

# RESCUED!

Years of persistence finally paid off for this formerly penned dog. Read more about **Mingo** and the other animals PETA helped this quarter.



## *PETA's* LOCAL QUARTERLY REPORT

July–September 2020



## PREVENTING ANIMAL HOMELESSNESS

During this quarter, the veterinary staff of our **mobile spay/neuter clinics** sterilized **3,165** animals, including **Coco**, who was suffering from pyometra, a potentially fatal uterine infection. The surgery saved her life. Our clinic staff also treated **Bella**, **Nylah**, and **Elsa** for skin conditions during their free spay appointments. Many of our sterilization surgeries and other services are performed free of charge for indigent families.



We've spayed  
or neutered  
**183,975**  
animals since  
2001!



My dog was dying. I had no one to turn to until I found out about Peta. They were a blessing from god. They helped me. They gave me back my baby. I can't tell you how much I appreciate them. Thank you Peta.



We transported **Penny**, **Lacey**, **Aces**, **King**, and **175** other animals free of charge to and from their no-cost spay and neuter appointments.





## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

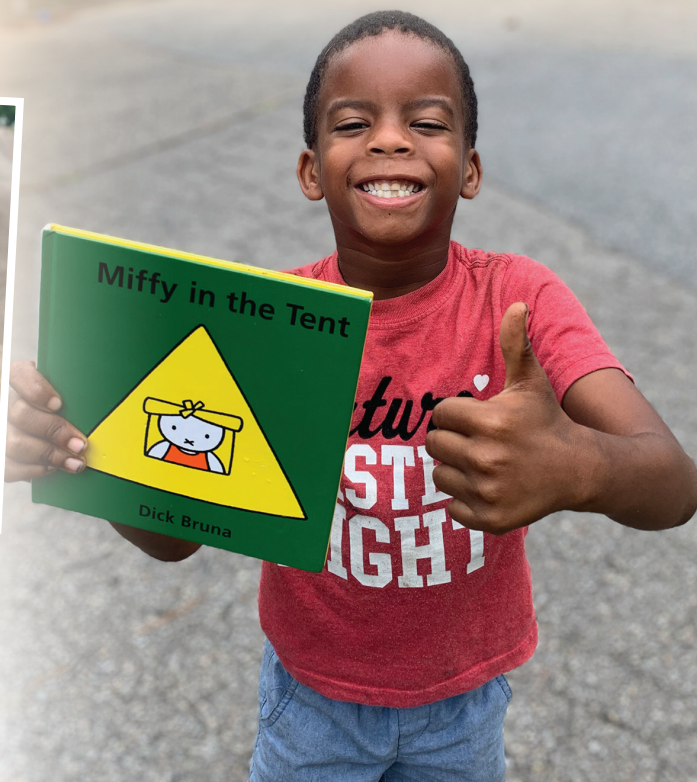
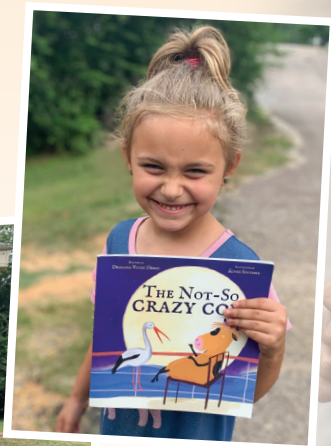
After a **tornado** demolished a mobile home park, our fieldworkers rushed to the scene to search for animals. Although civilians were initially blocked from entering the area, we later found the little dog below hiding under the stairs of a damaged home. We took him to the local shelter for a chance to be reunited with his family. We also provided affected residents with free food and other supplies for their companion animals and donated food to the local animal shelter.



► **Make arrangements for your animals' care before a natural disaster occurs. Don't wait.**



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





## SHELTER PARTNERSHIP PLACEMENTS



For several years, our fieldworkers had been visiting **Brownie**, frequently grooming him when his coat became heavily matted. When he sustained an eye injury and his fur became matted again, his owners gave him to PETA. We transferred him to the Norfolk SPCA, where he was quickly adopted after being groomed and receiving medical care.

**Coco** lived alone in a filthy pen until she was relinquished to PETA. We transferred her to the Virginia Beach SPCA for adoption. She was among the **820** animals received by our shelter this quarter and one of the **146** we transferred to other Virginia shelters.



**Cupcake's** owners were unwilling to keep her indoors and gave her to PETA when they were unable to afford treatment for potentially fatal heartworm disease. We transferred her to the Norfolk SPCA, where she was soon adopted after receiving the care that she needed, including PETA-subsidized heartworm treatment.

### Did You Know?

Like **Cupcake**, many of the adult dogs we transfer to our sheltering partners test positive for heartworm disease after a lifetime of being neglected outdoors. We subsidize the cost of their heartworm treatment and other care, including dental services, eye enucleations, tumor removals, and amputations.

When his owner was out of town, **Thor** was left to run loose and sustained a large chemical burn on his back as well as a broken leg. We secured his relinquishment and transferred him to the Norfolk SPCA, where he received immediate veterinary care. He is now recovering in a foster home until he is ready for adoption.



**Muffin's** owner was unwilling to comply with a local ordinance banning unattended chaining and chose to give her to PETA. We transferred her to the Norfolk SPCA, where she was quickly adopted. She's now living indoors.



### HELPING PEOPLE KEEP AND CARE FOR THEIR ANIMALS

One of the **615** calls for assistance that we received this quarter was for **Spaz**, who had a ruptured and infected anal gland. Our clinic staff treated the infection and neutered him, both free of charge. His family was among the **332** we helped to keep their animals.



**Buck's** guardian, Gloria, turned to PETA for help in caring for her beloved pit bull. She had been homeless for several months and was slowly getting back on her feet. We cleaned Buck's ears and provided him with dog food and long-term flea and tick prevention, all for free.

After **Tyson** had been vomiting for a week, his guardian called PETA for help. We paid for him to be seen at a nearby veterinary clinic, and he's now on the road to recovery.



Our staff and volunteers continued helping animals like **Fiona**, **Brown Oreo**, **Trippy**, and **Tyson** by ensuring that they had access to fresh water, shelter, and shade. We also provided them with food, treats, toys, protection from fleas and ticks, fly repellent, and nail trims; we repaired doghouses; and we replaced short, heavy chains with 15-foot lightweight tie-outs. They were among the **4,545** animals helped by our local services, on which we spent over **\$781,000** this quarter.



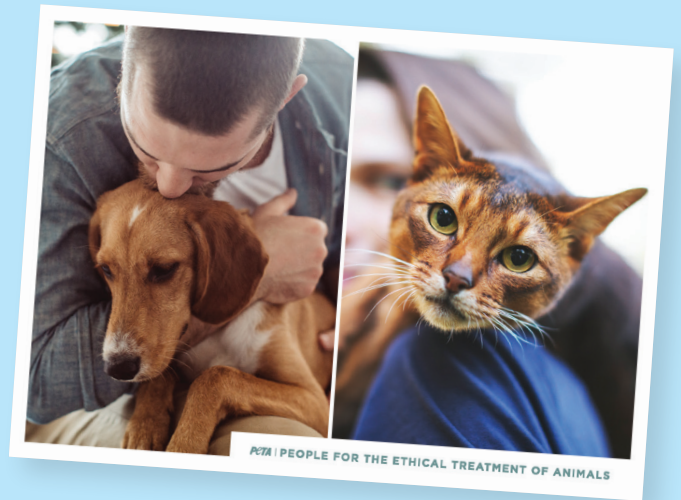
As part of our free doghouse program, we gave sturdy new doghouses to **41** chained or penned "backyard dogs," including **Max**, who previously had nothing but a flimsy plastic structure to protect him from the elements. We also neutered him and cleaned and doubled the size of his pen, all free of charge.





### FREE END-OF-LIFE SERVICES

Fifteen-year-old cat **Winnie** was brought to PETA for end-of-life help because she was suffering from a broken jaw that had become dangerously infected even though she had received veterinary care. She was one of 118 animals we euthanized at no cost to families who couldn't afford this vital service at a private veterinary clinic. Her guardian filled out postcards asking her state legislators to safeguard our ability to offer such services. This quarter, **530** of our constituent families sent similar **postcards** to their legislators regarding our services, including end-of-life assistance.



She has a broken jaw and  
Can't live like that anymore.  
She will be alot happier  
with our lord.

SPCA could not see us  
for over a month.  
She has vaginal prolapse  
blind and can hardly  
walk after 13 years.

I am on disability &  
a senior, very low income  
this service has proved  
to be a godsend to me  
for the sake of my dog to  
end his suffering



**Patches**

**Patches'** owners called PETA for help with end-of-life care when the elderly border collie became immobile after a suspected stroke. Our fieldworkers rushed to pick up this "outdoor dog" right before a severe thunderstorm hit the area. He was one of 487 animals we euthanized this quarter.

Our fieldworkers met this friendly **senior cat** at the house of a long-time client's relative. They had been feeding her since she had shown up as a stray months earlier. She was lethargic and emaciated, with mouth ulcers and infected, ulcerated eyes that were swollen shut. She tested positive for both feline AIDS and feline leukemia and was relieved of her suffering.



**Senior cat**



**Injured feral kitten**

We also euthanized 266 **feral cats** suffering from conditions that included advanced upper respiratory infections, a partially degloved tail, infected and maggot-infested wounds, broken bones, feline AIDS, and severe neurological issues.



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### IN-HOUSE ADOPTIONS



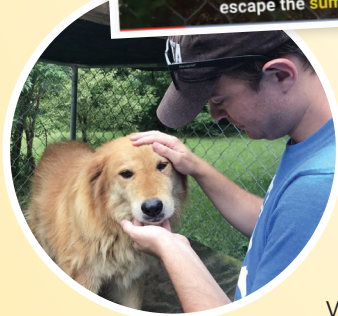
**Bonnie**, who had been confined to a pen, was adopted by a family who instantly adored her.



A conscientious person called our emergency hotline after seeing a Snapchat video showing a young person viciously beating a cat. We worked quickly with local authorities to ensure that **Oreo** was seized and transported to a veterinarian at our expense.



Fortunately, the only permanent physical damage appeared to be to his left ear. When he was transferred to our custody, he showed signs of psychological trauma and was terrified by even the smallest noises, but he became more comfortable as he realized that nobody was going to hurt him again. He was adopted by his foster guardian, whose other cat, Gracie, is his new best friend.



In 2013, we began visiting **Mingo**, a golden retriever mix who was isolated and neglected in a cramped, filthy pen.

We tried for years to persuade her owner to improve

her quality of life and even asked local authorities to intervene, but they all failed her. When her health began to decline, her stubborn owner finally agreed to give her to PETA. She has been diagnosed with heartworm disease, and tests indicate that she has early-stage liver cancer. The fieldworker who rescued her has adopted her so that she can spend the rest of her life in comfort, with the love and respect that she's always deserved.



By pure happenstance, fieldworkers spotted **Tammy** confined to a filthy wire crate outdoors. Her owners gave her to PETA, and we quickly found her a loving home, where she lives indoors.



We also found loving homes for **seven** other animals, including bonded kittens **TikTok** and **Zoom**, who were adopted together.





FROM EXECUTIVE PRODUCER ANJELICA HUSTON

# BREAKING THE CHAIN



*Breaking the Chain*, a new documentary from executive producer Anjelica Huston, follows PETA's Community Animal Project fieldworkers as they visit impoverished areas of Virginia and North Carolina to care for mistreated animals. It's currently available on all major video-on-demand services.

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