**LOUISIANA** — Rescue crews went into a warehouse last year to save nearly 800 rats and reptiles before they were trucked to a nearby airport for evacuation. The animals were then flown to various locations, including California, where they were housed in large warehouses and fed water and food. The conditions were so poor that many of the animals died of dehydration or starvation, according to a report from PETA. The organization initiated the investigation after receiving a tip from a whistleblower. The report found that the animals were kept in cramped conditions, with little space to move and no access to clean water or food. The animals were also exposed to extreme temperatures, with temperatures inside the warehouses reaching up to 100 degrees Fahrenheit. The investigation also found that the animals were not being treated properly, with some being left without food or water for days at a time. PETA is calling for an end to the treatment of animals in this manner and is urging the government to take action to ensure that animals are treated humanely.