

## New Orleans Animal Shelter Reopens

**Hurricane Katrina destroyed the facility.**

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Roughly a year-and-a-half after its New Orleans shelter was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, the Louisiana SPCA has opened a new, state-of-the-art New Orleans Animal Rescue and Care Center.

The new animal shelter was designed with the animals' and potential adopters' interests in mind. Each of the animal areas has its own air exchange system with individual vents. In addition, six exercise yards were built to offer the opportunity for multiple volunteers and staff to spend one-on-one time with the pets. Adoptable cats reside in a kennel complete with a soft bed and a privacy area.

The construction of the \$8 million animal shelter was accomplished through donations.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held May 18 for the new animal shelter and, throughout this weekend, tours are planned. Presentations, refreshments and giveaways also are planned for throughout the weekend.