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Dear Friend of Animals,

Since Hurricane Ida brought widespread destruction to our state as a devastating Category 4 hurricane, many of our friends and supporters here in Louisiana have endured incredible hardships. We hope that all of you, who have been impacted by Ida, have a speedy recovery. For those of you in a position to help, we sincerely appreciate your support at this difficult time.

SAVING THE ANIMAL VICTIMS OF HURRICANE IDA

The Humane Society of Louisiana has been working tirelessly to aid the animal victims of Hurricane Ida. Even before the storm made impact, when the hurricane first took deadly aim at Louisiana, we initiated multiple rescue missions to save homeless shelter animals in harm's way. At the same time, our New Orleans team and 17 animals evacuated north to our Merry Wood Refuge, which is two and a half hours north of the city. Even at this more inland location, the powerful storm felled huge trees and knocked out power at the refuge, as well as at our nearby *Enoch J. Donaldson Animal Sanctuary* and *Animal Transport Center*. Luckily, despite damage to outer buildings and many downed trees, all of our crew members and animals were safe. Immediately after the storm, we began a difficult disaster response in extremely harsh conditions. In the relentless heat - with no electricity and with fuel, food and supplies scarce - we worked tirelessly to save the storm's animal victims. Our team worked around the clock to organize transports, rush supplies around the state and respond to emergencies. From managing and distributing huge donations of relief supplies, to providing emergency veterinary care for injured animals, our expanded programs will be urgently needed for some time, as local people and animals struggle yet again to recover from disaster.

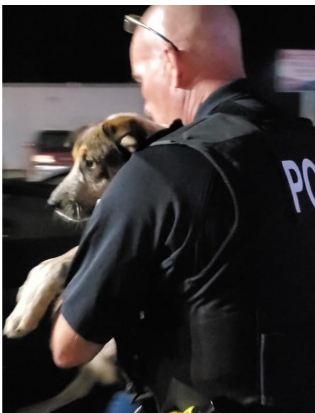


This little kitten was severely injured during the hurricane and required a leg amputation.



Scores of national and local adoption partners are working with us to transport homeless storm victims to no-kill shelters around the country.

OUR WORK AROUND THE STATE DOESN'T STOP



*Even in the midst of the relief effort, HSLA never stopped taking calls for help and responding to cruelty reports from around the state. **Cadillac Jack** (above, left) was hit by a car in one such case near Lafayette. Rescued by a police officer, who later decided to adopt the sweet dog, we helped by paying for the severely injured pup's emergency vet care. We also took custody of 13 neglected Maltese dogs (above, right) after their owner's death, to name just a handful of the many emergencies which have been keeping us busy.*

Snapshots from the Ida Rescue & Relief Effort



1200+ animals evacuated and rescued and counting. Countless thousands helped with food relief, veterinary assistance and more. Thank you for making our ongoing work possible!