Happy New Year

PeTA's LOCAL WORK

October–December 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. During this quarter, a total of 4,142 animals were spayed or neutered to prevent unwanted births, and of those, 2,352 surgeries were performed free of charge or for a token fee for indigent families. **In 2016, PETA performed a record 15,107 spay and neuter surgeries, 9,539 of which were for indigent families.** Since the program's inception, 137,146 dogs, cats, and rabbits have been spayed or neutered at PETA's clinics.

Free Transport TO AND FROM FREE SPAY/NEUTER APPOINTMENTS

- We transported **Chico**, **Trixie**, **Major**, and **Penelope**—along with 287 other animals—free of charge to and from their **free** spay and neuter appointments. In 2016, we transported 1,010 animals to and from these appointments.

Chico and Trixie

Major

Penelope

Retention, Rehabilitation, and Rescue

- On his way to work, one of PETA's fieldworkers discovered **a stray cat sitting on the edge of a bridge** overlooking the Elizabeth River. With the help of a good Samaritan, he was able to capture her and take her to the local animal shelter.

- A kind elderly woman called PETA seeking help for a **stray cat** suffering from a head injury so severe that parts of his scalp were missing, exposing his skull. We took him to an emergency hospital, where veterinarians recommended euthanasia.

- PETA's rescue teams were on the ground in Virginia and North Carolina following **Hurricane Matthew**. They trudged through high water to search for lost, injured, and stray animals and helped animal guardians cope with the aftermath.

- **Molly**'s worried family called PETA after they discovered a painful hematoma on her ear, which they couldn't afford to treat. Our clinic's veterinary team treated her at no cost.

- **Angela**'s previous owner had to go to jail, so she was given to a friend, who was unable to let her live indoors and felt guilty about keeping her chained outside to the doghouse that she had come with. He saw PETA's phone number painted on the side of the doghouse, so he called it, and Angela was picked up and transferred to the Virginia Beach SPCA, which we often partner with.

- **Sampson** was suffering from an ear infection, so his guardian called PETA for help. Our clinic's veterinary team treated the infection and neutered him at the same time.

- Our fieldworkers found an **unnamed dog** chained in the woods in the most remote part of his owner's property. He was given to PETA and transferred to the Virginia Beach SPCA.

- On one property, PETA fieldworkers found the remains of three deceased dogs among five **surviving ones**. We worked with local law-enforcement officials to remove the survivors from the property, and their owner has been charged with six counts of cruelty to animals. Preliminary necropsy reports revealed that the dogs had died of starvation and dehydration. After receiving medical attention and spending several days at PETA's shelter, four of the surviving dogs were transferred to the Virginia Beach SPCA.
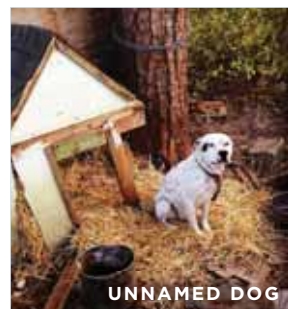

STRAY

STRAY

HURRICANE MATTHEW

MOLLY

ANGELA

SAMPSON

UNNAMED DOG

CRUELTY CASE SURVIVORS

- We delivered a sturdy, custom-built doghouse to **Diamond**, who had been tethered to a car without shelter.
- **Arnold** had only a plastic barrel for shelter when weekend straw-delivery volunteers originally spotted him, but we quickly replaced it with a sturdy, new wooden doghouse.
- Straw-delivery volunteers also found this **unnamed dog** locked inside a makeshift crate, and a PETA fieldworker rushed to provide her with a brand-new doghouse just in time for the cold weather.

DIAMOND BEFORE

DIAMOND AFTER

ARNOLD BEFORE

ARNOLD AFTER

UNNAMED DOG BEFORE

UNNAMED DOG AFTER

Euthanasia Cases

- **Deoge**, a diabetic, geriatric English mastiff, had developed a huge tumor on his face as well as hip dysplasia and muscle wasting. He was brought to PETA for end-of-life care, and his guardian wrote, "With a heavy heart I'm writing you, [but] PETA has taken a burden off my shoulder by helping me [during] this very difficult time."

- PETA came to the aid of **feral kittens** near our Norfolk office who were suffering from severe upper respiratory infections and painful eye ulcers.

- **Ginger**, an elderly, blind, and immobile Jack Russell terrier, was brought to PETA for end-of-life services. Her guardian wrote, "[PETA fieldworkers] are a God-send, especially to people who can't afford [this service]."

- After experiencing declining health over the past year, 16-year-old **Boo Boo** was brought to PETA for end-of-life assistance. On a postcard, his guardian wrote, "PETA was very kind helping me euthanize a sick pet. Glad they are here."

- **Nate**, an elderly Pomeranian, was suffering from incontinence, fatty tumors, and a collapsing trachea. He was brought to PETA for end-of-life care, and his guardian called PETA "a real asset to our community."

- **Trixie** was suffering from severe dental disease as well as a cyst, which had become infected and was interfering with her breathing and vision. She was so ill when her guardian called our after-hours emergency line that she could no longer eat or walk. Once in our care, she was immediately released from her prolonged suffering.

DEOGE

FERAL KITTEN

GINGER

BOO BOO

NATE

TRIXIE

Gratitude FROM PEOPLE WE HELPED

The guardian of an elderly puggle who was sick with lymphoma called PETA to help relieve his suffering. She also wrote a postcard to her legislator, which said, **"I could have never [gone through] this process without PETA here to help me. My dog, Boo Boo, is terminally ill and needs to be put to sleep to keep from suffering."**

A spay/neuter client left us feedback, saying, **"PETA does a great service for the community with their spay/neuter/vaccine Mobile Clinic. These services would be out of reach for low income folks that just want to have the best possible medical care for their pets."**

Special Events and Community Outreach

- To celebrate Halloween, PETA's mobile clinics held their annual **Black Cat Day**, during which 117 cats (mostly black ones) were spayed and neutered **free of charge**.

- PETA participated in a **food drive** in collaboration with Newport News Councilmember Sharon Scott. In addition to placing collection bins in our office and at local businesses, we ran a promotion offering free spay/neuter surgeries in exchange for nonperishable food items for the drive.

- Marking the start of the holiday season in Norfolk, PETA participated in the 32nd annual **Grand Illumination Parade**, which included over 80 floats as well as bands, balloons, and more. Our newest mobile spay/neuter clinic sported a festive new wrap, and staffers handed out candy and free rabies-vaccination coupons to the crowd.

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 some details on its activities this quarter:

5,078
Total number of animals helped by PETA's local services

467
Animals accepted into PETA's shelter

106
Animals transported/transferred to other area shelters

344
Animals euthanized (includes 120 for indigent guardians and 124 feral cats considered a nuisance in jurisdictions that don't assist feral cats)

104
Families counseled or aided with regard to retaining their animals

3,497
Calls for assistance from residents, including from 100 Virginia localities

75
Approximate number of animals referred to PETA by other area sheltering agencies and veterinary clinics

$2,284,648
TOTAL FUNDS SPENT ON LOCAL PROGRAMS IN 2016

Adoptions INTO LOVING, PERMANENT HOMES

■ **Emma**, **Linda**, **Buffy**, **Willow**, **Reese**, **Bayou**, and **Hank Williams** were among the 17 animals who found permanent, loving homes through our shelter this quarter. In 2016, we adopted out 80 animals.

Emma

Linda

Buffy and Willow

Reese

Bayou

Hank Williams

COLD

A PERSON WHO WOULD CHAIN A DOG OUTSIDE

Let dogs inside and make them a part of the family.