

SPECIAL REPORT

PETA “fixes” 229 cats and dogs during spay-a-thon in Southwest Virginia.



The rising cost of veterinary services and high demand for them have made it difficult or impossible for many Virginians, especially in underserved areas, to have their animal companions spayed or neutered. Shelters in Virginia and across the country are bursting at the seams with homeless animals.

In May, PETA partnered with the Twin County Humane Society for the second year in a row to provide free spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations, and microchips for companion animals in Southwest Virginia. Staff drove two of our state-of-the-art mobile clinics more than five hours from our Norfolk headquarters—the Sam Simon Center—to Galax, where they sterilized 229 cats and dogs over just two days.

PETA’s mobile clinics have sterilized more than 227,000 animals since the program’s inception in 2001.





Tessa before



Tessa after

PETA's fieldworkers delivered 25 free sturdy wooden doghouses to dogs kept chained or penned outside without adequate shelter in the Galax area. They also checked in on the families they'd met when in the area last year and ensured that their dogs had access to food, water, shelter, and shade.



Little Red



Josie

Several dogs and puppies relinquished in the field were brought back to Norfolk and transferred to placement partners for a chance at adoption.



Josie's puppies