

PETA's LOCAL QUARTERLY REPORT

July–September 2018



Deuce (pictured with his friend Jabbarri) was one of 41 dogs given a free doghouse by PETA's Community Animal Project.

During this quarter, 2,913 animals were sterilized in our mobile spay/neuter clinics. Many of the surgeries were performed free of charge for low-income residents.



We've spayed or neutered 159,089 animals since 2001!

Without the help of PETA and their low cost mobile clinic, my cat would not have been able to be spayed and would have been a possible surrender at a shelter...



Thank you for providing my dog with a wonderful service and at a reasonable cost

Through our **Barks & Books** program, we continued to give out children's books with animal-friendly messages, donated by publishers, to kids we met in the field and at our spay/neuter clinics. We also participated in four **National Night Out** events across our service area and several neighborhood **Community Day** events in Norfolk.



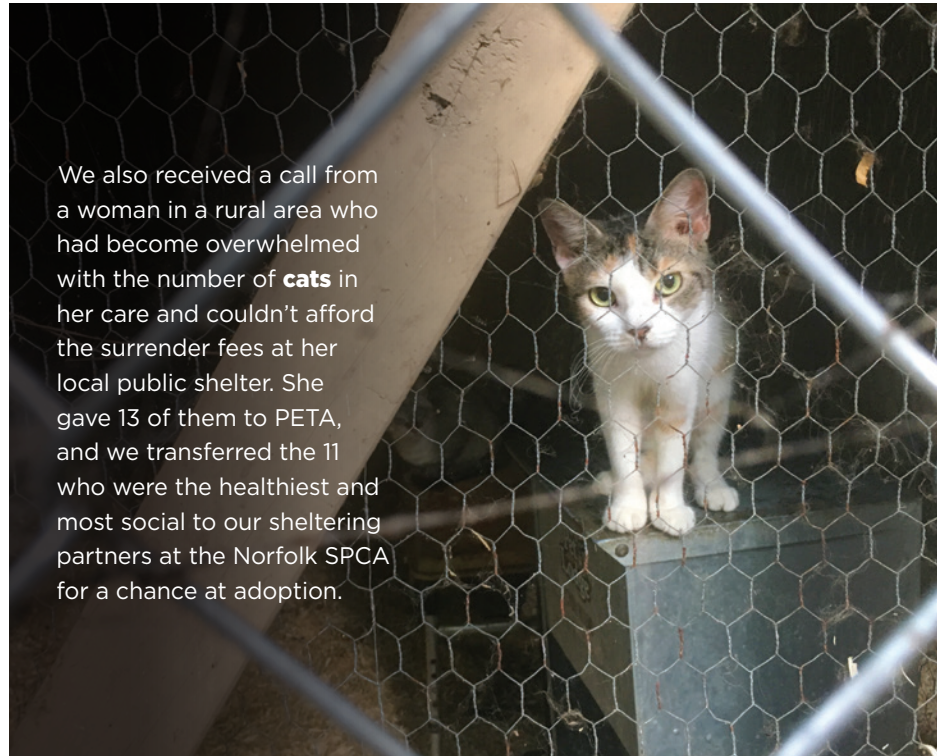
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Roxie's family was among the 209 who received counseling and aid with regard to keeping their animals. We provided transportation to and from her spay appointment, during which our clinic staff also treated an injury to her tail that had become necrotic. We treated **Prince** for a nail infection and shaved his matted fur during his neuter appointment, all at no cost to his guardians. We also removed a fishhook that had become embedded in **Remy's** mouth (secured with medical tape by his guardians on his way in to the clinic), neutered him, gave him antibiotics, and vaccinated him for rabies, all for a nominal donation. These animals were among the 4,545 helped by PETA's local services, on which we spent nearly \$782,000 this quarter.



Pecan and 239 other animals got free rides to and from their no-cost spay and neuter appointments.



We also received a call from a woman in a rural area who had become overwhelmed with the number of **cats** in her care and couldn't afford the surrender fees at her local public shelter. She gave 13 of them to PETA, and we transferred the 11 who were the healthiest and most social to our sheltering partners at the Norfolk SPCA for a chance at adoption.



One of the **603 calls for assistance** that we received this quarter was for **Chico**, a beagle mix whose owner could no longer keep him. Upon arriving at the property, we discovered that a chain wrapped around his neck had been clipped into his skin and had caused a festering wound. He received veterinary care and lived with a foster family until he was adopted into a wonderful home.

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When **Hurricane Florence** was forecast to cause widespread devastation throughout the Carolinas and southeastern Virginia, PETA staffers called more than 1,000 of the clients our fieldwork program assists regularly, making sure that they knew about the storm and were aware of the emergency shelters near them that accept animals. In the meantime, our rescue team geared up and headed out to strategic locations from which it could help animals and their guardians affected by the storm. Although the hurricane ultimately veered away from Virginia, its damaging winds and heavy rains brought dangerous flooding to North Carolina, where our team collaborated with local agencies to assist storm survivors, including dogs, cats, and chickens, who were taken to safety.



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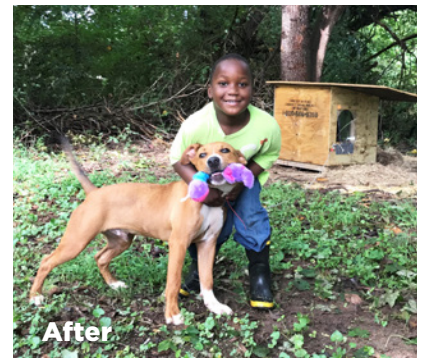
After many in southeastern Virginia had evacuated ahead of Hurricane Florence, a woman called us about a **kitten** who had been stuck in the engine of her car for several hours. The local animal control and fire departments were unable to help, but PETA's team safely removed her from the car and took her to the area's public shelter.



As Virginia residents were preparing for the storm, PETA received a call from a family preparing to evacuate, asking us to come pick up their dog, **Ace**, a chained shepherd mix we had been visiting regularly for the past few years. We transferred him to the Norfolk SPCA for a chance at adoption.



During a recent visit, we discovered that **Missy** was living in a pen that was filled with inches of mud. Our team spoke with her owner about the living situation and her poor body condition. The owner agreed to let us take her. She was suffering from internal parasites and spent a few days at PETA's shelter before being transferred to the Virginia Beach SPCA, where she was put up for adoption. She was one of the 820 animals received by PETA's shelter this quarter and among 216 animals transferred to other Virginia shelters for adoption.



Deuce and **Belvidere** were two of 41 "outdoor dogs" who received sturdy new doghouses, courtesy of **PETA's free doghouse program**.

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PETA first met **Miss Willie**, a chained Corgi mix, as a puppy in 2006. Our fieldworkers visited her regularly over the next 12 years. On our most recent visit, we found her lethargic, struggling to breathe, and unable to stand. We rushed her to the vet, who confirmed that she was terminally ill, suffering from heart failure, and that her lungs were full of fluid. Her owners surrendered her, but we were able to alleviate her symptoms and placed her with a foster family for hospice care, which included having a birthday party, socializing with new friends, and relaxing on the beach. When her quality of life declined and it was time for her to be relieved of her suffering, she was peacefully euthanized.



After we helped a family with end-of-life euthanasia for their dying dog on a Sunday night, we received a text message saying, “[I] can’t put into words how grateful I am that PETA employees were willing to meet me, at a moment’s notice, to help my girl cross the [rainbow] bridge. ... She, my husband, and myself were treated with the utmost compassion and dignity in our worst moments of having to let go. Even **Xena**, who normally didn’t like strangers, was clearly very comfortable being there, which spoke volumes. Thank you for helping our family get through such a difficult time.”

We also euthanized 351 **feral cats** suffering from conditions including advanced upper respiratory infections and neurological disorders as well as bloody nasal discharge, infected wounds, eye injuries, labored breathing, missing teeth, abrasions, ruptured tumors, and prolapsed organs. They were brought to PETA’s attention by some of the 75 people referred to us by other area sheltering agencies and veterinary clinics and were from jurisdictions that don’t offer any services for them at all.



When elderly Rottweiler **Panda** collapsed and became unresponsive from suspected heat exhaustion, her panicked family called our after-hours emergency pager team, who rushed out to help her. She was one of 138 animals we euthanized free of charge for families who couldn’t afford to pay for this vital service at a private veterinary clinic.



When **Onyx**, an elderly Chihuahua, began to have difficulty breathing, developed sores, had patches of skin peeling off, and became deaf, blind, immobile, and hunched over, his guardian asked PETA to end his misery. He was one of the 593 animals we euthanized this quarter.

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Evelyn, Claire, Dodge, and BeeBee were among the 11 animals we adopted out this quarter.



GRATITUDE FROM PEOPLE WE HELPED

After we provided **Peanut**, an elderly dog whose quality of life had diminished as he became arthritic, blind, and aggressive, with end-of-life euthanasia, his guardians filled out postcards asking their state representatives to protect PETA's ability to offer such services. This quarter, 466 of these postcards were sent to our constituent families' legislators.



People need this service to help us in a terrible time! They show so much compassion to the animal & owner!!

This will be my 3rd time coming to PETA for their services in easing my Buddys Pain, I thank the whole staff for helping and being super nice during this sad time. I strongly oppose any measure to limit or prevent PETA from providing our community with services like this. Please don't forget my note. Thank you.

Thank you so much PETA for your euthanasia services & was able to let Sonya go & be right there with him.



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

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

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