A woman with short reddish-brown hair, wearing a black wetsuit with a purple stripe, is wading through dark floodwaters. She is holding a large, speckled grey and black dog in her arms. The background shows lush green foliage and a wooden fence. The overall scene is one of a rescue operation in a flooded area.

IN THE WAKE OF  
**HURRICANE HARVEY,**  
PETA'S RESCUE TEAM MEMBERS  
FLEW OUT TO HELP, TRUDGING  
THROUGH TOXIC FLOODWATERS  
WHILE SEARCHING FOR  
ABANDONED, LOST,  
AND INJURED ANIMALS.

# *PETA's* LOCAL WORK

July–September 2017

Watch for PETA's special Disaster Response Report, coming soon!

# 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, 3,433 animals were spayed or neutered to prevent unwanted births, including 1,903 whose surgeries were free of charge or performed for a token fee for indigent families. Since the program's inception in 2001, a total of 147,418 dogs, cats, and rabbits have been spayed or neutered at PETA's clinics.



## Retention, Rehabilitation, and Rescue

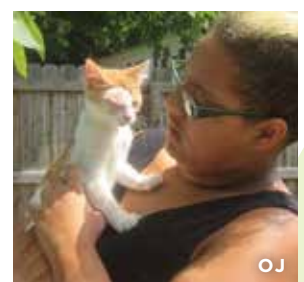
- **Missy** gave birth to seven puppies outdoors and moved them to a ditch, where they would surely have drowned. We spoke with her neglectful owner, and he gave her and her litter to PETA. After spending a night at our shelter, she and her puppies were transferred to a foster home through the Virginia Beach SPCA.
- PETA's mobile clinics veterinary staff treated **Scar**, a neutered pit bull who lives indoors, for a skin infection, free of charge.
- After a kind family took in a stray kitten with an infected eye, they did the best they could with limited resources, but his eye ultimately had to be removed. PETA's veterinary staff performed the procedure and neutered **OJ** at the same time, and his grateful guardians donated what they could afford toward the surgeries.
- After the owners of this sickly **kitten** gave her to us, she was treated by our veterinary staff before being transferred to one of our placement partners, the Virginia Beach SPCA.
- **Brownie** lived in isolation in a small pen for years before his owners gave him to PETA. We transferred him to our partners at the Virginia Beach SPCA.



MISSY AND PUPPIES



SCAR



OJ



KITTEN



BROWNIE

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

- We transported **Joe, Shiloh, Reeses, Garfield, and Purry** —along with 277 other animals—to and from their **free** spay/neuter appointments at no cost to their indigent guardians.



Joe



Shiloh



Reeses, Garfield, and Purry

## Natural Disaster Response

- In the wake of **Hurricane Harvey's** historic, widespread devastation, several PETA rescue team members, along with a staffer from our sheltering partner the Virginia Beach SPCA, spent more than a week on the ground, trudging through toxic floodwaters searching for abandoned, lost, and injured animals.
- The team rescued dozens of stranded animals and people and reunited distraught families who had become separated during the storm. We also helped an overwhelmed local animal control agency tend to animals in its shelter and respond to calls for help.
- After a week, our team returned to Virginia with 67 animals who had been at shelters in Texas and Louisiana in order to make room for storm victims at facilities in those states. PETA adopted out a few through our shelter, and the rest were transferred to several other local organizations, including the Virginia Beach SPCA, the Chesapeake Humane Society, Chesapeake Animal Services, the Norfolk Animal Care and Adoption Center, the Norfolk SPCA, the Peninsula SPCA, the Heritage Humane Society, Southampton County's Partners Among Cats and Canines, and the SPCA of Northeastern North Carolina, for a chance at adoption.



# THREE OF THIS QUARTER'S 47 Doghouse Recipients



**Sparkle's** only shelter consisted of a wire crate inside a makeshift, three-sided wooden structure, which we replaced with a new doghouse, free of charge.



When PETA fieldworkers found **Lady**, she had a run-down old doghouse and a chain wrapped around her neck. We gave her a new doghouse, along with a comfortable new collar and a lightweight tie-out.



This **beagle's** only shelter was an old barrel until we gave her a sturdy new wooden doghouse.

# Euthanasia Cases

- **Chevy**, a beloved rescued pit bull, was brought to PETA for end-of-life assistance after suffering from lymphoma, heart failure, and severe jaundice. She passed away with her guardian by her side.
- PETA came to the aid of **Juliette**, a 5-year-old cat whose indigent owner called after she became very lethargic and immobile, her breathing had become labored, and her skin had turned bright yellow, likely indicating advanced liver failure.
- **Pixy**, a geriatric cat, was brought to PETA for euthanasia after she had become anorexic, emaciated, jaundiced, and unresponsive.
- **Bear**, a beloved elderly chow mix, was brought to us for end-of-life help after he rapidly lost weight, started vomiting blood, and began retaining fluid in his lungs.
- **Capone**, a large Rottweiler whom PETA had helped several years ago by neutering him and removing a fishhook from his eyelid, suddenly became extremely ill with suspected cancer that resulted in a painfully distended abdomen, extremely swollen legs, labored breathing, and loss of mobility. We transported him to PETA, where he passed away peacefully with his guardian by his side.



## Gratitude FROM PEOPLE WE HELPED

After we helped a family say goodbye to their dog, who had lost the use of her rear legs because of a genetic condition, one of them wrote, “PETA has been a great help to us in our time of need .... I will be forever grateful for their help.”

When we provided veterinary care, free of charge, to a kind woman who could not afford it for her beloved dog, she wrote, “My Doyttle was very sick and had infection throughout his body. I didn’t have any money and I felt helpless. I am so thankful for PETA’s gracious help.”

After we helped a woman whose cat needed to have an eye removed, she wrote, “He was having a rough time and was in a lot of pain until PETA helped restore him to his happy self. Having one eye won’t stop him! Thank you so much!”

After years of frequent vet visits, extensive treatments, and several surgeries, 10-year-old cat Little Walt could no longer endure his chronic, itchy, and painful skin infections. His guardian knew that his quality of life had severely declined and brought him to PETA for end-of-life help. She wrote, “I love this place. They helped my cat from suffering a terrible skin infection. With all avenues and options exhausted—I love my cat—I could not see him suffer anymore!”

# Special Events and Community Outreach

- We held another successful **dog-toy drive** in Norfolk, receiving several bins filled with donated toys for dogs who are relegated to living outdoors.



- We participated in a few local **Community Fun Days in Norfolk**, where we handed out comics and coloring books to kids and information about spaying and neutering animals to adults.



- After years of lobbying on PETA's part for a ban on the cruel continuous chaining of dogs, the **Portsmouth City Council** voted to prohibit unattended tethering.



- *Dancing With the Stars* pro **Sharna Burgess** flew into Norfolk to spend a day in the field with PETA. She helped us deliver doghouses, counsel people on adequate animal care, and tend to neglected chained dogs, including providing them with food and water.



- After a woman in rural Virginia repeatedly refused to improve the living conditions for two dogs who were kept in a small, feces-filled pen without potable water, we called the police, and she was charged with two counts of **cruelty to animals**. We are monitoring the case and expect to testify when it goes to trial.



## 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:

**4,721**

Total number of animals helped by PETA's local services

**725**

Animals accepted into PETA's shelter

**198**

Animals transported/transferred to other area shelters

**514**

Animals euthanized (includes 135 for indigent guardians and 255 feral cats considered a nuisance in jurisdictions that don't assist feral cats)

**206**

Families counseled or aided with regard to retaining their animals

**13**

Animals adopted into permanent, loving homes through our shelter

**599**

Calls for assistance from residents, including from 25 Virginia localities

**75**

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

**\$789,120.75**

FUNDS SPENT ON LOCAL ASSISTANCE THIS QUARTER

# Adoptions INTO LOVING, PERMANENT HOMES

- **Audrey, Cranberry, Trail Mix, Girlfriend, and Hank** were among the 13 animals who found loving homes through our shelter this quarter.



**Audrey**



**Cranberry**



**Trail Mix**



**Girlfriend**



**Hank**



**They wouldn't leave you.  
Please don't leave them.**

Make arrangements for your animals' care **before**  
a natural disaster occurs. Don't wait.

**PETA**