

PETA's LOCAL WORK

April–June 2016



Mobile Veterinary Spay/Neuter Clinics

PETA owns and operates four mobile clinics that serve communities in southeastern Virginia, from Emporia to Cape Charles and many locations in between—including Boykins, Franklin, Gloucester County (where the local shelter reports a drop in intake numbers, adding that “the monthly clinic ... has really made an impact”), Hampton, Hopewell, Isle of Wight County, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, and Williamsburg. A total of **3,041 animals were spayed or neutered** at low or no cost to prevent unwanted births during this quarter. Of those, **1,567 surgeries were performed free of charge** or for a token fee for indigent families. Since the program’s inception in 2001, a total of 132,338 dogs, cats, and rabbits have been spayed or neutered at PETA’s clinics.



The City of Norfolk awarded PETA a \$25,000 grant to perform free spay/neuter services for qualifying residents. This grant has enabled our high-volume spay/neuter program to offer even more help to areas of our community that need our services the most. So far, we have completed 130 surgeries under the grant, which will run for a year.

We continued our **partnership with Animal Resource Foundation** in White Marsh, issuing vouchers to subsidize spay/neuter surgeries. This quarter, we spent \$5,993.26 on 87 surgeries through this program.

Free Transport TO AND FROM FREE SPAY/NEUTER APPOINTMENTS

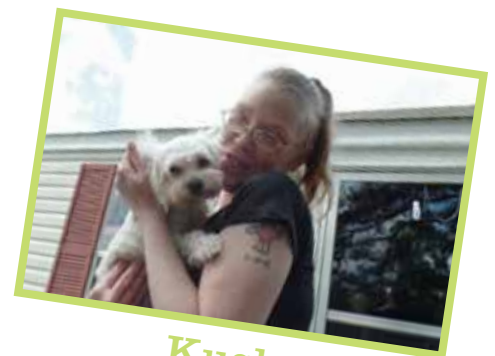
- We transported **Angel, Baby Girl, Kush, Oreo, Snowflake, and Zoey**—among dozens of other animals—free of charge to and from their free spay and neuter appointments.



Angel



Baby Girl



Kush



Oreo



Snowflake



Zoey

Retention, Rehabilitation, and Rescue

- Beloved senior dachshund **Emmy Lou** was suffering from a painful tooth infection, and her indigent guardian was unable to afford vet care. We transported her to and from our mobile clinic, where she received pain medication and antibiotics and her blood was drawn to see if she was a candidate for dental surgery. Her guardian, who is also a senior in compromised health, was so thankful for PETA's help that she cried.
- **Reba's** guardian called PETA for help because Reba had been terribly itchy, she was missing much of her fur, and her skin felt hot to the touch. Our clinic veterinary team examined and treated her free of charge.
- We got **Pepper** checked out by a local veterinary clinic, and he received antibiotics and pain medication for a mouth injury.
- Six-year-old **Sarah** had a severe uterine infection, but her guardians could not afford the \$1,800 quoted for an emergency spay surgery at a private veterinary hospital. They called PETA for help, and we performed the procedure the same day, free of charge.
- **Sweetie** was suffering from an aggressive growth on her side. Her guardian is 75 years old and was desperate for help, so PETA transported the beloved hound dog to her appointment at a local vet clinic, and we helped pay to remove the growth.
- When indoor/outdoor cat **Lucy** came home with a puncture wound on her abdomen, her frantic guardian called PETA for help. Our fieldworkers provided transportation, and our clinic veterinary team treated the wound.
- While tending to other dogs nearby, our fieldworkers stumbled across **Tiny**, a pitiful 7-pound puppy who was tethered by a chain at least three times her own weight. After we picked her up for veterinary assessment and learned that she had highly contagious sarcoptic mange, her owner decided to give her to PETA. She is being treated for her mange and was transferred to a trusted local home-based rescue group for continued care (by PETA) and adoption.
- After she was attacked by stray dogs, **Precious** was suffering from several infected bite wounds as well as extensive bruising around her neck that left her in a tremendous amount of pain. Our clinic veterinary team treated Precious free of charge and spayed her at the same time.



Retention, Rehabilitation, and Rescue

- **Bella's** elderly guardian contacted PETA seeking help for her small dog, who had a grapefruit-size tumor on her hindquarters. Our clinic veterinary team removed the large tumor and spayed her at the same time.
- **India's** guardian called PETA for help for her dog, who was suffering from a very badly prolapsed vagina. Our clinic veterinary team spayed her and treated the prolapse, all free of charge, and her worried mom was very grateful.
- **Patch** spent his puppyhood tethered 24/7 and had somehow sustained a badly broken leg. His guardian didn't have the funds to treat him, nor was she willing to make him an indoor dog, so she opted to surrender him to PETA. Our clinic veterinary team neutered him and amputated his leg. He spent time recovering at PETA's shelter and has been transferred to the Virginia Beach SPCA for a chance at adoption.
- When **Lucy's** guardian was no longer able to care for her, she called PETA and surrendered the spunky little Chihuahua, who is missing fur from most of her body, probably as a result of long-term neglect. She's being fostered until she finds a permanent home.



BELLA



INDIA



PATCH



LUCY

TWO OF THIS QUARTER'S 54 Doghouse Recipients

- We delivered a sturdy, custom-built doghouse to this **beagle**, who previously had nothing but a plastic barrel.
- **Big Mack** had only the top half of a plastic doghouse for shelter when our fieldworkers originally spotted him, but we quickly replaced it with a sturdy new wooden house.



BEAGLE BEFORE



BEAGLE AFTER



BIG MACK BEFORE



BIG MACK AFTER

Euthanasia Cases

- **Sandy**, a 17-year-old Cairn terrier, was blind, underweight, immobile, and screaming in pain. Her hind leg muscles were severely atrophied, her mouth was rotting, she had an ear infection, and she had both ocular and nasal discharge. Her guardian brought her to PETA for euthanasia.
- **Sasha**, a 9-year-old dachshund, had suffered from chronic skin issues for years. She spent a lot of time wearing an Elizabethan collar to keep her from chewing on herself, and eventually she stopped eating. Her guardian knew she was miserable, and because years' worth of vet visits and treatments were not easing Sasha's suffering, her guardian decided that euthanasia was the kindest option.
- **Tay Tay**, a 10-year-old pit bull, had spent her whole life in an outdoor pen, and when she became lethargic with a reduced appetite and swollen abdomen, her guardian called PETA to come check on her. Our fieldworkers found her in the end stages of heartworm disease and barely able to walk. Her guardian decided that euthanasia was the kindest option, and we released her from her suffering.
- We trapped this **feral cat**, who was suffering from large tumors protruding from her rectum, and she was mercifully euthanized.
- **Kirby**, a 14-year-old female terrier mix, had gone deaf and was suffering from very painful arthritis, itchy skin, and a large, rock-hard mammary tumor. Her guardian made the compassionate decision to let her go and asked PETA for help. She passed away peacefully with her family by her side.
- **Eddy**, a sweet 18-year-old cat, had lived with the same loving family since kittenhood. Severely dehydrated and emaciated, he was in renal failure when his family called PETA for help with euthanasia. He passed away peacefully with his family at his side.
- This geriatric chow mix, **Rocky**, was immobile, underweight, and suffering from hair loss and a secondary skin infection. His guardians were referred to PETA for euthanasia by another local animal shelter.



SANDY



SASHA



TAY TAY



FERAL



KIRBY



EDDY



ROCKY

Gratitude FROM PEOPLE WE HELPED

Roxy, a hyper-aggressive, large pit bull–shepherd mix, was brought to PETA’s shelter for euthanasia after she had bitten over 19 people and her owner was referred to us by another local agency. Her owner filled out a postcard in which she wrote:

“This was one of the hardest things I had to do. Roxy was one of my kids, and I loved her with everything in me. Roxy was a great dog in the house but was very aggressive with people outside the house. She had to be euthanized. She had bitten over 19 people. PETA made my experience much easier.”

When a woman could not afford the \$500 fee for euthanasia that she was quoted at a private vet, she called PETA. We helped her say goodbye to her elderly, dying dog, and she wrote:

“I have a rescue dog that I saved. He deserved to die in no pain. No [one] else would help. I just lost [my] job & have only \$5 to my name.”

A client of our mobile clinics division made an appointment for her cat and told us via the online request form:

“PETA’s mobile unit has neutered two of my foster dogs so far. I feel this low cost program is invaluable to our community!”

COMMUNITY ANIMAL PROJECT Statistics

PETA’s Community Animal Project is a fieldwork and sheltering division dedicated to assisting animals and residents in and around Hampton Roads and southeastern Virginia. Fieldworkers respond to calls for help with behavioral issues, grooming needs, placement in new homes, animal retention, doghouses, veterinary care, euthanasia, transport to and from veterinary clinics, and more. Here are details on some of the project’s activities this quarter:

4,482

Total number of animals helped by PETA’s local services

\$555,633.19

Total funds spent on local programs

134

Animals transported/ transferred to other area shelters

125

Families counseled or aided with regard to retaining their animals

622

Calls for assistance from residents, including from 22 Virginia localities

487

Animals accepted into PETA’s shelter

12

Animals adopted

341

Animals euthanized (includes 107 for indigent guardians and 142 feral cats considered a nuisance in jurisdictions that don’t assist feral cats, including Portsmouth, Southampton County, Gloucester County, and others)

54

Free new doghouses delivered

221

Free rides to and from spay/neuter appointments

75

Estimated number of animals referred to PETA by other area sheltering agencies and veterinary clinics

Special Events and Community Outreach

- We held another successful **adopt-a-thon** at PETA's Bea Arthur Dog Park. Roughly 30 adoptable dogs and representatives from 11 shelters, including PETA's, attended. At least a third of the dogs were adopted!



- PETA participated in **Chesapeake's second annual Human Walk**, an event held at lunchtime to allow downtown workers to stretch their legs and walk adoptable dogs. PETA's canine ambassador Mickey was a huge hit at the event—one woman fell in love with him and ended up adopting him!



- Once again, PETA, along with 15 other Virginia shelters, participated in **#Passion4Compassion**, an annual online adoption campaign. The event celebrates

the hard work done by shelter professionals every day. Throughout the four-day event, participating shelters use social media and the hashtag **Passion4Compassion** to feature profiles of dedicated staff along with rescued animals.



- PETA representatives and volunteers staffed a table at the **City of Franklin Community Day**, where we handed out educational literature, coordinated games for children to teach them about compassion for animals, and mingled with local residents and officials in a festive atmosphere.

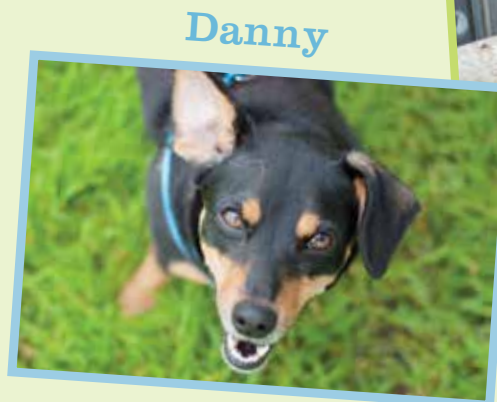


Adoptions INTO LOVING, PERMANENT HOMES

- **Ricky, Danny, and Ginger** were among the animals who found permanent, loving homes through our shelter.



Ricky



Danny



Ginger

Keep Your Dog Cool IN WARM WEATHER.



Dogs can easily overheat and die when left outside or in cars during warm weather. Keep your dog safe, cool, and hydrated.

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