Visitors of the four- and two-legged variety, large and small, enjoy a successful regional shelter adoption event at PETA's Bea Arthur Dog Park.

PETA's LOCAL WORK

April–June 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, a total of 3,207 animals were spayed or neutered to prevent unwanted births, and of those, 1,929 surgeries were performed free of charge or for a token fee for indigent families. Since the program's inception in 2001, a total of 139,840 dogs, cats, and rabbits have been spayed or neutered at PETA's clinics.
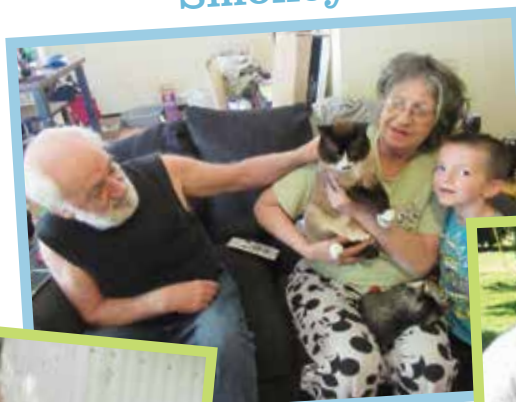

No-Cost Transport TO AND FROM FREE SPAY/NEUTER APPOINTMENTS

We transported **Maxwell**, **Tigger**, **Smokey**, and **Sasha**—along with 346 other animals—to and from their **free** spay/neuter appointments at no cost to their indigent guardians.

Smokey

Sasha

Maxwell

Tigger

Retention, Rehabilitation, and Rescue

- PETA's mobile clinics veterinary staff treated **Cody** for kennel cough, and once he was feeling better, our fieldworkers transported him to and from his neuter surgery—all free of charge.

- **Audrey** was being allowed to run loose in her neighborhood, where a pack of aggressive dogs had fatally mauled another dog. Realizing that she wasn't safe yet unwilling to make her an indoor dog, her owners gave her to PETA, and she is now up for adoption.

- **Snow** got a fishhook stuck in her mouth, so our medical staff removed it and spayed her at the same time, all free of charge.

- While checking on **Oreo**, who was kept in a small, waste-strewn pen, PETA fieldworkers noticed that she had lost weight and that some of her fur was matted or missing because of a suspected flea allergy. Her owners gave her to PETA. We transferred her to the Virginia Beach SPCA, and she was adopted by a woman who recently sent an update, saying, "Her favorite spot is the couch and just near me. … Thank you for rescuing Oreo; she saved me as much as I saved her."

- PETA fieldworkers stumbled upon a yard in which several dogs were chained, penned, or locked in crates, unable to escape their own waste. We worked with the owners to improve conditions for some, while others were given to PETA right away, including one dog who had lived inside a trash-filled, makeshift pen with no door—our fieldworker actually had to use bolt-cutters to free him. We transferred them to the Virginia Beach SPCA for adoption.

- After **Prissy** was hit by a bicycle, she was in terrible pain, so her distraught owners, unable to afford vet care, called PETA for help. We took her to a local veterinary clinic, where, fortunately, X-rays revealed that she did not have any broken bones but just required rest and pain management, which we provided, in order to heal. She is now back home and on the mend!

- When PETA fieldworkers were in the neighborhood and decided to stop by to check on **Brownie** and **Blackie**, they found that there had been a house fire and that their owner was moving to an apartment that did not allow dogs. Both were given to PETA and transferred to the Virginia Beach SPCA for a chance at adoption.
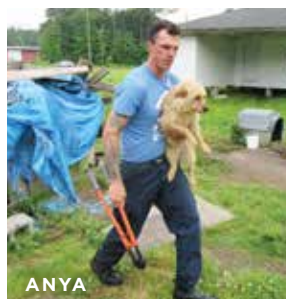

CODY

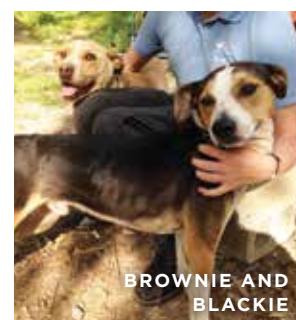

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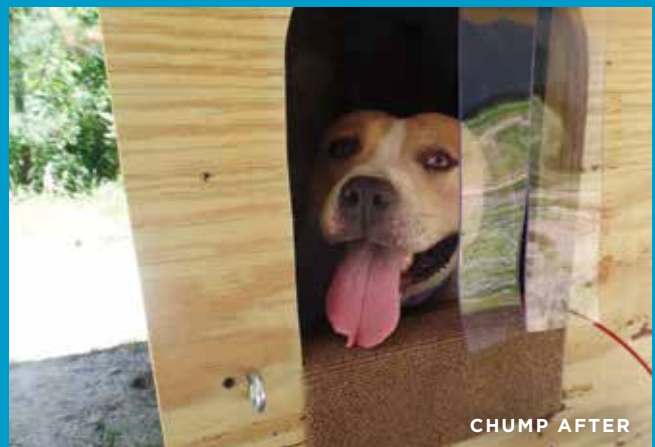

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PRISSY

BROWNIE AND BLACKIE

THREE OF THIS QUARTER'S 51 Doghouse Recipients

- **Kush** was confined to a small, wooden hutch when we found him, but we were able to get him out of it and give him a new doghouse, free of charge.

- We spayed **Chanel** and moved her out of the direct sunlight—which can be deadly in the hot summer months—to a shady spot with a new PETA doghouse, all free of charge.

- When PETA fieldworkers found **Chump**, he had nothing but a metal crate with a tarp over it for shelter, and when we replaced it with a free new doghouse, he gleefully jumped right inside.

KUSH BEFORE

KUSH AFTER

CHANEL BEFORE

CHANEL AFTER

CHUMP BEFORE

CHUMP AFTER

Euthanasia Cases

- PETA came to the aid of this **feral kitten** whose feeder called us for help when an untreated upper respiratory infection resulted in the loss of an eye and a severe infection of the socket. He was euthanized to end his suffering.

- When **Rose**'s owners called PETA for help because she wasn't walking, we rushed her to our mobile clinic, where it was determined that she was so severely matted that the circulation in her rear legs had been cut off, causing so much damage that they would have required amputation. Because of the extent of her injuries and her poor prognosis, she was euthanized.

- **Pug Pug**'s owner called PETA for end-of-life assistance after the elderly, blind, and deaf dog became immobile and incontinent.

- Following a battle with kidney disease and drastic weight loss, elderly cat **Jasper** went into kidney failure and his owner called PETA for end-of-life assistance.

- **Peanut**'s owner contacted PETA for end-of-life services for this elderly dog, who was immobile and suffering from a large stomach mass.

FERAL KITTEN

ROSE

PUG PUG

JASPER

PEANUT

Gratitude FROM PEOPLE WE HELPED

After we helped a family say goodbye to their geriatric dog whose large tumor had ruptured, they wrote, **"My dog was suffering and in pain, body full of cancer. PETA was the only one who would help my Scooby, and I will be forever grateful."**

When an elderly dog's large, cancerous tumor ruptured, her owner called PETA's after-hours emergency line and our team responded immediately. The family wrote, **"They were here for me in the middle of the night when my dog Marly needed to be put down. I'm thankful they were there for me."**

After we spayed a client's dogs, she sent us a follow-up message, saying, **"Thank you for everything. I've been very happy both times I used the PETA … services."**

Special Events and Community Outreach

- To celebrate **Father's Day**, we gave dads who brought their animals in to be spayed or neutered gift bags containing pasta sauce donated by Newman's Own, a box of pasta, a vegan cookbook, and a voucher for a free rabies vaccination.

- At PETA's spay/neuter clinics, staffers continued our **Barks & Books** program, giving out children's books, donated to us by the publishers, to clients' children.

- We attended an event organized by the **Center for Child and Family Services**

in Newport News, at which we gave out animal-themed comic and coloring books, information on spaying and neutering, and other educational literature in Spanish and English.

- Our multishelter regional adoption event, **Poochella**, was a huge success, resulting in at least 16 adoptions! The event, held in PETA's Bea Arthur Dog Park in Norfolk, also featured local vendors, live music, and free food. Even more dogs were adopted later when people visited the shelters after the event.

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:

4,623
Total number of animals helped by PETA's local services

572
Animals accepted into PETA's shelter

155
Animals transported/transferred to other area shelters

399
Animals euthanized (includes 119 for indigent guardians and 184 feral cats considered a nuisance in jurisdictions that don't assist feral cats)

193
Families counseled or aided with regard to retaining their animals

18
Animals adopted into permanent, loving homes through our shelter

576
Calls for assistance from residents, including from 21 Virginia localities

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

$535,831.57
FUNDS SPENT ON LOCAL ASSISTANCE THIS QUARTER

- **Bentley**, **Georgie**, **Jackson**, **Magic**, **Major**, and **Tater** were among the 18 animals who found loving homes through our shelter this quarter.

Bentley

Georgie

Jackson

Magic

Major

Tater

Be an Angel for Animals

ALWAYS SPAY OR NEUTER

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