



## MOBILE VETERINARY SPAY/NEUTER CLINICS

PETA owns and operates three mobile clinics that serve communities in southeastern Virginia, from Emporia to Cape Charles and many locations in between, including Boykins, Franklin, Gloucester, Hampton, Isle of Wight County, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, and others. A total of **2,844** animals were spayed or neutered at low cost to prevent unwanted births. Of those, **1,739** surgeries were performed free of charge or for a token fee for indigent families. Since the program's inception in 2001, **112,954** dogs, cats, and rabbits have been spayed or neutered on PETA's clinics.

## COMMUNITY ANIMAL PROJECT STATISTICS

PETA's Community Animal Project (CAP) is a fieldwork and sheltering division dedicated to assisting animals and citizens in communities in and around Hampton Roads and southeastern Virginia. Fieldworkers respond to calls for help with behavior issues, grooming needs, placement in new homes, animal retention, doghouses, veterinary care, euthanasia, transport to and from veterinary services, and more.

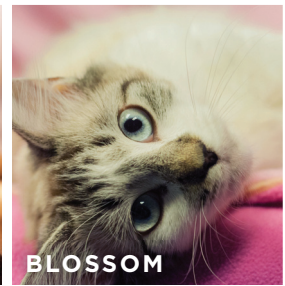
- Calls for assistance from citizens in 22 Virginia localities: **566**
- Families counseled or aided with regard to retaining their animals: **77**
- Animals accepted into PETA's shelter: **400**
  - Transported/transferred to other area shelters: **99**
  - Adopted: **33**
  - Euthanized: **268** (Requested by indigent owners: **110**)
- Estimated number of animals referred to PETA by other area sheltering agencies and veterinary clinics: **50**
- Free rides to and from spay/neuter appointments: **183**
- Free new doghouses delivered: **124**
- Total funds spent on local programs so far this year: **\$400,970**

## ADOPTIONS INTO LOVING, PERMANENT HOMES

- **Midnight** the cat's guardians couldn't afford surgery to remove a herniated mass in his abdomen and were unwilling to keep him indoors. PETA performed the surgery and provided foster care during his recovery, after which he was adopted by a family in New York City.
- **Calvin and Hobbes**, who had been abandoned on a street in Portsmouth, were adopted through PETA's shelter by families in the Washington, D.C., area.
- **Blossom** the cat's guardians couldn't afford an emergency spay surgery. We provided the lifesaving surgery, and once she fully recovered, we found her a new home in Hampton Roads.
- After **Sergeant's** guardian realized that she couldn't handle the needs of this large dog, whom she kept chained outside, PETA found a perfect family for him in New York City.
- **Kora** came to us with a neck wound from an embedded chain, a common injury among tethered dogs. After a few months spent recovering in foster care, she was adopted by a family in Maryland.
- **Elena's** guardian contacted PETA because her life had changed drastically and she could no longer care for the dog properly. Elena was adopted the same day she arrived at PETA's shelter.
- **Justice** was suffering from a deeply embedded collar when he came to PETA. After emergency veterinary care and hospitalization and a few weeks of healing in foster care, he was adopted by a family in the Washington, D.C., area.
- **LaVerne**, a mother cat, and her kittens, **Maxene**, **Patty**, **Warren**, and **Shirley**, came to PETA from a family overwhelmed with cats who were continuing to breed in an area that doesn't have any services to help curb companion-animal overpopulation. PETA nursed them back to health, sterilized and socialized them, and found them loving new strictly indoor homes.



MIDNIGHT



BLOSSOM



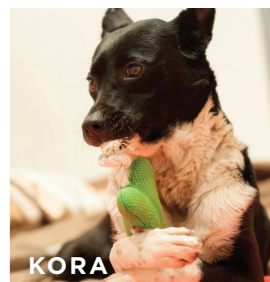
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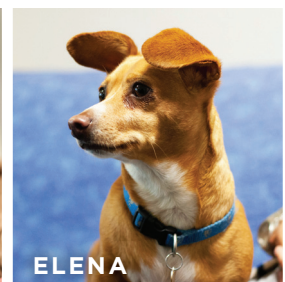
HOBBS



SERGEANT



KORA



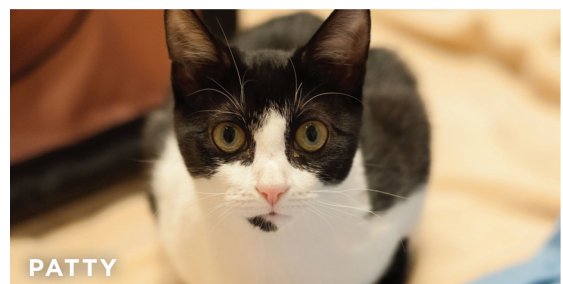
ELENA



JUSTICE



LAVERNE AND MAXENE



PATTY





PRINCESS



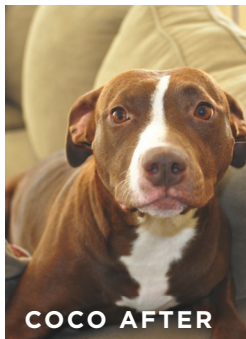
CHICO



YODA



COCO BEFORE



COCO AFTER



KING



EXOTIC

## RETENTION, REHABILITATION, AND RESCUE

- As part of PETA's retention-assistance program, our resident animal-behavior expert provided a local family with basic training and animal-care advice in order to help them keep **Princess**, whom they had been mistakenly disciplining with physical punishment.
- **Chico's** guardian contacted PETA after a babysitter accidentally slammed the door on the dog's foot. PETA worked with the family to pay for veterinary care for Chico.
- **Yoda's** guardian called PETA because he believed that the cat was suffering from a urinary blockage and he needed help paying for an office visit to the veterinarian. We helped cover the cost to get Yoda diagnosed and treated with antibiotics.
- In December, PETA took in an emaciated pit-bull mix named **Coco**, who had been so starved that she apparently ate her own litter of newborn puppies. She was transferred to the Virginia Beach SPCA, nursed back to health, and adopted into a new home, where she is now happy and healthy and barely recognizable!
- **King's** guardian called us because her landlord was threatening her with eviction after he found out that she had a dog, and she had no transportation to the animal shelter. We picked up King and took him to the Norfolk Animal Care and Adoption Center.
- PETA's fieldworkers transported **Exotic** to and from her spay appointment and transferred her four puppies, whom her guardian couldn't care for and didn't want, to the Virginia Beach SPCA for adoption.
- The guardian of **two dogs** who had no names and lived in a filthy pen contacted PETA and asked us to pick them up because he could no longer care for them. We transferred them to the Virginia Beach SPCA for adoption.

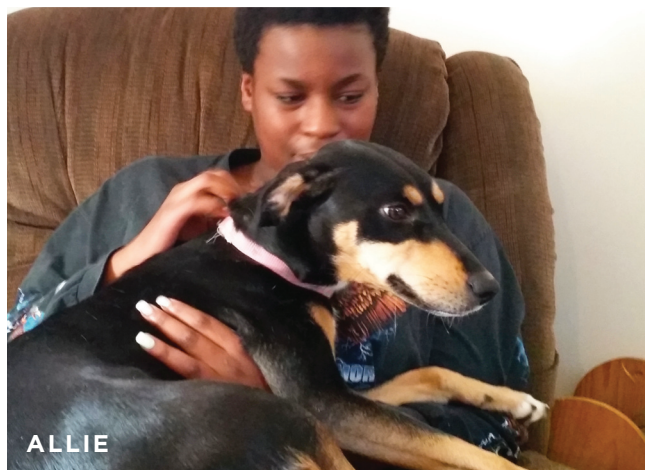


UNNAMED DOGS



## FREE TRANSPORTATION TO SPAY/NEUTER SURGERIES

- **Tigger** the cat was provided with free round-trip door-to-door transportation to and from one of our clinics for his free neuter appointment.
- **Princess** the dog was provided with free transportation to and from her free spay appointment, helping out her indigent owners.
- **Allie** was diagnosed with pyometra, a life-threatening uterine infection common in unspayed dogs. Unable to afford the emergency spay surgery to save her life, her guardians called PETA for help. We transported her to and from PETA's clinic and performed the surgery, all free of charge, and she's now on the mend.



## SPECIAL EVENTS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- PETA staffers and volunteers called approximately 750 households with chained or penned “outdoor dogs” whom we had helped in the last year to encourage them to allow their dogs indoors during the prolonged subfreezing weather that hit our area.
- Local news outlets, including the *Daily Press*, *The Virginian-Pilot*, *AltDaily.com*, and *Veer Magazine*, published PETA-related opinion pieces, interviews, and public service announcements as well as coverage of PETA's local events, such as our \$15 spay/neuter surgeries in January and free spay/neuter surgeries for cats in April.
- Despite frigid winter weather that turned the event into more of a “snow day,” we performed 68 spay and neuter surgeries on World Spay Day.



**ARE YOU KITTEN ME?**

**FREE SPAY AND NEUTER SURGERIES FOR COMPANION CATS\* THROUGHOUT APRIL**

Kitten season is prime breeding time—and the best time to ensure that fewer animals contribute to the companion-animal overpopulation crisis. In addition, sterilized animals live longer and happier lives, are less likely to develop cancer of the reproductive system, and, in the case of neutered males, are less likely to roam or fight.

Free spots can be reserved by calling PETA at 757-622-7382, option 3, or completing the online form at [PETA.org/SpayNeuterAppt](http://PETA.org/SpayNeuterAppt).

**APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED!**

Our clinic travels to locations throughout Hampton Roads and beyond, including Cape Charles, Chesapeake, Gloucester, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and many more!

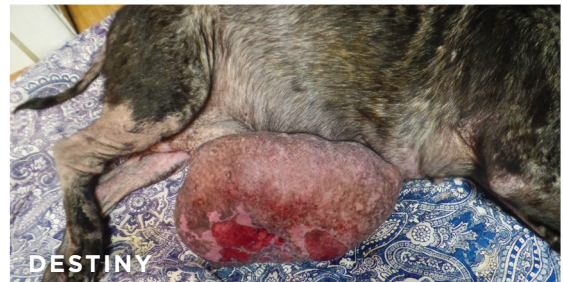
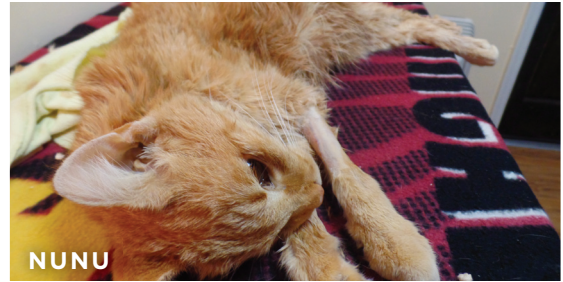
\*This offer does not apply to feral cats. All cats must be between 3 months and 6 years old.





## EUTHANASIA CASES

- **Alex**, a geriatric Pomeranian, was blind, deaf, incontinent, and suffering from severe periodontal disease. His guardian couldn't afford to have him euthanized at a veterinary clinic, so PETA provided the service free of charge.
- **Nunu**'s guardians had no transportation and were unable to afford the cost of euthanasia at the vet, so we rushed out to pick him up. Immobile and unresponsive, he was suffering from a massive abdominal tumor, which had made his stomach swell to three times its normal size.
- We rushed out during a snowstorm to pick up **Destiny**, a geriatric pit bull suffering from a massive, ruptured abdominal tumor, and ended her suffering.
- **Penny**, a geriatric pit bull, was suffering from crippling arthritis, labored breathing, and a severe flea infestation that had caused her skin to become painfully infected. Her guardians couldn't afford the cost of euthanasia at their veterinarian, so we picked her up and performed the service free of charge.
- **Baby Girl**'s distraught, destitute guardians called PETA's emergency pager on a Sunday because Baby Girl had stopped eating and drinking and was bleeding profusely from her vagina. We quickly ended her suffering.
- **Junior**, a geriatric chow mix, was immobile and in severe pain, suffering from advanced hip problems. Because of his history of aggression, his family was afraid to touch him and had left him lying outside in the rain for more than 12 hours. We picked him up and gave him a peaceful release from his misery.
- A Norfolk resident contacted our emergency pager after finding a dead, heavily pregnant cat who had been hit by a car. The cat's abdomen was ruptured, and the caller found three unborn kittens inside her, two of whom were just barely alive. The good Samaritan rushed the dying kittens to PETA, and we ended their suffering.



## GRATITUDE FROM CITIZENS WE HELPED

- After we had groomed her badly matted little dog, Mr. Wiggles, an indigent Portsmouth resident wrote us the following:

*To Everyone at PETA, there is no way I can ever thank you enough for all you have done for me. You are a true blessing in my life. You helped me with my other dog Chelsie and now Wiggles. You are so good to Wiggles and I just wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart.*

- After we had agreed to provide a geriatric dog, who was blind, deaf, and incontinent, with a peaceful passing, her guardians sent us this sweet letter on her behalf:

*Hello – My name is Lady Harper. My folks are so thankful that you have agreed to help me thru this trying time. I have had a good life for about 13 or so years with my humans and they have done all they can to make me comfortable. Now that I have come to this point in the road of life, my mom would ask only that you be gentle to me as you help me to pass on, and to keep me from being afraid since she won't be there beside me. This decision was not an easy one, but the agreement to go ahead was mutual, so let's do this.*

### JADA WAS ONE OF OUR MORE THAN 124 DOGHOUSE RECIPIENTS.

This sweet pit-bull mix lives in Boykins. Her previous shelter was a badly chewed-up plastic doghouse. Jada also enjoyed romping around with a new plush toy!

