

PETA's LOCAL QUARTERLY REPORT

October–December 2020

RESCUED!

This formerly chained and sorely neglected dog now enjoys the comforts of an indoor home with a loving family. Read more about **Wolfie** and other animals PETA helped this quarter.



PREVENTING ANIMAL HOMELESSNESS



We transported **Lucy**, **Pumpkin**, **Bingo**, **Duke**, **Buddy**, and **175** other animals free of charge to and from their no-cost spay and neuter appointments.



We've spayed
or neutered
187,053
animals since
2001!

During this quarter, the veterinary staff of our **mobile spay/neuter clinics** sterilized **3,078** animals, including **Marley**, whose guardian later sent us a text that said, "Marley has been extra playful and so loving since he came home, I mean more than he usually is. I have enjoyed playing with him so much, he fills my heart! You were so very nice and I want to really thank you for helping us and all the others that helped as well. If it wasn't for you guys at PETA, I don't know when I would have been able to get him neutered and microchipped, so 100 times of Thank yous are sent your way." Many of our sterilization surgeries and other services are performed free of charge for indigent families.

Because **Duke** (different from the one mentioned above) weighs over 100 lbs., he was too large to be neutered in our mobile clinic. We transported him to the stationary clinic at the Norfolk SPCA, where we paid for him to be neutered and receive treatment for an abscess. His guardian, who is disabled and currently living in a motel, was deeply grateful.



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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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.



Just in time for the holidays, we handed out free **Tofurky** plant-based roasts to thankful clients in low-income areas.



SHELTER PARTNERSHIP PLACEMENTS



We rescued chained puppy **Summer** and transferred her to the Norfolk SPCA, where she was quickly adopted. She was among the **641** animals received by our shelter this quarter and one of the **164** we transferred to other Virginia shelters for adoption.



We secured the relinquishment of chained hounds **Midnight**, who was transferred to the Virginia Beach SPCA, and **Jack**, who was transferred to the Norfolk SPCA. Jack has already been adopted.



Buster and **Dillan** were kept in a filthy pen outdoors until they were given to PETA. We transferred them to the Virginia Beach SPCA, and Buster has already been adopted.

We visited “backyard dog” **Queen** regularly until her owner finally agreed to give her a chance at a better life. She was given to PETA and we transferred her to the Virginia Beach SPCA for adoption. Like many dogs we take in, she tested positive for heartworm disease, and PETA is subsidizing the cost of her treatment.



HELPING PEOPLE KEEP AND CARE FOR THEIR ANIMALS

One of the **524** requests for assistance that we received this quarter was for **Patrick** and **Chase**, whose guardian asked us to trim their nails and apply flea-prevention medication. In addition to doing those things, we also gave them dog food, all free of charge. Their family was among the **325** we helped to keep their animals.



We provided **Snowflake** with free at-home grooming in order to remove uncomfortable mats from his fur.

While delivering **free doghouses**, one of our fieldworkers saw **Hydrangea** chained outdoors in the pouring rain without any shelter. He had an extra doghouse in the truck and set it up for her. We gave sturdy new doghouses to **50** “backyard dogs” this quarter.



Our staff and volunteers continued helping dogs like **Remy** and **Beth** by ensuring that they had access to fresh water, food, and a sturdy shelter stuffed with insulating straw bedding to help protect them from dropping temperatures. We also gave them toys, trimmed their nails, repaired doghouses, and replaced short, heavy chains with 15-foot lightweight tie-outs. This quarter, we spent over **\$629,906** on local services to help **4,618** animals.

FREE END-OF-LIFE SERVICES

PETA euthanized 238 **feral cats** suffering from conditions that included a broken and infected jaw, a partially degloved and maggot-infested tail, advanced upper respiratory infections, and severed, infected limbs. The “community cat” pictured here—with an ear tip from having previously been trapped, neutered, and released—was either suffering from a tumor or had sustained an injury that left her without a nose and with infected flesh and exposed bone.



PETA WAS SO KIND WHEN I CALLED AND DURING THE PROCEDURE, AND VERY KIND TO MY DAUGHTER.

My dog was 14 years old and suffering falling in the house & unable to play. PETA's program allowed us to let him go with dignity.

Pirate, a 7-year-old boxer, was brought to PETA for end-of-life help because he was suffering from stomach cancer and was in liver failure. He was one of 110 animals we euthanized at no cost to those who couldn't afford this vital service at a private veterinary clinic. His guardian filled out postcards asking her state legislators to safeguard our ability to offer such services. This quarter, **423** of our constituent families addressed similar **postcards** to their elected officials regarding our services, including end-of-life assistance.



Kelly, a senior Labrador retriever mix, was in end-stage heart failure, barely able to stand, and struggling to breathe when her family called PETA for end-of-life care. The young man who helped make the decision to release Kelly peacefully from her suffering told us that she was his first and only friend. She was one of 460 animals we euthanized this quarter.



JoJo Bear, a beloved 17-year-old husky mix, had a stroke that left him immobile and struggling to breathe. His guardian rushed him to a local shelter, but there wasn't an appointment available for weeks, so the staff sent her straight to PETA for immediate euthanasia. She requested that her picture be taken with JoJo Bear before she said goodbye.

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IN-HOUSE ADOPTIONS

Red was kept tethered outdoors with only a wire crate for shelter until our fieldworkers' persistence paid off and his owner finally gave him to PETA. He went from frantically barking and cowering in his crate to cuddling and kissing his rescuers. He has since been adopted by a loving family.

It took almost 24 hours and the assistance of the local fire department for PETA fieldworkers to rescue **Mikey**, a tiny kitten found trapped and screaming in a storm drain. After spending a few weeks in foster care recovering from his scary ordeal, he was adopted by a wonderful family.



Cover girl **Wolfie** was kept chained for years. Even though our fieldworkers frequently visited her, she became progressively more afraid of everything around her to the point that even coming out of her doghouse was too scary. After much persistence from our fieldworkers, her owner finally gave her to us. We placed her with a loving foster family, who then adopted her.

We also found loving homes for **14** other animals, including **Sherman** and former “backyard dogs” **Bean** and **Wiley**.





Sunrise

Like dogs and small children, cats who are allowed outdoors without supervision are vulnerable to the dangers posed by cars, other animals, cruel people, and diseases. Free-roaming cats also pose a threat to wildlife, killing billions of birds and mammals every year.

Keep cats indoors.

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