



Happy New Year

JUPITER WAS
RESCUED FROM A
LIFE OF NEGLECT
AND ADOPTED
BY A NEW FAMILY
JUST IN TIME FOR
THE HOLIDAYS!

***PETA's* LOCAL WORK**

October–December 2017

Mobile Veterinary Spay/Neuter Clinics

PETA owns and operates four mobile veterinary clinics that serve dozens of communities in southeastern Virginia. During this quarter, 3,045 animals were sterilized for low or no cost. In 2017, PETA performed 13,317 surgeries, 7,405 of which were for indigent families' animal companions.



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

Chiko, **Tokey**, **Bella**, and **Sassy** were some of the 1,217 animals who got a free ride to and from their no-cost spay or neuter appointments this year.



Chiko



Tokey



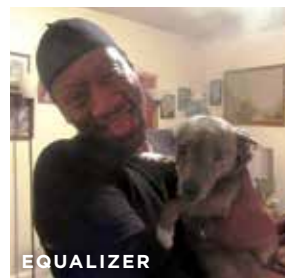
Bella



Sassy

Retention, Rehabilitation, and Rescue

- In August, a woman from Boykins, Virginia, was charged with two counts of cruelty to animals following a complaint made by PETA regarding her persistent neglect of two pit bulls whom she kept in a tiny, filthy pen. A few weeks later, one of the dogs was found dead in the pen, and the surviving dog, **Princess**, was seized. A Southampton County judge awarded custody of Princess to PETA—and she was eventually transferred to our partners at the Virginia Beach SPCA for a chance at adoption. PETA staff members will be testifying at the woman's trial in January.
- **Lulu** was kept outdoors in a wire crate until her owner chose to give her to PETA. We transferred her to the Virginia Beach SPCA.
- **Mr. Pepper** was steadily going mad from perpetual confinement to an outdoor pen with no stimulation or socialization. His owner finally gave him to PETA after he'd lost weight and become unthrifty, and we transferred him to the Virginia Beach SPCA.
- When **Equalizer** was feeling under the weather with a stomach ailment, we helped his worried owner get him to a veterinarian for assessment and treatment. Once he was feeling better, he was neutered, free of charge, on PETA's mobile clinic.
- We transported **Unique** to and from her free spay surgery on PETA's mobile clinic and provided her with treatment for a skin infection on her face, all at no cost to her family.

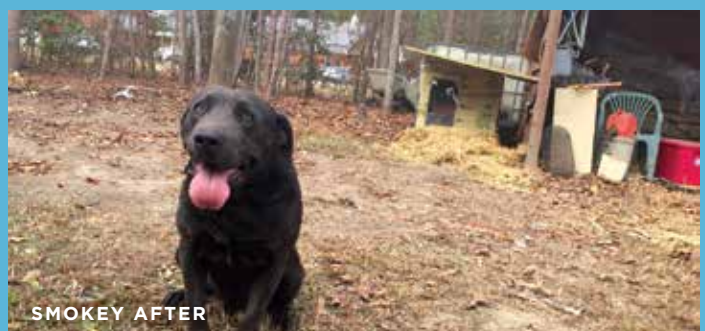


DID YOU KNOW?

As a result of having been neglected and kept outdoors 24/7/365, many of the adult dogs whom PETA transfers to the Virginia Beach SPCA test positive for heartworm disease, which is deadly when left untreated. PETA subsidizes these dogs' medical treatment for heartworms as well as other occasional procedures, including limb amputations, tumor removals, and dental services.

FOUR OF THIS YEAR'S 267 Doghouse Recipients

PETA's Community Animal Project primarily serves "outdoor dogs," whose human families refuse to allow them indoors, even during inclement weather. We work with public officials in these areas to implement minimum animal-care and -welfare requirements. As part of our hands-on protection, education, and outreach efforts, we operate a free doghouse program. Our doghouses are custom-built, sturdy, and stuffed with straw bedding to help make winter's chill a little more tolerable for these lonely souls. This is the closest to a "home" that most of our doghouse recipients will ever know.



Euthanasia Cases

- A local veterinarian referred **Spike's** indigent owner to PETA for no-cost euthanasia service after the dog, who was suffering from extensive hair loss and lichenification ("elephant skin"), developed a painful rectal prolapse and stopped eating.
- **Green Bean**, who had been with the same loving family for 21 years, was brought to PETA for end-of-life assistance because of age-related health issues.
- Elderly bulldog **Bruno** was brought to PETA for end-of-life assistance after he developed cancer, lost his vision, became immobile, and stopped eating and drinking.
- When elderly pit bull **Tyson**—in the end stages of fatal heartworm disease—became nearly immobile, was gasping for air, and had a severely distended abdomen, his owner gave him to PETA for end-of-life help.
- **Snowball**, a blind, elderly dog who had spent at least a decade living in isolation in an outdoor pen—where his ears had been eaten away by flies—was given to PETA for end-of-life assistance after a fieldworker conducting a routine visit found that the dog was bleeding and suffering as a result of ruptured perianal masses.



Gratitude FROM PEOPLE WE HELPED

When a family's beloved dog suddenly became mysteriously ill, they called PETA for guidance. We talked them through their panic and helped them get him to a veterinarian for a diagnosis. They later sent us a card, saying, "Our family cannot express the appreciation we feel for your assistance, care & support during such a difficult time. We don't know what we would have done without your help both emotionally & financially! ... PETA's true care for animals is such a blessing."

A woman who had been feeding feral cats could no longer afford to care for them and asked us for help trapping them and taking them to the local shelter. She later wrote to us, "I'm very grateful for ... all [that] PETA does. Thank you so much for your help. Nobody else was willing to help me or the cats."

When we provided an immobile companion domestic duck with end-of-life help, her caring owners wrote, "We are thankful to PETA for their help today in providing a safe & humane way to allow our pet to go to the ever after peacefully."

After we spayed a pit bull through our partnership with another shelter, the rescue group that was fostering her wrote, "Penelope would like to thank ... [the] PETA ... mobile clinic for their excellent care as always. We are all thankful that she will not have to take care of any more babies!"

Special Events and Community Outreach

- We sponsored and handed out informational literature at the Virginia Beach SPCA's annual **Mutt Masquerade 5K & 1-Mile Walk**.



- We participated in the Norfolk Police Department's annual **Trunk or Treat** event, handing out candy, coloring books, and comic books to approximately 3,500 children.



- Our mobile clinic once again participated in Norfolk's annual **Grand Illumination Parade**.



- We provided free spay/neuter surgeries in exchange for nonperishable food items to help support Newport News City Council Member **Sharon Scott's** 16th Annual North District **Food Drive**.



- PETA's headquarters, the Sam Simon Center, was a drop-off location for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve **Toys for Tots** program this holiday season.



COMMUNITY ANIMAL PROJECT Statistics

PETA's Community Animal Project is a fieldwork and sheltering division dedicated to assisting animals and residents in and around southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina. Fieldworkers respond to calls for help with behavioral issues, grooming needs, placement in new homes, animal retention, doghouses, veterinary care, euthanasia, transportation to and from veterinary clinics, and more. Here are some details on its activities this quarter:

4,438

Total number of animals helped by PETA's local services

597

Animals accepted into PETA's shelter

122

Animals transported/transferred to other area shelters

461

Animals euthanized (includes 147 for indigent guardians and 265 feral cats considered a nuisance in jurisdictions that don't assist feral cats)

216

Families counseled or aided with regard to retaining their animals

14

Animals adopted into permanent, loving homes through our shelter

580

Calls for assistance from residents, including from 26 Virginia localities

75

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

\$2,520,581.87

FUNDS SPENT ON LOCAL ASSISTANCE THIS YEAR

Adoptions INTO LOVING, PERMANENT HOMES

Rain, Storm, Pedro, Stefan, Dolly, and Portero were among the 53 animals who found loving homes through our shelter this year.



Rain and Storm



Pedro



Stefan



Dolly



Portero

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A PERSON WHO WOULD CHAIN A DOG OUTSIDE



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

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