

PETA'S LOCAL WORK

JULY-SEPTEMBER 2015



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PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

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 County, Hampton, Isle of Wight County, Newport News, Norfolk, and Poquoson. A total of 3,276 animals were spayed or neutered at low or no cost to prevent unwanted births during this quarter. Of those, 2,462 surgeries were performed free of charge or for a token fee for indigent families. So far this year, PETA has performed 8,846 spay and neuter surgeries, and 5,714 of those were for indigent families. Since the program's inception in 2001, 118,965 dogs, cats, and rabbits have been spayed or neutered at PETA's clinics.

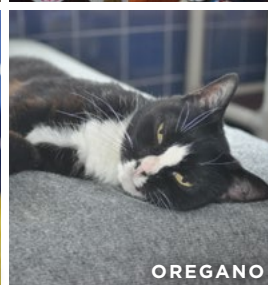
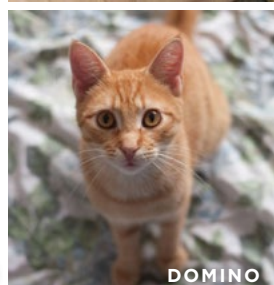
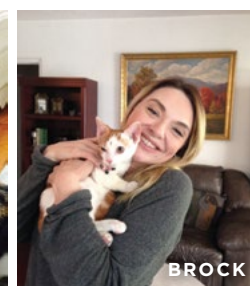
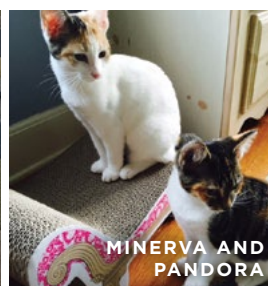
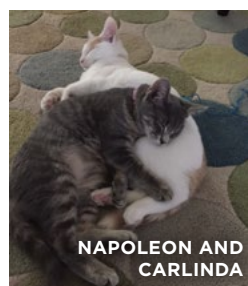
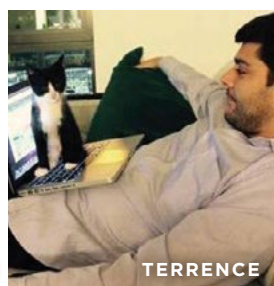
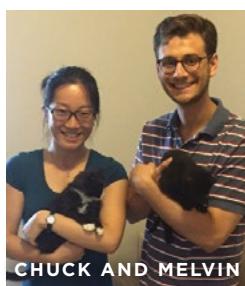
COMMUNITY ANIMAL PROJECT STATISTICS

PETA's Community Animal Project is a fieldwork and sheltering division dedicated to assisting animals and citizens in and around Hampton Roads and southeastern Virginia. Fieldworkers respond to calls for help with behavioral issues, grooming needs, placement in new homes, animal retention, doghouses, veterinary care, euthanasia, transport to and from veterinary clinics, and more. The following information details some of the project's activities:

- Calls for assistance: **603** (year to date: **1,732**)
- Virginia localities served: **24**
- Families counseled or aided with regard to retaining their animals: **70** (year to date: **212**)
- Animals accepted into PETA's shelter: **630** (year to date: **1,478**)
 - Transported/transferred to other area shelters: **113** (year to date: **341**)
 - Adopted: **27** (year to date: **75**)
 - Euthanized: **490** (includes **112** for indigent guardians and **150** feral cats considered a nuisance in jurisdictions that don't assist feral cats, including Portsmouth, Southampton County, Middlesex County, and others)
- Estimated number of animals referred to PETA by other area sheltering agencies and veterinary clinics: **75** (year to date: **150**)
- Free transportation to and from spay/neuter appointments: **211** (year to date: **569**)
- Free new doghouses delivered: **37** (year to date: **171**)
- Total funds spent on local programs to date: **\$1,463,164**

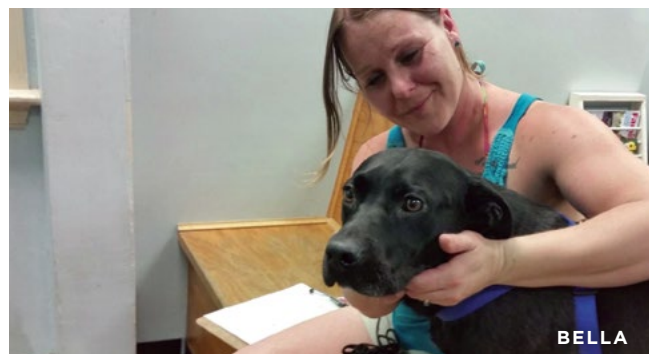
ADOPTIONS INTO LOVING, PERMANENT HOMES

- Mother and son Chihuahua mixes **Chickpea and Potato** (pictured on the cover) were transferred to PETA from the Danville Area Humane Society. PETA succeeded in placing the deeply bonded duo together in a loving home.
- We also found top-notch homes for kittens **Chuck, Melvin, Terrence, Napoleon, Carlinda, Minerva, Pandora, Brock, and Murdoch**.
- PETA assisted with a cat-hoarding case in Smyth County. The local animal shelter was overwhelmed and seeking placement for more than 100 cats seized from a “no-kill rescue” operation. PETA delivered a dozen cats to other Virginia shelters and took in eight cats ourselves (including **Domino, Juniper, Oregano, and Surit**), most of whom have already found exceptional homes.

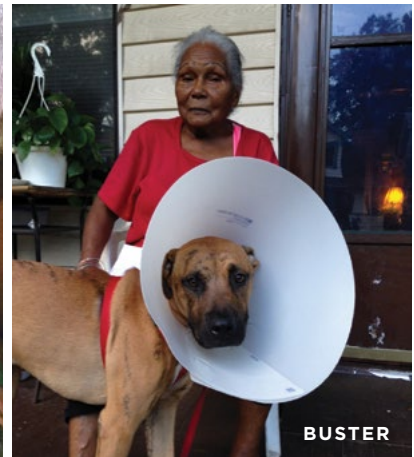


RETENTION, REHABILITATION, AND RESCUE

- **Bella's** family called our emergency pager on a Friday evening because she hadn't been eating for several days and they had neither the money nor transportation to take her to a veterinarian. PETA's volunteer pager team drove them to and from the vet and covered the cost of care for the dog's irritated intestines.
- This beloved 116-pound Rottweiler, **Capone**, was brought to PETA because he had a fishhook stuck in his face. Temporarily homeless and penniless, his guardian had been turned away by numerous veterinary clinics because of his lack of funds. PETA's clinic staff removed the fishhook and also neutered Capone at no charge.



- PETA fieldworkers rescued **Athena** in May, when she was found in direct sunlight with her leg caught in her tether, unable to reach food, water, or shade. Her internal temperature was 106 degrees, and her leg was badly swollen. With help from our friends at the Virginia Beach SPCA and the Pets for Patriots program, she recovered and found a wonderful home with a member of the U.S. Navy.



- After **Buster** cut his paw on a broken bowl, his guardian called PETA because she knew he needed care that she couldn't afford. Our fieldworkers transported him to and from our mobile clinic, where staff treated his paw injury and also neutered him, all at no cost to his loving guardian.

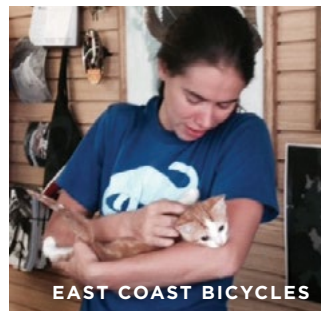
FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR SPAY/NEUTER SURGERIES

- We transported cats **Sadie, China, and Princess** and dog **Tootie** (among dozens of other animals) free of charge to and from their spay and neuter appointments (also free).



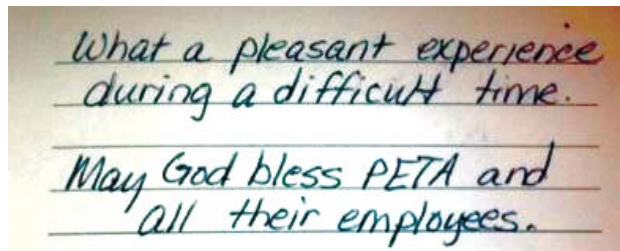
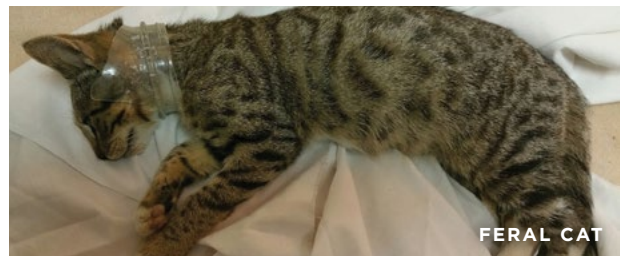
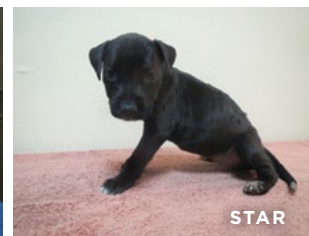
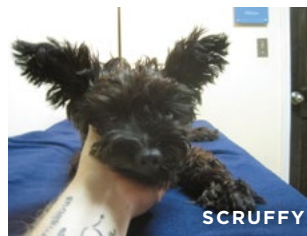
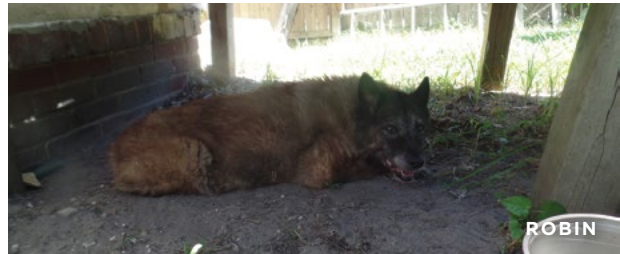
SPECIAL EVENTS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- We delivered 196 cases of vegan pâté, worth \$11,000, to the **Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore**.
- We held adoption events at Norfolk businesses **East Coast Bicycles** and **Harbor Gallery**.
- PETA's mobile clinic drove 200 miles to the **Danville Area Humane Society**, where we spent three days spaying and neutering more than 120 animals, all at no cost to their guardians, thanks to a grant secured by the humane society.
- We gave presentations on our local work to several Norfolk civic leagues and set up tables at the Diggs Town Community Health Fair, the Calvert Square Community Fun Day, the Annual Norfolk Neighborhood Expo, and **Dogs Gone Swimming**, a fundraiser for Friends of Norfolk Animal Care Center that PETA has played a major role in sponsoring for four years in a row.

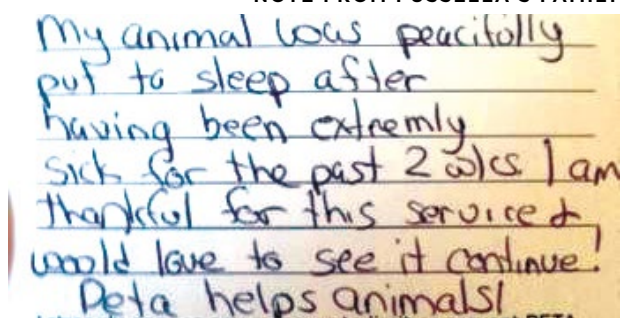


EUTHANASIA CASES

- A resident of Portsmouth, which doesn't offer services for feral cats, asked PETA to remove several **feral cats** who were living on her property, including one whose injured eye was bulging out of its socket.
- **Robin**, a 13-year-old chow chow mix, had stopped eating and drinking and was immobile. We ended her suffering.
- **Scruffy**, an elderly, arthritic Scottish terrier mix, was brought to PETA for euthanasia after he had stopped eating and drinking. He passed away peacefully with his guardian by his side.
- Puppy **Star** had deadly parvovirus, with bloody diarrhea, vomiting, lethargy, and dehydration. PETA stopped her suffering.
- A property owner in a county that doesn't offer any services for cats asked PETA to remove several **feral cats** from a rural property. One of them had gotten his head stuck in a glass jar that eventually broke but left a tight, jagged glass ring around his neck.
- After **Pussella** stopped eating and drinking and became incontinent and lethargic, her guardian called PETA. This sweet cat passed away peacefully with her loving family at her side.
- When **Apache** developed a tumor on his stomach, started to lose weight, developed an eye infection, and began vomiting, his guardian couldn't stand to watch her cat suffer. Unable to afford veterinary care and fearing that cancer was spreading internally, she called PETA for help. Apache passed away peacefully with his guardian at his side.



NOTE FROM PUSSELLA'S FAMILY



NOTE FROM APACHE'S FAMILY

GRATITUDE FROM CITIZENS WE HELPED

- After PETA staff helped a devastated woman say goodbye to her beloved dog of 14 years, she called to say thank you:

I don't have words to express how extraordinarily caring your team was that put Molly to sleep. . . . I just want you to know how grateful I am and how I've told everybody how wonderful you people are. . . . I really, really appreciate your helping me at a time that not only I needed it but my little angel needed it as well. And through your grace, she was able to go to her "forever sleep" in my arms.

- A client of one of PETA's mobile clinics sent a lovely thank-you letter:

I am so grateful for the care and compassion you have shown to me and my cats. Your service to the pet community is invaluable.

- A special thank-you note:

Peta was amazing when I needed help with my dog Max. They came out real fast when I needed their help and did everything they could to help my dog, and they also comforted me. . . . What is so nice about Peta and their work is they really care about taking care of the pets that they come to help. When Heather came to look at Max I had [a feeling] of peace in my heart, because I knew she was not only going to take Max for treatment, but she was there for me, to support my Max and so that gave me great peace to know that someone was there for him to the very end. I'm very grateful to Peta for being there for me and Max, and I would call them again in a heartbeat. And I'm going to tell all my friends and family about how much Peta cares.

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a
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Adoption saves lives.

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enter shelters, and roughly half
must be euthanized for lack of a
good home.

Miss America 2014, Nina Davuluri,
with rescued mutt Hana, for **PETA**

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