

Safely helping  
animals and  
their families:  
PETA's fieldwork  
continues despite  
the COVID-19  
pandemic.



*PETA's*  
**LOCAL QUARTERLY  
REPORT**

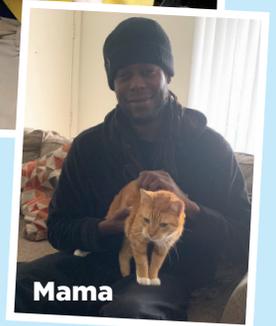
January–March 2020

## PREVENTING ANIMAL HOMELESSNESS

We've spayed  
or neutered  
**177,896**  
animals since  
2001!

During this quarter, the veterinary staff of our **mobile spay/neuter clinics** sterilized 3,408 animals, including **Hazal**, who was suffering from pyometra, a potentially fatal uterine infection. A spay surgery involving this condition would cost between \$1,200 and \$1,500 at a private veterinary clinic—and significantly more on an emergency basis—but we performed it free of charge. Our clinic staff also treated **Luna** for an abscess on her face and **Mama** for an abscess in her mouth during their free surgery appointments.

Many of our surgeries and other services, like those we provided these animals with, are performed free of charge for low-income residents.



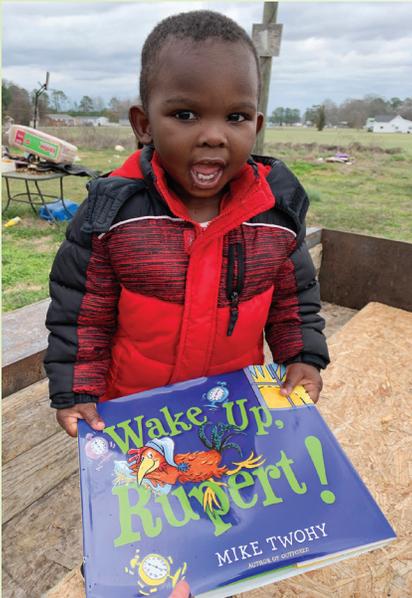
In honor of **Spay Day USA** (February 25), PETA's mobile clinics offered a special deal throughout the month, deep discounts on spay and neuter surgeries for dogs and female cats and free neuter surgeries for male cats. Thanks to the support of a generous donor, we sterilized 105 cats *in just one day* for free or at a very low cost for indigent clients in Gloucester County.

We transported **Princessa, Midnight, Coco, June Bug**, and 213 other animals free of charge to and from their no-cost spay and neuter appointments.



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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



The **Elizabeth River Project**, a Hampton Roads-based nonprofit organization that focuses on restoring and conserving this tributary of the Chesapeake Bay, recognized PETA for removing derelict pilings and creating a bird-nesting habitat adjacent to our dog park (which is free and open to the public) at the Annual River Star Business Recognition Luncheon, where guests included several local officials, Rep. Bobby Scott, and Gov. Ralph Northam.



 **Danville Area Humane Society**  
Wonderful start to the week! Virginia Beach SPCA accepted 30 dogs from us and PETA once again picked them up and drove them to begin their lives as beach dogs. Thanks, Jes, PETA, and VBSPCA! And thank you, Val-Rae for taking the pictures and sending them to our adoption partners!

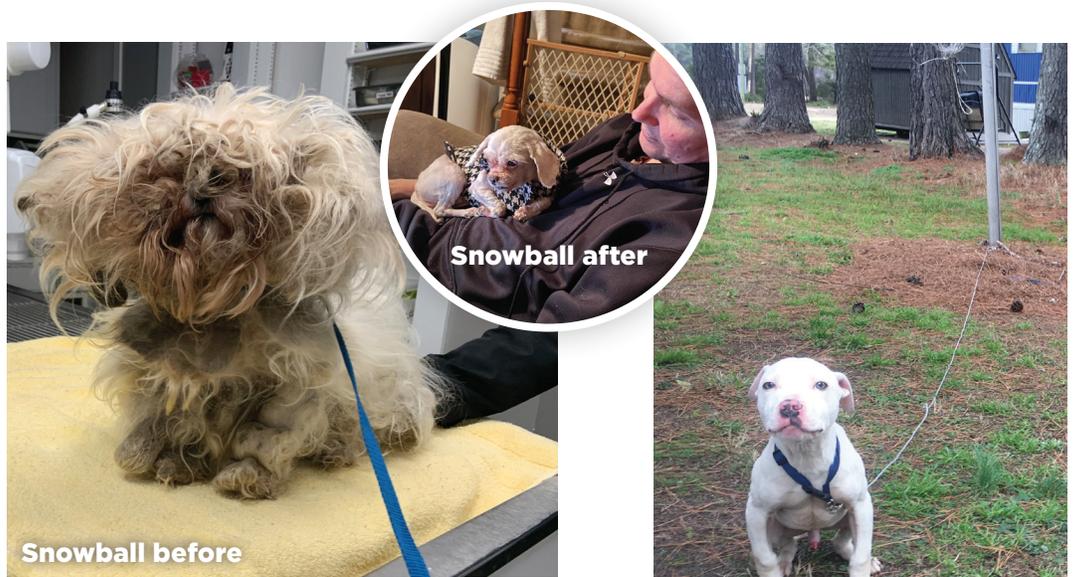
PETA assisted two partner shelters by transporting 67 dogs in three separate trips more than 200 miles from the **Danville Area Humane Society** to the **Virginia Beach SPCA**, where they will have a better chance of being adopted.



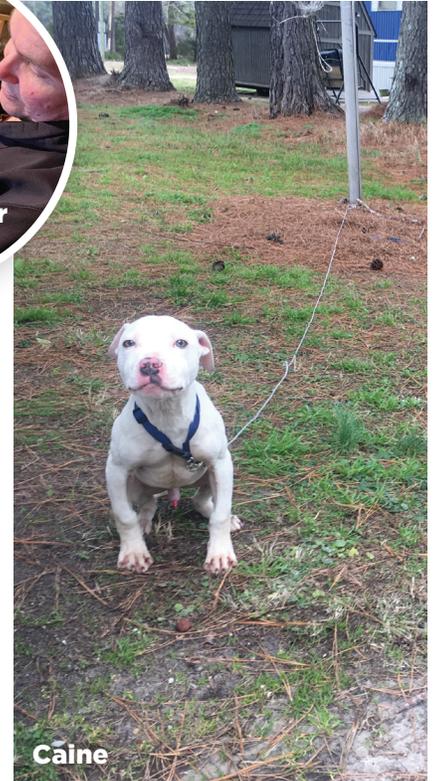
We hosted our annual **breakfast for legislators** in Richmond, taking vegan food from Norfolk-area restaurants to delegates, senators, and their staffers for them to enjoy. We also took along four PETA rescued pups—three of whom were up for adoption—and they received lots of love and attention. Virginia First Lady Pam Northam stopped by with Pearl, the “First Puppy of Virginia.”

## SHELTER PARTNERSHIP PLACEMENTS

The owners of heavily matted **Snowball** were unable to care for her properly and chose to surrender her to us. We transferred her to our placement partners at the Norfolk SPCA, where she was promptly groomed and then placed in a foster home. She was just one of the 704 animals received by PETA's shelter this quarter and among the 181 we transferred to other Virginia shelters.



**Little Eddie** was freed from a life spent at the end of a chain. He was transferred to the Virginia Beach SPCA for a chance at adoption.



Young pup **Caine**, who was found chained outdoors without shelter, was given to PETA and transferred to the Norfolk SPCA for a chance at adoption.



After a longtime PETA client went to a nursing home, her family called and asked us to pick up 12 cats who were living in her house, which was likely to be condemned after years of hoarding. Six of them were social and healthy enough to be transferred to the Norfolk SPCA, where several were quickly adopted.

## HELPING PEOPLE KEEP AND CARE FOR THEIR ANIMALS



Scarface

One of the 528 calls for assistance that we received this quarter was for **Scarface**, a senior dog we treated for a severe flea infestation and skin infection. His family was among the 232 we helped to keep their animals.



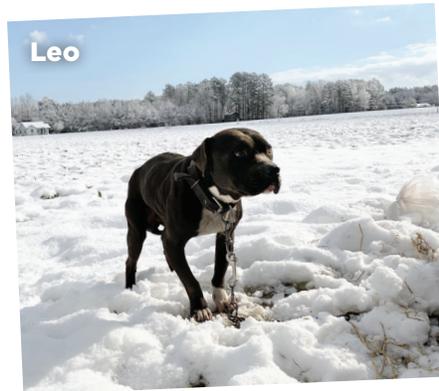
Brownie before



Brownie after

We gave **Brownie** a desperately needed shave-down to rid him of his painfully matted fur.

PETA staff and volunteers continued helping dogs like **Leo**, **Baby Girl**, **Clyde**, and **Pepper** by ensuring that they had access to fresh water and a sturdy doghouse stuffed with insulating straw bedding, as well as by providing them with food, treats, toys, and a 15-foot lightweight tie-out in place of the heavy chains commonly used. They were among the 4,416 animals helped by PETA's local services, on which we spent over \$617,539 this quarter.



Leo



Baby Girl



Clyde



Pepper



Puppy before



Puppy after

As part of our **free doghouse program**, we gave sturdy new doghouses to 72 chained or penned “outdoor dogs,” including this **puppy**, who had nothing but an overturned trash bin that provided no warmth or protection from the snow and subfreezing temperatures.

## FREE END-OF-LIFE SERVICES

**Rocky**, an elderly golden retriever whose family called PETA for help after their city shelter stopped providing the public with euthanasia services, appeared to be in heart failure and became immobile in addition to suffering from persistent seizures. He was one of 125 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, 431 of our constituent families sent similar **postcards** to their legislators regarding our services, including end-of-life assistance.



Rocky has had many seizures, difficulties related to old age. We love him enough to let him go on to heaven ahead of us

PETA HELPED ME LET MY PET GO WHEN HE WAS PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO LIVE OUT THE REST OF HIS LIFE.... EXTREMELY HELPFUL, UNDERSTANDING, AND ETHICAL/CARE-DRIVEN STAFF.

Peta is a great organization that is allowing my family a chance to honor the life of our dear family dog sir Louis II. Through this we are able to give his life a dignified end with love and happiness.



**Missy** was rushed to PETA while dying from end-stage liver failure. She was emaciated, vomiting blood, severely dehydrated and jaundiced, and barely able to breathe. Her elderly owner had reached out to several vet clinics and shelters but was unable to find help amidst the COVID-19 shutdowns. Someone referred her to PETA, and Missy is now at peace.

Beloved 15-year-old pit bull **Meliko** was brought to PETA for end-of-life assistance after cancerous tumors took over her face, throat, and skull, growing so large that she was unable to eat and quickly became emaciated.



Very helpfull an wonderfull people in are time of need.



We also euthanized 116 **feral cats** suffering from conditions that included advanced upper respiratory infections, broken bones, infected wounds, eye injuries, head injuries, sepsis, and debilitating tumors.

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## IN-HOUSE ADOPTIONS

When PETA fieldworkers first met **Capone**, he was languishing in a makeshift wire cage outdoors. Even though we persuaded his owner to let him out of the cage, his life didn't improve much. He was tethered to a deck and surrounded by his own waste, with only filthy water to drink and a flimsy plastic carrier covered with a tarp for shelter. When his owner became terminally ill, the family asked PETA to take this long-neglected dog. He was adopted into a wonderful home, where he lives indoors and will never be caged or tethered again.



Capone before

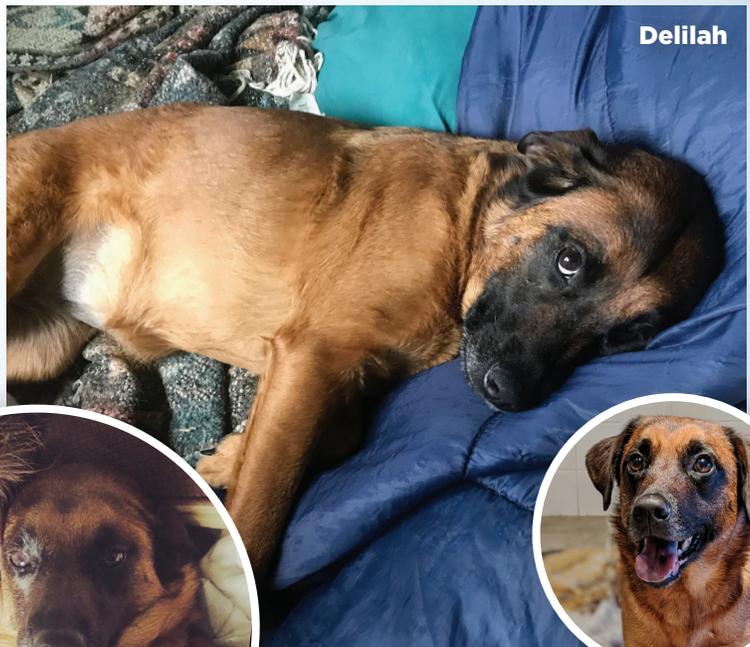


Capone after



Egypt

**Egypt** showed up one day at someone's home in a rural area and began rummaging through trash cans, begging for handouts, and sleeping under the porch. She started following PETA fieldworkers around the neighborhood as they cared for other animals in need. They spoke with the kind person who had been feeding her and the woman agreed that it was best to give her to us. We found her a loving, indoor-only home, where she'll never go hungry again.



Delilah



**Delilah** was rescued from a neglectful situation after her previous owner was diagnosed with a terminal illness. Fieldworkers found the house littered with waste and filth. The furniture was soaked with urine, and the sharp ammonia fumes made it hard to breathe and caused their eyes to water. We paired Delilah with the perfect foster family, who helped this shy girl develop confidence and learn to enjoy life before deciding to adopt her.



## *PETA would like to thank*

all the members of the General Assembly who supported Senate Bill 272 and House Bill 1552, which were championed by Sen. John Bell and Del. Mark Levine, respectively. SB 272 was cosponsored by Sen. Bill DeSteph and Sen. Lionell Spruill, and HB 1552 was cosponsored by Del. Alfonso Lopez.

Many dogs who have been chained up like bicycles, alone and uncared for, will no longer have to face frostbite, baking to death during Virginia's stifling summers, or even drowning during severe weather—all of which PETA's fieldworkers have seen.

*Thank you, Virginia legislators, for  
this major step forward for animal welfare  
in the Commonwealth!*

