



PETA's **LOCAL WORK**

July–September 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, Hampton, Hopewell, Isle of Wight County,

Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson,

and Williamsburg. A record-setting total of **4,295 animals were spayed or neutered** at low or no cost to prevent unwanted births during this quarter. Of those, **3,070 surgeries were performed free of charge** or for a token fee for indigent families. Since the program's inception in 2001, a total of 136,633 dogs, cats, and rabbits have been spayed or neutered at PETA's clinics.

“PETA and this low-cost spay/neuter clinic is a miracle for the Hopewell TriCities area. With the economy so poor, many, many individuals are not fixing their pets. This will help lower the overpopulation numbers.

—Hopewell Humane Society staffer”

Free Transport TO AND FROM FREE SPAY/NEUTER APPOINTMENTS

- We transported **BayToben**, **Diamond**, **Foxy**, **Mini**, **Sweet Pea**, and **Trinket**—along with 249 other animals—free of charge to and from their **free** spay and neuter appointments.



BayToben



Diamond



Foxy



Mini



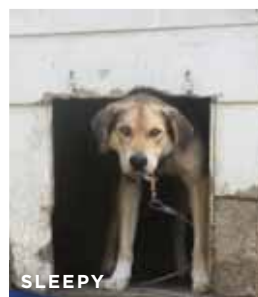
Sweet Pea



Trinket

Retention, Rehabilitation, and Rescue

- When elderly poodle **Minolo** was suffering from a ruptured anal gland, his guardian called PETA for help. Our clinic's veterinary team members treated him at no cost, and his guardian hugged them all to express her gratitude.
- We transported beloved Chihuahuas **Mary Jane** and **Shadow** to and from our mobile clinic for a free exam and treatment for kennel cough.
- Little **Ice** broke his leg, and his family took him to their local veterinary clinic, where the leg was splinted. But because of the severity of the break, the splint didn't correct it, and amputation was recommended. Ice's guardians called PETA for help as they were running low on funds. Our veterinary team performed the surgery and spayed the family's other dog at the same time, all at no cost.
- **Sleepy** spent his life at the end of a chain, and PETA's fieldworkers frequently found him without potable water—an especially dangerous situation in the sweltering heat of summer. His guardian surrendered him to us, and we transferred him to the Virginia Beach SPCA, where he was quickly adopted!
- After **Charlie Ray** hurt himself, his guardian called PETA for help covering the cost of a vet visit and treatment. Once he was feeling better, we also transported him to and from our mobile clinic, where he was neutered free of charge.
- **Little Missy** was chained to a dilapidated doghouse when PETA fieldworkers first met her, and we did our best to improve her situation. On a follow-up visit, we found her chained in the hot sun without water, lethargic and appearing very thin. After we took her for a veterinary assessment and learned that she was infested with internal parasites, her owner decided to give her to PETA. Little Missy spent some time at our shelter before she was transferred to a trusted local home-based rescue group for continued care and adoption.
- **Celia** sustained a broken leg after a 5-year-old girl threw her off a second-story balcony. Her owners were unable or unwilling to seek out medical care and no longer wanted her, so they surrendered her to PETA. Our veterinary team amputated her leg, and after being fostered by one of our veterinarians, she was adopted by a loving family.
- Terrier mix **Colorado** had not eaten in about five days, when her owners called PETA for help. Our veterinary team found that she was suffering from a uterine infection and spayed her, but unable to afford future veterinary care, her owners chose to surrender her to us, and she has since been adopted.



Retention, Rehabilitation, and Rescue

- PETA sent a team to **Louisiana** to assist with efforts to locate and rescue stranded animals following devastating flooding in the area. One of these animals was a terrified cat stuck in a flooded home—our fieldworker, pictured on the cover with the cat, reunited her with her guardian, who was ecstatic to see her again. Our team returned to PETA's Norfolk headquarters, the Sam Simon Center, in three vans loaded with 62 flood refugees—including 35 dogs, 20 cats, six rabbits, and one cockatiel. Partnering with Chesapeake Animal Services, Chesapeake Humane Society, Danville Area Humane Society, Norfolk Animal Care and Adoption Center, Tri-County Animal Shelter, and the Virginia Beach SPCA, we dispersed the animals across the region, leaving three dogs, three cats, and one bird in PETA's care (all of whom have been adopted). The animals brought to Virginia had been either transferred to us from Baton Rouge area shelters overwhelmed as a result of the floods or surrendered directly to us by owners unable to care for them.

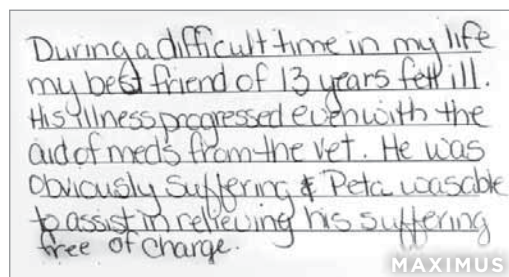
TWO OF THIS QUARTER'S 74 Doghouse Recipients

- We delivered a sturdy, custom-built doghouse to **Diamond**, who previously had nothing but a metal trash can set among cinder blocks as “shelter.”
- **Zaro** had only a plastic barrel for shelter when our fieldworkers originally spotted him, but we quickly replaced it with a sturdy new wooden house.



Euthanasia Cases

- PETA came to the aid of elderly cat **Maximus**, whose guardian called our after-hours emergency line. Later, he wrote, “During a difficult time in my life, my best friend of 13 years fell ill. His illness progressed even with the aid of meds from the vet. He was obviously suffering, and PETA was able to assist in relieving his suffering free of charge.”
- Suffering from arthritis, **Dottie** had become immobile and was constantly crying out in pain. Her owner called PETA for help, and we rushed to pick up the geriatric collie mix and release her from her misery.
- After one of **Chance**’s huge mammary tumors ruptured and became infected, her guardian was referred to PETA by a neighbor. This elderly dog was also immobile, incontinent, no longer eating or drinking, and suffering from an eye infection. With her family by her side, she passed away peacefully.
- Nine-month-old **Honix** was hit by a car and left outside for two days before her family called PETA for help. Our fieldworker rushed to the home and found her paralyzed and incontinent, suffering from apparent breaks to her spine and rear legs as well as road rash. Her owners realized that euthanasia was the kindest option for her.
- **Puffy** was immobile, dehydrated, emaciated, matted, and soaked in his own urine. After force-feeding him for three days, his owner made the decision to let him go.
- **Tobi**, a geriatric Chow Chow, had not only bitten off much of his own fur but also chewed at the tumors on his tail until it was completely mangled. He was also suffering from advanced arthritis and seizures. His owner made the compassionate decision to have him euthanized.



Gratitude FROM PEOPLE WE HELPED

Drake, an elderly Labrador retriever with severe arthritis and numerous tumors, was brought to PETA’s shelter because his family could no longer afford the cost of the veterinary clinic they had frequented. His guardian filled out a postcard on which he wrote, “*PETA is truly a blessing. They helped me in this tough time in my life. Thanks, PETA.*”

When 17-year-old **Bear** suffered a grand mal seizure and became immobile with labored breathing, his family called PETA for help. His owner wrote, “*My husband was put out of work when our beloved Bear ... needed to be put down. He was 17 and suffering. They gave him the care we could not provide.*”

Memphis, an emaciated, geriatric cat with arthritis, became so sick and weak that he could barely lift his head. His owners called PETA for help. They wrote, “*Instead of letting Memphis suffer until he passed, we were able to let him go peacefully and painlessly, thanks to PETA.*”

Special Events and Community Outreach

- PETA representatives and volunteers staffed a table at the **Diggs Town Community Day in Norfolk**, where we handed out educational literature, gave comic and coloring books to children to teach them compassion for animals, and mingled with local residents and officials.



- Thanks to the generous donations from the public to **Operation Wag**, a toy drive for chained dogs that PETA held in Norfolk, hundreds of neglected dogs will enjoy priceless moments of fun and delight.



- Ten compelling photographs of chained dogs, taken by PETA fieldworkers, were exhibited at the **Chrysler Museum Glass Studio** in Norfolk. Following the weeklong exhibition, a local artist created a hand-blown glass chain and then broke it during a public demonstration.

- For the fourth year in a row, PETA sponsored **Dogs Gone Swimming**, an annual fundraiser held by Friends of Norfolk



Animal Care Center. In addition to sponsoring it, we operated our mobile clinic at the event, which was a huge success!

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:

5,631

Total number of animals helped by PETA's local services

\$645,514

Total funds spent on local programs

169

Animals transported/ transferred to other area shelters

4,966

Calls for assistance from residents, including from 40 Virginia localities

662

Animals accepted into PETA's shelter

121

Families counseled or aided with regard to retaining their animals

31

Animals adopted

462

Animals euthanized (includes 108 for indigent guardians and 154 feral cats considered a nuisance in jurisdictions that don't assist feral cats, including Portsmouth, Southampton County, Middlesex County, and others)

74

Free new doghouses delivered

257

Free rides to and from spay/neuter appointments

75

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

Adoptions INTO LOVING, PERMANENT HOMES

- **Ampersand, Lafayette, Beignet, Ruby, Lucy, and Thibodaux** were among the animals who found permanent, loving homes through our shelter.



Ampersand



Lafayette



Ruby



Beignet



Lucy



Thibodaux

Hurricanes, floods, disasters: PETA helps!

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