

# PETA's LOCAL QUARTERLY REPORT



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April–June 2019

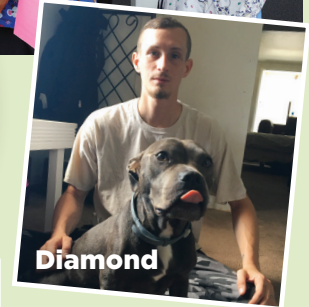
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## PREVENTING ANIMAL HOMELESSNESS

During this quarter, the veterinary staff of our **mobile spay/neuter** clinics sterilized 3,139 animals, including **Diamond**, who was suffering from pyometra, a potentially fatal uterine infection. Our clinic staff treated **Jasmine** for infected puncture wounds and **Whisper** for an ear infection at the time of their spay surgeries, all at no cost to their guardians. We also examined and treated **Samantha** after she was hit by a car, and we spayed her after she recovered from her injuries. Many of our surgeries and other services, like those we offered to these dogs, are performed free of charge for low-income residents.

We recently received these kind words from an appreciative client: "I want to thank everyone for everything today. Such a wonderful group of people working today and I am so happy that you offer this service to the community."

**We've spayed or neutered 168,209 animals since 2001!**



**Diamond**



**Samantha**



**Jasmine**



*Thank you so much for taking the time to come to our town & provide such a necessary service.*



**Whisper**

*Without PETA's program our city would be over-run w/ unwanted strays.. We need shelter space! Spaying/Neutering - especially when it's affordable saves lives!*

*I was laid off from my job 3/8/19 and I thought I'd have to cancel my pet's apartment. Peta offered their services for free. This was a blessing!*

We transported **Devus**, **Sassy Cat**, **Baby**, **Terminator**, **Little Kitty**, and 225 other animals free of charge to and from their no-cost spay and neuter appointments.



**Devus**



**Sassy Cat and Baby**



**Terminator**



**Little Kitty**

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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

PETA hosted its annual **Poochella** adoption festival in the Bea Arthur Dog Park in Norfolk. Twelve sheltering agencies participated, bringing dozens of adoptable dogs looking for loving homes. Nearly 20 were adopted.



We attended the ceremonial **signing of Senate Bill 1025**, which strengthens language to require adequate shelter and space for companion animals kept outdoors. PETA is grateful to Sen. Lionell Spruill for championing this important bill and to Gov. Ralph Northam for advocating for it and signing it into law.

We also attended the **signing of Senate Bill 1604**, which strengthens protections for animals by allowing felony charges to be filed when a companion animal has endured torture, willfully inflicted inhumane injury or pain, or cruel or unnecessary beating, maiming, or mutilation causing serious bodily injury. PETA assisted the bill's sponsor, Sen. Bill DeSteph, by rallying compassionate Virginia residents to express their support.



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 delivered a **Compassionate Police Department Award** to Officer J. Monteith of the Portsmouth Police Department after he rescued and transported a snapping turtle to safety.



A PETA staffer spoke at an elementary school **career day** in Norfolk, teaching young students about our hands-on work in the field and at our mobile spay/neuter clinics.

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## SHELTER PARTNERSHIP PLACEMENTS

Chained pit bull **Coco** and her **five young puppies**, who were born in a filthy, muddy backyard, were some of the 632 animals received by PETA's shelter this quarter and among the 276 we transferred to other Virginia shelters. All six dogs were transferred to the Norfolk SPCA for a chance at adoption.



Coco



Sugar

**Mario, Luigi, Princess Toadstool, and Princess Daisy** came to PETA from a hoarding situation and were transferred to the Virginia Beach SPCA for a chance to live with a foster family and be adopted.



Soldier Boy Before



Soldier Boy After

PETA fieldworkers secured relinquishment of **Soldier Boy**, who was found without any shelter and badly entangled in his chain. The emaciated pit bull was transferred to the Norfolk SPCA but came to visit his friends at PETA for Poochella and was soon adopted.

The owner of **Sugar**, a sweet 4-month-old pup, called PETA to surrender her because she wasn't a "good guard dog." We gladly took her in and transferred her to the Peninsula SPCA.



Jackie Before



Jackie After

**Jackie** (this quarter's cover girl!) was suffering from a severe intestinal parasite infestation, and her owner was unable to feed her properly or provide necessary veterinary care. She was relinquished to PETA and transferred to the Virginia Beach SPCA, where a loving family quickly adopted her.

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## HELPING PEOPLE KEEP AND CARE FOR THEIR ANIMALS

One of the 576 calls for assistance that we received this quarter was for **Prince**, whose guardian had suffered a stroke and was unable to take him to appointments for vet care or grooming. We transported him to and from our clinic, where he was treated for an ear infection and shaved down, all free of charge. His family was among the 228 we assisted so that they could keep their animals. We also groomed **Smokey** and **Panda**, whose fur was heavily matted, during their neuter appointments—all at no cost to their guardians. They were among the 4,398 animals helped by PETA's local services, on which we spent over \$554,000 this quarter.



When temperatures and humidity rise, PETA staff and volunteers focus on helping dogs like **Tom**, **Diamond**, and **Ace** by ensuring that they have access to fresh water and shade. We also give them protection from fleas, ticks, and flystrike, a serious and painful condition of the ears. Dogs like **Lazy** and **Boy Boy**, who have already been spayed or neutered by PETA, receive basic grooming services, including nail trims, when we're out in the field.



We gave sturdy new doghouses to 53 "outdoor dogs," including **Cash** and **Scarlett**, courtesy of PETA's free doghouse program.



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### FREE END-OF-LIFE SERVICES

**Gumbo**, an elderly English bulldog, was brought to PETA because he'd been immobile for two days and had trouble breathing. He appeared to be in the final stages of heart failure, so our after-hours emergency team met his guardians in the middle of the night to end his suffering. He was one of 116 animals we euthanized free of charge for families who couldn't afford this vital service at a private veterinary clinic. His guardians filled out postcards asking their state legislators to safeguard PETA's ability to offer such services. This quarter, 766 of our constituent families sent such **postcards** to their legislators.

PETA was amazing in taking care of my dog Gumbo when he was very ill. They went above and beyond. They cared for him as he was their own fur baby.



Our beloved dog of 12 yrs needed to be put down because of severe cognitive changes & PETA was there for us during our time of sorrow & need. We greatly appreciate them!

We so appreciate this service you provide. Our dog was suffering from arthritis and internal bleeding and we could not afford the vet's charge to euthanize.

I am grateful to PETA for allowing Coco to pass peacefully and all that they do in our community to help suffering animals + educate people.

The awesome people at PETA helped us end our dogs suffering almost as soon as we realized that it was time for her to go and we are eternally grateful for them.



Roscoe

**Roscoe** had been chained outdoors for as long as we'd known him. His owners called PETA because he had lost his appetite and was having trouble breathing. His abdomen was severely distended, and even his legs were swollen with fluid. We consulted a private veterinarian, who confirmed that he was in the final stages of heart failure and euthanized him to end his suffering.

Thanks to Peta my cat is at peace and I have peace of mind.



Booker T. Washington

When 17-year-old **Booker T. Washington** lost an alarming amount of weight, became extremely lethargic, and was unable to keep down food or water, his loving guardians brought him to PETA for end-of-life care.



Sierra

**Sierra**, a chained, geriatric German shepherd, was surrendered to PETA for end-of-life relief with symptoms of congestive heart failure likely caused by advanced heartworm disease. She was one of 344 animals we euthanized this quarter.

We also euthanized 145 **feral cats** suffering from conditions that included advanced upper respiratory infections, broken legs, infected wounds, eye injuries, and labored breathing.

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## IN-HOUSE ADOPTIONS

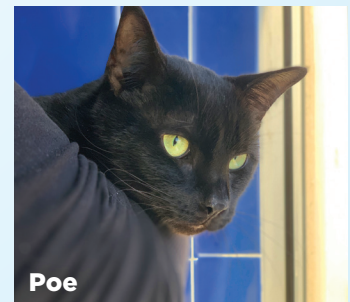


We'd been visiting **Missy**, a sweet Labrador mix, for *10 years*. She'd spent her life enduring the summer heat and winter cold—including snowstorms—as well as hurricanes and thunderstorms, while confined to a small area with hardly any view of the outside world. We spayed her, gave her a doghouse, and cleaned her pen regularly. During a recent visit, we saw that she had lost weight and was having difficulty breathing. We suspected that she was suffering from heartworm disease—and we were right. After we discussed her medical needs and the cost of treatment with her elderly owner, she was given to PETA. We started treating this energetic gal and, after she spent a few weeks at our Norfolk office, found her a loving home where she can enjoy her twilight years.

After a longtime client demanded that PETA come to her house “to feed and water my dog,” we found **Penny**, a 6-pound Chihuahua mix, tied with a short leash to a trash can and without any food, water, or shelter. After discussing what was best for the dog, her owner gave her to PETA, and we quickly found her a home with a wonderful family.



**Captain America**, **Captain Marvel**, and **Black Widow** were transferred to PETA from another Virginia shelter and found loving homes, thanks to our Poochella adoption event.



We also found wonderful homes for **Ben**, **Jack**, **Daisy Mae**, and **Poe**.



# HEAT KILLS

Despite calls from concerned neighbors, local authorities did not respond to help this heavily panting dog, who was chained outdoors without access to water or shade in 90-degree weather. He was later found dead, likely from heatstroke. Heat can kill. Please let dogs live indoors.

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