



# *PETA's* LOCAL WORK

January–March 2017

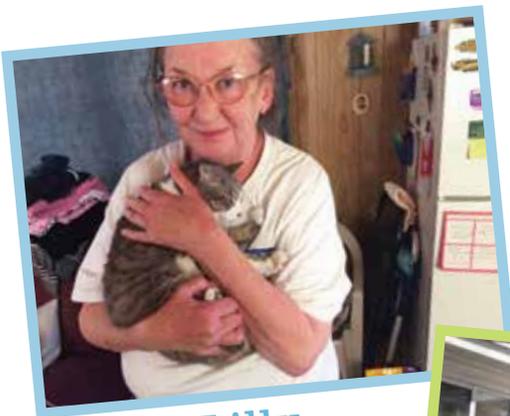
# Mobile Veterinary Spay/Neuter Clinics

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, 3,632 animals were spayed or neutered to prevent unwanted births, and of those, 1,795 surgeries were performed free of charge or for a token fee for indigent families. Since the program's inception in 2001, a total of 140,265 dogs, cats, and rabbits have been spayed or neutered at PETA's clinics.



## No-Cost Transport TO AND FROM FREE SPAY/NEUTER APPOINTMENTS

- We transported **Lilly**, **Mack**, **Migi**, and **Slim Shady**—along with 344 other animals—to and from their **free** spay/neuter appointments at no cost to their guardians.



**Lilly**



**Mack**



**Slim Shady**



**Migi**

# Retention, Rehabilitation, and Rescue

- PETA's fieldworkers and volunteers delivered dozens of doghouses and hundreds of bales of straw to dogs forced to live outside in **blizzard conditions**.
- After receiving numerous complaints from neighbors about a pack of neglected **dogs and puppies** roaming the neighborhood, we got in touch with their owner, who gave them to us. They were transferred to the Virginia Beach SPCA for adoption.
- **Martin** had spent almost his entire life in an outdoor pen. After his owner gave him to PETA, we transferred him to a beagle-specific rescue, and he was quickly adopted.
- **Bridgette**, a 5-month-old terrier puppy, had been hit by a car nearly a week before her owners called us for help because they couldn't afford veterinary care and she was obviously in pain (from a broken leg). They gave her to us, and we treated her and placed her in foster care. She's since been adopted.
- When **May's** disabled owner called us for help because the elderly shih tzu's long fur was so heavily matted that she was immobile, we transported her to a nearby veterinary clinic. She was so severely matted that her movement was restricted, the fur had trapped her feces, and her left front paw was extremely swollen, infected, oozing with pus, and so painful that she was unable to walk. The veterinarian determined that euthanasia was the most humane option for her because of her age, temperament, and serious medical conditions.
- After sweet **Little T's** owners grew tired of her, they gave her to us, and we transferred her to the Virginia Beach SPCA.
- When a formerly chained pit bull mix named **Roxie** was surrendered to PETA, we spayed her and transferred her to a local open-admission shelter.
- **Bethany**, a 15-pound Chihuahua mix, sustained a large, severe gash when she was attacked by two much bigger dogs. The wound exposed underlying muscle and bone and, left untreated, quickly became infected. In an attempt to "disinfect" it, her owners poured Pine-Sol on it. Thankfully, they eventually called PETA for help, and we rushed her to an emergency veterinary clinic. Although X-rays revealed that she hadn't sustained any broken bones, necrotic tissue in the wound had to be surgically removed and drainage tubes inserted. After weeks of intensive treatment and TLC, her injury has healed and she's regained her confidence along with her ability to run and play. She's currently up for adoption.



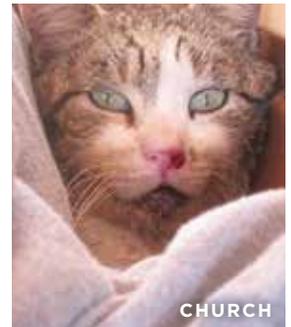
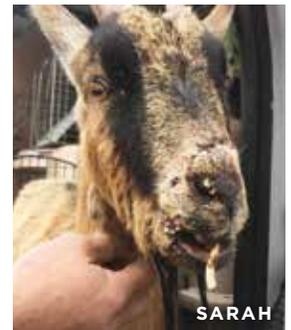
# THREE OF THIS QUARTER'S 76 Doghouse Recipients

- We neutered **Oreo** and provided him with a new doghouse and a tie-out to replace his chronically tangled chain.
- We spayed **Paige** and replaced her drafty old doghouse with a sturdy, insulated new one.
- Our weekend straw delivery volunteers found **Rocky** with a crooked, makeshift doghouse, which we soon replaced with a new one.



# Euthanasia Cases

- When a couple in Prince George County found themselves overwhelmed with cats and couldn't get assistance from their local shelter—which charges a \$25 surrender fee per animal, requires appointments for surrender, and only takes in animals one day a week, when the facility isn't "full"—PETA responded to their desperate plea for help. It took fieldworkers several days to remove more than 200 feral and unsocialized cats, many of whom were very ill or severely injured, from inside the house.
- After elderly **Harriett** suffered a stroke that left her paralyzed and incontinent, her owners called PETA for help with end-of-life care.
- A concerned citizen alerted us to a Craigslist post advertising **Sarah** as "free goat meat." She had been attacked by a dog—her jaw was dislocated and crushed, her teeth were falling out, she was in tremendous pain, and she was unable to eat or drink. She was euthanized to end her suffering.
- A good Samaritan alerted us to a frantic **squirrel** who had been caught in a box trap in full sun just a few blocks from PETA's shelter. We removed him and determined that euthanasia was the kindest option because of the injuries that he had sustained.
- When **Church**, who had feline immunodeficiency virus, was unable to recover from a severe, recurring upper respiratory infection that caused labored breathing and bloody nasal discharge, his guardian called PETA for help. He was euthanized to end his suffering.



## Gratitude FROM PEOPLE WE HELPED

After we expedited the capture of an injured feral cat, the caretaker who had called us for help sent us a letter that said, "Thank you for your immediate and gentle handling of a difficult situation [in order] to help him."

An elderly woman who had fallen on hard times sent a letter saying, "Someone from your organization has been kind enough to stop by twice in the last few weeks and offer me food for the dog and four cats in my care. Those visits were answers to prayers and I just want you to know of my gratitude. My roommate was in the hospital and your generosity took a large burden off of my shoulders."

A client e-mailed to thank us for performing an emergency spay surgery on her cat, who was suffering from a potentially life-threatening uterine infection, saying, "[My regular vet] quoted me a cost of \$1,200 for the surgery. There was no way I could afford that. I thought I might have to have her put down. But, I called you guys and you took care of her. It was amazing, and I'm so appreciative. I just wanted to tell someone in your organization how thankful I am."

# Special Events and Community Outreach

- For the annual **Homeless Animals Awareness Week**, we joined other participating shelters on *The Hampton Roads Show* to talk about the event.
- We joined more than 100 local organizations at the first-ever **Engage Norfolk** civic fair, an event for citizens to gather and learn how to become more involved in their community.
- We spent a day at the **General Assembly** when several animal-related bills were being discussed—including one that would



have banned tethering—and spoke about the plight of chained dogs.

- At PETA's spay/neuter clinics, staffers gave out **children's books**, donated to us by the publishers, to clients' children.
- We displayed photographs taken by PETA fieldworkers at the award-winning Slover Library in downtown Norfolk in an exhibit titled "**Why Did You Get Me at All?**" The purpose of the show was to shine a spotlight on the plight of "backyard dogs" in southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina, urge anyone who witnesses cruelty to animals to report it, and encourage people to ask their legislators to ban unattended tethering. Our celebrity-narrated video showcasing the misery of these dogs' lives also played continuously on a large screen.



## 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:

**4,660**

Total number of animals helped by PETA's local services

**608**

Animals accepted into PETA's shelter

**110**

Animals transported/transferred to other area shelters

**490**

Animals euthanized (includes 323 for indigent guardians and 67 feral cats considered a nuisance in jurisdictions that don't assist feral cats)

**196**

Families counseled or aided with regard to retaining their animals

**8**

Animals adopted into permanent, loving homes through our shelter

**545**

Calls for assistance from residents, including from 24 Virginia localities

**75**

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

**\$621,696.13**

FUNDS SPENT ON LOCAL ASSISTANCE THIS QUARTER

# Adoptions INTO LOVING, PERMANENT HOMES

- **Arnold, Bridgette, Elizabeth Valentine, Ranger, Rusty, and Sarah** were among the eight animals who found permanent, loving homes through our shelter this quarter.



**Arnold**



**Bridgette**



**Elizabeth Valentine**



**Ranger**



**Rusty**



**Sarah**

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ADOPTION IS LOVE

# Every Hound Needs a Hero

Treat dogs like family. Let them live indoors.  
Never chain dogs or leave them to fend for themselves.  
Chained dogs suffer every day. They get cold, hungry,  
thirsty, scared, and lonely. Keep them inside, where  
it's safe and warm.