



# *PETA's* LOCAL QUARTERLY REPORT

January–March 2018

This winter, PETA staff and volunteers delivered 6,000 bags of free straw bedding to thousands of cold dogs chained and penned outdoors 24/7.

During this quarter, 3,001 animals were sterilized on our mobile spay/neuter clinics. Many of the surgeries were performed free of charge for low-income residents.



## 153,464 animals spayed or neutered since 2001!

**PETA sterilized 268 dogs and cats for half price over the course of a week in honor of World Spay Day.** Even though spots filled quickly, anyone who called during that week for an appointment was still offered our Spay Day pricing, and we were booked solid for a month.



**Prince and 211 other animals got free rides to and from their free spay or neuter appointments.**



PETA's veterinary medical staff performed an emergency spay surgery to treat **Newton's** life-threatening uterine infection (pyometra) free of charge. The surgery could have cost more than \$1,000 at a private vet clinic. If it weren't for PETA's free services, this dog would likely have died. She was one of **4,563 animals helped by PETA's local services, on which we spent \$495,791.88 this quarter.**

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These **puppies**, found running loose by PETA staffers who were in the field helping animals during the “bomb cyclone” that covered Virginia with up to 10 inches of snow, were among **125 animals given to PETA and transferred to other Virginia shelters for adoption**. We also spayed their mom, **Brownie**.



As part of our efforts to help dogs like Bentley, we worked with **Sen. Lionell Spruill Sr. and other legislators on several animal-protection bills**, including one to restrict the tethering of dogs during inclement weather.



**Bentley and hundreds of other “outdoor dogs” got free straw doghouse bedding** to help protect them against frigid temperatures.



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**Bruno's family was among the 274 who received counseling and assistance** in keeping their animals. Our clinic staff treated him for itchy, inflamed skin.



After **Milo** stopped eating and his liver began to fail, his guardian called PETA for help with end-of-life care. He was **one of 128 animals we euthanized this quarter free of charge** for families who couldn't afford to pay for this vital service at a private veterinary clinic.



**Edgar, one of 12 animals we adopted out this quarter**, came to us from one of **75 people referred to PETA** by other area sheltering agencies and veterinary clinics.



This **cat**, suffering from ear mites, an ear infection, and infected wounds, was among **148 feral cats** whose suffering PETA ended. The feral cats we help come from jurisdictions that don't offer any services for them.

**One of the 520 calls for assistance that we received this quarter was for Ivy.** We provided transportation as well as veterinary care for infected puncture wounds sustained during a fight with another dog, all free of charge.



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Last quarter, we told you about **Princess**, a dog we rescued from a filthy pen in Boykins. She has since been adopted through the Virginia Beach SPCA. Her abuser was charged with cruelty to animals, pleaded guilty to nine counts, was sentenced to 30 days in jail and three years of probation, and was banned from owning animals *for life*. The judge granted PETA permission to **destroy the pen**, and local law enforcement joined us in the demolition.



**Moolah was one of the 458 animals received by PETA's shelter this quarter.**

We had been visiting him for five years, working with his family to ensure that he had proper shelter and that his chain wasn't wrapped directly around his neck. We neutered him for free and took him dog food and other supplies whenever his family called us. We moved him to the shade in the sweltering summer heat and to higher ground when the property flooded. We took straw bedding to help protect him from blizzards and subfreezing temperatures. After he developed a chronic cough, labored breathing, and a painfully distended abdomen in the end stages of fatal heartworm disease, his owner asked us for help one last time. Moolah was one of the 321 animals we euthanized this quarter.

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**Pitch**, who previously had no shelter, is one of **99 “outdoor dogs”** who received a sturdy new doghouse, courtesy of PETA's free-doghouse program.

## GRATITUDE FROM PEOPLE WE HELPED

After we provided **Lexi**, **Harley**, and **Tara** with end-of-life care, their guardians filled out postcards asking their state representatives to protect PETA's ability to offer such services. **This quarter, 719 postcards were filled out and sent to our clients' legislators.**

We are very thankful for PETA for all care of our beloved pet Lexi. It is so comforting to know she doesn't have to suffer.

Peta was so kind and helpful when our little girl got cancer and we had to put her to sleep to eliminate her from her pain and suffering.

My 13 yr old companion cat Harley was diagnosed with MCT's Sarcoma on 1/11. He was put on hospice care and was in severe pain I thought it was best to put him down. The people at PETA helped me end his suffering.



# BE AN *Angel* FOR ANIMALS

Chained dogs suffer day in and day out. They endure sweltering temperatures, hunger, and thirst and are vulnerable and lonely. Keep them inside, where it's safe and comfortable.



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**PETA WOULD LIKE TO THANK** members of the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates who sponsored Senate Bill 872 and House Bill 646, which sought to set a minimum standard for the Commonwealth's most vulnerable dogs, who are chained outdoors around the clock in all weather extremes, often tangled up and unable to reach the basic necessities of life, including water and shelter.

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