

QUARTERLY REPORT

Community Field and Rescue Work

Ahead of colder weather, PETA staff and volunteers are in the field, ensuring that dogs like Mouth have food, water, and shelter to protect them from the elements.

Read more about the animals we helped this quarter. ►►

Preventing Companion Animal Homelessness



Sweet Pea

During this quarter, the veterinary staff on our mobile spay/neuter clinics sterilized **2,618** companion animals, including **Sweet Pea** and **Missy**, who were among the 193 animals PETA's Community Animal Project fieldworkers transported for free to and from their no-cost spay/neuter appointments.

We also amputated the mangled tip of **Lucky's** tail during his neuter surgery at no cost to his guardian, who was unable to afford treatment. He is recovering well at home with his grateful family.



Missy



Lucky

**SAVE
LIVES
TODAY!**

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In collaboration with the local animal control department in rural **Gloucester County**, our veterinary staff sterilized 64 animals in one day—at no or very low cost to their guardians.

Community Outreach

Barks & Books

Through our **Barks & Books** program, we continued to distribute children's books with animal-friendly themes to kids we met in the field and at our spay/neuter clinics.



We partnered with the **Humane Society of Puerto Rico** to host a spay/neuter event for underserved communities near San Juan, sterilizing and vaccinating 200 animals in just two days. We also handed out hundreds of coloring books, stickers, and other educational materials.

Shelter Partnership Placements

➡ We transferred **136** companion animals to our shelter partners for adoption.

We secured relinquishment of chained dog **Baby** and tiny puppy **Bryce** from separate properties and transferred them to the Chesapeake Humane Society, where they were both quickly adopted.



We secured relinquishment of puppies **Mississippi** and **Sheba** and transferred them to the Norfolk SPCA for a chance at adoption. We also secured custody of **Rhino** and transferred him to the Virginia Beach SPCA for a chance at adoption.



PETA often subsidizes the cost of veterinary care when we transfer animals to our placement partner shelters.



Helping People Keep and Care For Their Animals

➡ This quarter, we spent **\$770,037** on local services.

One of the **613** requests for assistance that PETA received was for **Daisy**, who had extensive open wounds from being hit by a car. She was already spayed, but staff on our mobile clinics treated her (free of charge), and we continue to visit her and provide in-home wound care as she recovers. We assisted hundreds of families like hers in keeping their animal companions this quarter.



PETA helped protect “outside dogs” like **Sandy**—kept chained or penned outdoors 24/7—from the record-breaking heat by ensuring that they had access to shade and fresh water. We also made sure these dogs had shelter, food, and treatment for parasites, and we replaced short, heavy chains with 15-foot lightweight tie-outs.

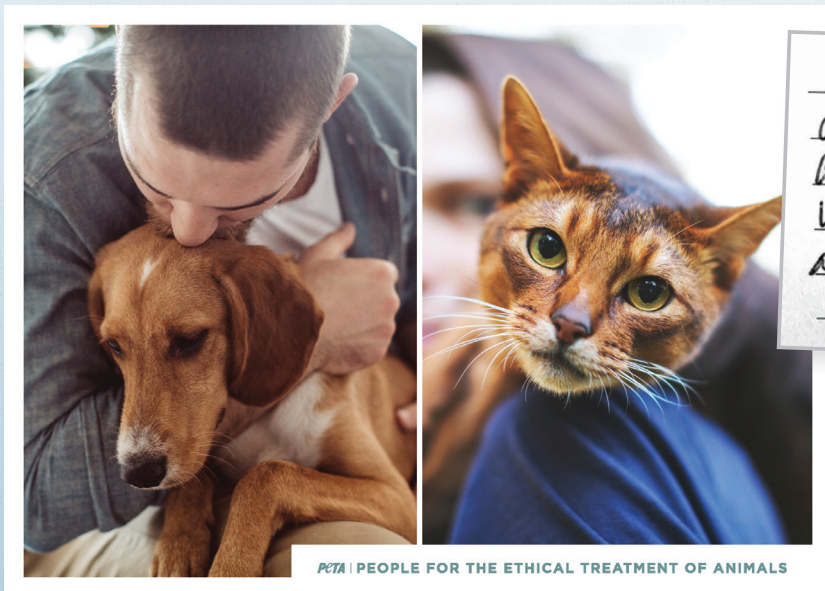
This quarter, we delivered custom-built, insulated doghouses to 31 dogs kept outdoors day and night in all weather extremes.



After we spayed her, we provided **Bella**—who had been kept outside with a three-sided structure that provided little if any protection from the elements—with a custom-made wooden doghouse.

Free End-of-Life Services

When the health of elderly cat **Socks** deteriorated and she lost her sight and stopped grooming herself, her guardian brought her to PETA's shelter for free end-of-life services. She was among the **173** animals we euthanized this quarter at no cost to families who couldn't afford this vital humane service. Their guardians filled out postcards asking their state legislators to safeguard our ability to offer end-of-life relief. This quarter, **683** of our constituent families sent postcards to their elected officials in support of our services, including compassionate euthanasia.



We so appreciated the care and compassion shown to us and our beloved cat. It was such a peaceful and affordable way to end our pet's suffering.

I would like to extend our heart felt thanks to PETA for providing a much needed service for those of us that are not able to afford the rising cost of euthanasia. PETA is an essential piece of the puzzle - Thank you

At his family's request, we provided a peaceful exit to **Dakota**, a senior dog in severe pain who'd become immobile and incontinent. He was among the **843** animals we euthanized this quarter.



We provided free end-of-life help to senior dog **Laddie**, whose family requested the service after she'd become blind, deaf, and immobile.



Among the animals we euthanized were **373 free-roaming cats** suffering from conditions that included a degloved tail, a severed tail, maggot-infested and necrotic wounds, injured and ruptured eyeballs, emaciation, advanced upper respiratory infections, stomatitis, panleukopenia, immunodeficiency infections, internal and external parasites, ringworm, vision impairment, traumatic injuries, broken bones, pododermatitis, ataxia, immobility, paralysis, suspected poisoning, and significant neurological symptoms potentially indicative of a rabies infection.

In-House Adoptions

 This quarter, PETA found homes for **Penny**, **Abbott** and **Costello**, **Helen**, and **Joy**, among many others.



Penny



Abbott and
Costello



Joy



Helen



MEET ASHA

When Asha was a baby, her herd in Africa was killed and she was captured. In 1985, she was acquired by Natural Bridge Zoo in Rockbridge County, Virginia, where she still languishes in isolation. Female elephants are highly social, but Asha has been kept in solitary confinement since 2005—and for about 29 of her 38 years in Virginia. For the last **34 years**, this roadside zoo has used Asha for public rides, during which her handler carries a bullhook—a heavy steel-tipped baton—as a reminder that if she doesn't perform as expected, pain will be inflicted.

Dozens of zoos have phased out or ended elephant exhibits. Asha is the last threatened African elephant used for rides in such a facility in North America. For years, she has exhibited repetitive, stereotypic behavior, such as swaying and head bobbing, due to what experts have opined is stress, boredom, and loneliness.

**Lonely elephants suffer in captivity.
Steer clear of roadside zoos.**

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