

LIFE notes

*LIFE prides itself on helping those in need and for being the champion for those who cannot speak
but who enrich our lives and everyday make us a little more... human.*

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Rescue Edition



Giving Hope and Healing:

Upcoming events

The images were horrific. I know many of you watched, just as I did, as waters as high as 34 feet engulfed homes, streets, bridges and businesses in West Virginia. At least two-dozen people, including children, lost their lives. More than 1200 homes were destroyed or severely damaged. It was the deadliest flash flood event in the United States since the Tennessee floods in 2010.

Amid this terrible tragedy - for which we all mourn - there was a ray of hope. Thousands of animals caught, abandoned, lost, and injured in the flooding were given life-saving gifts of help and hope thanks to our partnership with American Humane Association. Indeed, one of the two 50-foot-long Lois Pope LIFE Red Star Rescue Vehicles was immediately deployed to the area, rushing to the scene with a corps of 10 highly trained volunteers and animal doctors to provide rescue services, veterinary care, food, and love to pets and other animals whose owners' homes were destroyed. (continued on page 2)

September 10, 2016

American Humane Association
Sixth Annual Hero Dog Awards
Sponsored by
the Lois Pope LIFE Foundation
Los Angeles, California

Friday, November 18, 2016

"Lady in Red" Gala Pre-Party
Hosted by Provident Jewelry
Jupiter Florida
By Invitation

December 3, 2016

LIFE's "Lady in Red" Gala
"Speakeasy"
Starring the Empress of Soul,
Gladys Knight
The Mar a Lago Club
By Invitation

To learn more or to donate, visit
www.life-edu.org or call 561.582.8083.

(continued from page 1) There was Jake, a Golden Retriever, who was inexplicably shot through the hind legs by an unknown assailant during the disaster. American Humane's veterinarian Dr. Staubus, accompanied by a pre-vet school assistant named Haley, was able to perform emergency surgery on the pup, who made it through the operation and is now doing well.

A baby fawn, whose mother died, was in shock and needed immediate care. She was revived and given a new lease on life...as were 42 dogs and eight cats who were treated at the mobile clinic aboard the Rescue Vehicle. The on-the-ground team also conducted spaying and neutering, and worked on arranging transports to safer areas. To date, more than 1,000 animals, including cats, dogs, and wildlife have been helped and more are coming in for assistance every day.

In fact, there has always a long waiting line for veterinary care, emergency food and other supplies ...and, of course, unconditional love! And considering that there is no shelter, animal control or even a veterinarian in Clay County, one of the areas hardest hit in the flooding, the work done by American Humane's team with the Lois Pope LIFE Red Star Rescue Vehicle was nothing short of Herculean!

In 1916, American Humane accepted an invitation from the War Department to help animals used by the U.S. Army during WWI. With the acceptance of that invitation, the American Red Star Animal Relief Program was born. Today, 100 years later, the Red Star team continues to respond to natural and/or man-made disasters, including animal cruelty, to assist animals and communities in crisis. It does so with new tools in its arsenal: two Lois Pope LIFE Red Star Rescue Vehicles.

Having these massive mobile hospitals-shelters is critically important. When disaster strikes, pets and animals are generally the most vulnerable. As families rush to gather themselves and some belongings and seek safety, their pets and other animals can become afterthoughts. They cannot speak for themselves. But because of our support, American Humane's emergency rescue team is ready to hop aboard the Lois Pope LIFE Red Star Rescue Vehicles and go wherever and whenever animals are in need.

I urge you to learn more about these special tractor-trailers and the Red Star program by visiting <http://www.americanhumane.org/humane-intervention/#redstarrescue>.

Love,

Lois



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