the street by a caring woman, the skeletal little dog was rushed to a vet, where we provided him with fluids and round the clock care. Luckily, Bo responded very well to treatment, and his rescuer, Ms. Williams, who fell in love with the little guy when she saved him, decided to adopt the precious little pup.



*Small rural shelters often contact us to help specific homeless animals. Many such facilities have no budget for vet bills or anything but basic food and care. We were recently asked to help a homeless shelter dog named Bullet, an escape artist, who managed to flee his kennel during routine cleaning. Unfortunately, he chased a nearby horse and ended up getting a painful kick in the mouth. We agreed to get Bullet the vet care he needed for his jaw injury, which included extracting four broken teeth. While at the vet, we neutered him and gave him other needed care, as well, so that he's ready now for adoption to a loving home.*



*We were happy to help a bird rescuer in the direct path of Hurricane Delta, by buying emergency cages for rescued pigeons, doves and chickens. Luckily, she and all of her feathered friends kept safe through the storm.*