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From The President's Dog House: August turned out to be a challenging month for us. There was the mass killing of nearly all of the animals at Hammond Animal Control on August 4th. This tragedy received local and national attention, and is still under investigation by the Humane Society of LA. There are some inconsistencies in the records as to the number of animals taken in and ultimately killed due to an unverified disease. Please be assured that we are reviewing every piece of PROVABLE information that we receive. Several people who were at the facility on the 4th have been advised by their attorneys to give no further statements, which has made our efforts to investigate this matter even more difficult. Our investigation is ongoing, and we thank everyone who has worked to keep this issue in the news, and before the Parish Council. I have been asked to serve on the advisory board to interview/select the new Director for Hammond Animal Control, so we hope to have a positive impact in that regard. Hurricane Gustav finished out the month, causing us to REALLY scramble to provide safe housing for our 40+ rescues. This simply would not have been possible without the help of several caring and generous members of the community (see "Thanks to our HSLT Angels" below).



Paws for the Current News

 We are absolutely ecstatic to report that a local and generous animal lover (who wishes to remain anonymous) donated 20 10' by 10' chain link kennels for our rescues, as well as ALL the temporary kennels needed to relocate our 40+ rescues to a brick building in Hammond. They have also committed to providing Science Diet Dog and Cat Food for all our rescues on a monthly basis! This is GREAT news for our rescues and our budget! Given the recent economic conditions, donations have been down significantly; these donated items could not have come at a better time.



 Members of the Cookbook Committee had several meetings at the Old N'Awlins Cookery Restaurant over the past few months to make decisions for printing and publication of the cookbook. All typed and proofed recipes were submitted to the printer for publication at the end of August. Production time should be around 40-50 days. Cookbooks should arrive in time for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Our cookbooks will make excellent Christmas gifts! Cost per book will be \$10.00. If you have not already done so, please reserve your cookbook ASAP by emailing or calling any of the Cookbook Committee members: JACKIE WHARTON (jackentm@bellsouth.net / 985-386-6099), BECKY JOHNSON (rjohnson@selu.edu), or LYNN BOYLE (tandl@i-55.com). The winning title for our cookbook (chosen by Randy & Lynda Stegall) is, **RECIPES from PET LOVERS... "BONE-APPETIT"**. Congratulations to our winners for their creative cookbook title submissions: Mary Davis (Bone-Apetit), and Lynn Boyle (Recipes from Pet Lovers). Lynn also submitted a subtitle which will be used on the inside title page: "Favorites from members and supporters of Tangi Humane Society".

🐾 The Humane Society of LA has a new chapter in neighboring Washington Parish: the “Magnolia Chapter.” The new officers are: Kay Grantham, President (kgrantham@bellsouth.net); Joan Carrier, Vice President (jctcarrier47@aol.com); Holly Gambino, Secretary (samtey72@bellsouth.net); and Pam Dychtwald, Treasurer (pdychtwald@bellsouth.net). Their goals are to develop a low-cost spay/neuter program in the parish, create an educational program on the importance of spay/neuter, and set up a network of foster/adoptive homes. President Kay Grantham reports, “We have found that there are a lot of people doing rescue work in this parish on a small scale. We want to link them together so we can all help each other. We are a very rural parish and there is a ‘neighbor helps neighbor’ attitude. We want to tap into that.” We wish them all the best in their efforts to help the animals of Washington Parish.



Thanks to our HSLT Angels

- 🐾 Dennis Bresher and Harold Wager of Pioneer Properties, LLC, who generously allowed us to house our 40+ rescues in their building in Hammond during Hurricane Gustav and into the future.
- 🐾 Sammy Manino of Hammond, who gave us use of their 16-foot trailer to haul donations of pet food, kennels, and to transport our rescues to safety before Hurricane Gustav arrived.
- 🐾 Fran Kraus, who generously donated a used generator for our shelter to use in emergencies.
- 🐾 Huge thanks to Lynn Boyle, Becky Johnson, and Jackie Wharton for their countless hours of dedicated service in putting together our first cookbook fund-raiser.
- 🐾 All who donated items to our fund-raising garage sale held in June. It brought in \$288!
- 🐾 Special thanks to Summer Garner at North Oaks Medical Center for coordinating the use of their large tent for our Pet Adoption Day held in June at Cool Cats Hot Dogs. Both humans and canines were able to enjoy shade for the big event.
- 🐾 Betty Bashara, who gave a donation “in honor of my friend with a huge heart, Jackie Wharton!”
- 🐾 Eternal thanks to Mr. Fred Schmitt of Waveland, MS; a mild-mannered man who left this world leaving whatever little money he had to help animals which he dearly loved all his life.
- 🐾 Cool Cats Hot Dogs for obtaining the support of Dogswell, who generously donated 500 lbs. of healthy dog treats for our rescued animals. The great folks at Cool Cats Hot Dogs are also serving our community by helping to sponsor the Spay/Neuter van coming to Ponchatoula on a regular basis.
- 🐾 Thanks **ALWAYS** to our members and friends for their generous and continued support.



Randy Stegall at Cool Cats Hot Dogs with donation of healthy dog treats from Dogswell



Spotlight on: Gumbo!



Howdy! My name is Gumbo and I'm looking for a home. I had one that I shared with two other dogs and a cat and a bird. But for some reason, one day all the people left. We animals were left all alone in the abandoned house. After a day or two, I broke out of the house in search of food and water. That's when somebody called the Sheriff's office. A deputy came over and found us, then called the Tangi Humane Society. I've been living here for four months now and have been to the Vet to get all my shots. I've also spent some time with other dogs and children. As soon as I get neutered they say I'll be ready for a new family to come adopt me. I'm so

excited! I love people, especially when they pet me behind my ears. I'm about 3 years old, and as you can see I'm kind of big. They think I may have some American bulldog in me. I have beautiful markings, and would love to have a fenced-in yard to call my own. I promise to be a good dog if someone will just give me a chance to learn the rules. Please consider giving the shelter a call at 985-351-0181, or send an email to tangihumane@charter.net. Be sure to ask about me, Gumbo!



Welcome to Our New & Renewing Members of the Pack

Julie Bates
Rob Johnson

Carolyn Carona
Marla Kelly

Gail Digby
Ava Ladell

Delores Fernandes
Jen Matheny

Sarah Gibson



Take Good Care of Your Furry Friends

Is your pet enjoying the benefits of good health? Providing your pet with the best daily care possible not only saves you money at the vet, but helps them to live a long and happy life. Check out these websites to see what steps you can take to provide the best care for your beloved pet(s):
www.dogage.com Offers a brief test to see how young/old your dog is based on their daily lifestyle.
www.catage.com Offers a brief test to see how young/old your cat is based on their daily lifestyle.

Does your pet sport an I.D. tag everyday? Even pets in fenced yards can get out and become lost. An I.D. tag makes it easy for anyone who finds your pet to contact you immediately. Even if your pet is microchipped, consider an I.D. tag for the same reason. Best of all, the fine folks at Gold Star Trophies in Baton Rouge will make pet I.D. tags for all of your pets **free of charge!** Simply mail them the following information along with a self-addressed stamped envelope, and they will mail the pet I.D. tag back to you: 1) your pet(s) name; 2) your area code and phone number; 3) your name; 4) whether your pet is a cat or a dog; and 5) any other contact or important medical info. (20 letters per line maximum). Mail all to: Gold Star Trophies (Pet ID Tag), 6220 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806. If you have any questions, you can call them at: 225-928-4230.



June - August 2008 Adoptions

7 puppies, and 2 pit bulls were adopted via help from the Monroe Humane Society.
2 cats were adopted out during the garage sale in June.
A male Pekenese/Daschund mix puppy now has a new home in Hammond.
Bowie, the male St. Bernard mix, now has a happy home in Gonzales.
Buddy, the male Shepard Husky mix, now has a forever home in Monroe.
Coty, the male German Shepard mix, now has a loving new home in Madisonville.
Cisco, the male Whippet/Italian Greyhound mix, now has a new home in Hammond.
Gabbie, the female white-coated, blue-eyed short hair cat, now has a great new home in Albany.
Gina, the female German Shepard puppy, now has a happy home in New Orleans.
Gizmo, the male Pomeranian mix puppy, now has a new home in Ponchatoula.
Maxie, the female Border Collie mix, now has a new home in Baton Rouge.
Sparky, the male fox Terrier, now has a new place to call home in Mandeville.
Shadow, the male Australian Shepard mix puppy, now has a new home in Baton Rouge.
Tangy, the female Catahoula shepherd mix, now has a happy new home in Ponchatoula.
Taffy, the female wire-haired Terrier, now has a great new home in Hammond.



HELP WAG OUR TAILS: PLEASE VOLUNTEER OR DONATE

- 🐾 We still need donated funds, goods, or services to have a cement slab placed under the newly-donated kennels, so our rescues can have a clean and sanitary living area.
- 🐾 Donations of laundry detergent and bleach used to clean kennels and bedding can be dropped off at Cool Cats Hot Dogs in Ponchatoula, or at Pioneer Properties, 10452 Highway 190 West in Hammond (2.5 miles west of Interstate 55 on 190 West).
- 🐾 Our rescues LOVE to take walks each day, and some need the practice to learn how to walk on a leash. If you would like to help our rescues simply by taking them for a walk, please contact Randy Stegall at: 985-351-0181 to schedule a time to come by. You will be reimbursed with wags of joy!
- 🐾 1-2 hours on a Saturday, or when available to help clean kennels, cages, or wash/dip dogs.
- 🐾 We are still accepting donated items for our Garage Sale to be held in the fall. All proceeds will go to benefit the Humane Society of LA-Tangipahoa Chapter. Please contact Randy Stegall at: tangihumane@charter.net for details.
- 🐾 We'd love to have someone who is knowledgeable with basic obedience training skills to work with our rescues on a weekly basis with such things as walking on a leash, sit, stay, etc.
- 🐾 One-time donations are always welcome, and can be made payable to: Humane Society of Louisiana-Tangipahoa Chapter, P.O. Box 1743, Ponchatoula, Louisiana 70454.





Howl of the Month

If you can start the day without caffeine,
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct her/him,
If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without liquor,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

...Then You Are Probably The Family Dog!



Purrfect Thoughts For the Month

"Beauty without vanity ... strength without insolence... courage without ferocity, and all the virtues of man without its vices."

~Lord Byron, speaking on dogs. He also had this engraved on his dog's gravestone

If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men.

~St. Francis of Assisi

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