



City of Slidell

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Noah's Wish Organization Honored by City of Slidell

In the days, weeks, and months following Hurricane Katrina, an extraordinary group of volunteers, Noah's Wish, has been tirelessly working in Slidell to help save as many displaced and abandoned pets as possible. Because of their commitment to the City of Slidell, the volunteers of Noah's Wish were honored twice this week by the Slidell City Council and by Mayor Ben Morris. Honored at the presentations were Noah's Wish Director Terri Crisp, Training Director Sheri Thompson, Tammy Harlan in charge of Animal Intake, and Donna Wackerbauer in Rescue. These four women have been working in Slidell since the first few days after the hurricane.



Noah's Wish is a non-profit organization that works exclusively to rescue and shelter animals in disasters. Noah's Wish has had a long partnership with the Slidell Office of Animal Control and stood ready to help our community as Hurricane Katrina approached the Gulf Coast. As soon as the hurricane passed, Noah's Wish went into action, rescuing animals throughout the area. Noah's Wish and the Slidell Office of Animal Control erected a temporary animal shelter at the city's Public Operations facility to provide food and safety to those displaced pets. In addition, they handed out free

dog food and cat food to the public. From their Slidell shelter, Noah's Wish has saved and cared for over 1,870 animals in the area and has helped feed over 3,750 pets in Slidell and neighboring communities.

Noah's Wish has had over 950 volunteers from around the country working in the Slidell shelter. They represent almost every state and even Canada. They will begin moving their operation out of Slidell in mid-November; however, their goal continues to be to reunite as many animals with their families as possible. Their job will not be complete until every pet in their care finds their family or is adopted into a loving new home.

If you have displaced your pet or are interested in adopting one of the hundreds of animals still at the Slidell shelter, please visit the shelter at 1325 Bayou Lane next to Heritage Park. While you are there, please thank the many volunteers of this wonderful organization for their commitment to the recovery of our community.

Pictured above: Damien Anti of Slidell Animal Control, Sheri Thompson, Donna Wackerbauer, Mayor Ben Morris, Tammy Harlan, Terri Crisp, and Slidell Building Safety Director Dean Born.

Pictured below: Slidell City Council President Marti Livaudais, Council Members Kevin Kingston and Elsie Burkhalter, Horace Troullier, Donna Wackerbauer, Sheri Thompson, Tammy Harlan, Billy Dwyer, Terri Crisp, David Bergmark, Damien Anti, and Dean Born.

