

PETA staff and volunteers have been helping dogs like **Midnight** face rising temperatures, ensuring that they have food, water, shelter, and shade to protect them from the sun. Read more about the animals we helped this quarter.



PETA's LOCAL QUARTERLY REPORT

April–June 2021

PREVENTING ANIMAL HOMELESSNESS

During this quarter, the veterinary staff of our **mobile spay/neuter clinics** sterilized **3,343 animals**, including **Ivy** and **Kreme**, who were both suffering from painful, dangerous vaginal prolapses. We squeezed them in for emergency spay surgeries and corrected their prolapses free of charge for their grateful guardians. This operation could cost up to \$1,500 per animal at a private veterinary clinic—and significantly more on an emergency basis. We also provided Ivy and Kreme with free transport to and from their surgeries. Many of our sterilization surgeries and other services are performed free of charge for indigent families.



Ivy

PETA's
mobile clinics
division has spayed
or neutered
193,620
animals since
2001!



Kreme



Hymie

BJ, Blue, JJ, Bubba, and Spots were among **160 animals** we transported for free to and from their no-cost spay/neuter appointments.

After **Hymie** was diagnosed with a testicular tumor, his guardian called PETA for help with the cost of surgery. Our mobile clinics staff neutered Hymie and removed his tumor for a nominal donation—a fraction of what it would have cost elsewhere.



BJ



Blue



JJ

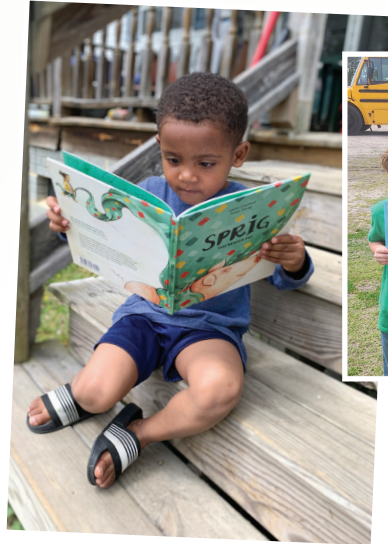


Bubba and
Spots

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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.



With temperatures already in the 90s, we sent letters to officials across Virginia and North Carolina **warning of the danger heat poses to “backyard dogs”** and asking for their vigilance with cases in their areas. We placed billboards in our service area, broadcast a new video public service announcement on local television stations, and posted ads on social media to help raise awareness and empower people to help dogs who suffer in the hot weather.



Tethering dogs in hot, cold, or severe weather is now ILLEGAL.

Please report cruelty to animals:
1-800-566-9768.

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HEAT KILLS

Protect Gates County's Dogs:
Take Dogs Inside

757-962-8370 • PETA

We transported a **mother hound and her newborn puppies**

from the rural Danville Area Humane Society to the high-traffic Virginia Beach SPCA, where they would all have a better chance at adoption once the puppies were weaned.



SHELTER PARTNERSHIP PLACEMENTS

Thanks to our fieldworkers' persistence, **Dior**, who was suffering from a rectal prolapse, was given to PETA and transferred to the Norfolk SPCA for care before being put up for adoption. She was among the 615 animals received by our shelter this quarter and one of the 152 we transferred to other Virginia shelters for adoption.

Our determination also paid off when we secured relinquishment of fieldworker favorite **Psycho**, who could not possibly have a less appropriate name. This young dog had been chained his whole life until we transferred him to the Virginia Beach SPCA for a chance at adoption.



Josie came from a sad situation in which an indigent person had far more animals than he could properly care for and we had been trying to help him. We transferred her to the Chesapeake Humane Society for adoption.



We found **Pharaoh** running loose at a mobile home park, unable to put weight on one of his legs. His owner was unsure how long it had been like that, and because he was unable to provide veterinary care or keep his dog safe from future injury, he agreed to surrender him. We transferred Pharaoh to the Virginia Beach SPCA for medical treatment, where an examination revealed that he had been shot in the leg. He was adopted quickly after he recovered from his surgery. PETA subsidizes the cost of veterinary care when we transfer animals like Pharaoh to partner shelters.



Stitch was given to PETA after his owner had gotten fed up with him. The young, energetic dog was chained, but he kept getting loose and running away. We transferred him to the Norfolk SPCA for a chance at adoption.

HELPING PEOPLE KEEP AND CARE FOR THEIR ANIMALS



Percy before



Percy after

One of the **523 requests for assistance** that we received this quarter was for **Percy**, who was stuck in a tree in our caller's backyard. We worked with a professional tree climber to get him safely down to ground level and also located his guardian, who was very happy to have him back. His family was among the 300 we helped to keep their animal companions.



Brownie



Brooklyn



Toby



Cano

This quarter **we gave new wooden doghouses to 39 “backyard dogs,”** like **Blu**, who previously had an overturned broken refrigerator for shelter. We provided her with a sturdy new wooden doghouse and transported her to and from the clinic for a free spay surgery.



Blu before



Blu after

Our staff and volunteers continued helping animals like **Brownie** and **Brooklyn** by ensuring that they had access to fresh water, food, and shade to help protect them from the sun as temperatures rose to dangerous highs. We also provided dogs (such as **Toby**) with treatment for biting flies, fleas, and other parasites, trimmed nails (such as **Cano's**), repaired doghouses, and replaced short, heavy chains with 15-foot lightweight tie-outs. This quarter, we spent **well over \$623,000 on local services to help 4,820 animals.**

We also gave a new wooden doghouse to **Miracle**, who previously had a plastic crate covered with a tarp that provided little protection from the weather. PETA's custom-built doghouses feature a large roof overhang that helps shelter dogs from rain and direct sunlight, which is especially important during the hot summer months when they may not have access to any other patch of shade.



Miracle before



Miracle after

FREE END-OF-LIFE SERVICES

Tink, an elderly cat, was brought to PETA because she had developed mammary cancer and a ruptured tumor. She was one of 115 animals we euthanized at no cost to those who couldn't afford this vital service at a private veterinary clinic. Tink's guardians filled out postcards asking their state legislators to safeguard our ability to offer this assistance. This quarter, 292 of our constituent families sent similar **postcards** to their elected officials regarding our services, including end-of-life care.



Thank you, PETA. This was the only place that would help me in Norfolk after my cat got sick with cancer. I am thankful that my pet received so much love and care.

Our Ruinee was suffering with Bone Disease, and needed no more suffering. Thank goodness for PETA for helping us.

Peta helped me to humanely and lovingly let my little loved one go. He was suffering and deserved dignity in the end. What PETA does here is amazing!



Mike's abdomen was heavily distended, he had difficulty walking, and he was struggling desperately to breathe. He was in the final stage of fatal heartworm disease. His owner asked us to pick him up, and we quickly ended his misery. He was among the 448 animals we euthanized this quarter.

PETA euthanized 238 **feral cats** who were suffering from conditions that included advanced upper respiratory infections, ulcerated eyes, ear and eye infections, ear mites, broken legs, a fractured jaw, a shattered pelvis, infected wounds, failure to thrive in orphaned kittens, and panleukopenia, a highly contagious and fatal feline parvovirus. This feral "community cat" named

Grandpa Kitty was brought to PETA after hours for euthanasia because he had developed a painful limp, lost body mass, and started vomiting blood. He was suffering from "pillow foot disease," which is linked to feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), causing his paw pads to ulcerate and rupture, and making every step excruciatingly painful. FIV is endemic among free-roaming cats and impairs their ability to fight off infections.



Leo's guardian came to PETA after first trying to get help from five different vet clinics and shelter agencies. Leo had suffered a stroke, was having frequent seizures, and constantly cried out in pain. His guardian requested that he be euthanized and stayed with him until he had peacefully passed away.

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IN-HOUSE ADOPTIONS

Pearl was left home alone when her guardian was rushed to the hospital with a serious illness. It was several days before her owner's elderly mother, who lives far away, realized that Pearl was stranded in an empty house without anyone to care for her. She called PETA for help, and we rushed to the house to feed Pearl and clean her overloaded litterbox. We were prepared to visit her as often as necessary but soon received word that her guardian would be hospitalized indefinitely and could no longer care for her, and the family asked us to help find her a new home. So Pearl spent a few weeks helping out around the PETA office until she was adopted by a loving family.



We rescued four **chickens** who were previously kept in a small, filthy pen. After spending a night at our shelter, they were adopted by a family that includes other PETA-rescued chickens.

Jaxon came to PETA when his guardian was preparing to move and couldn't take him with her. After spending several weeks with a foster family, he was adopted into a loving home.



We also **found loving homes for nine other animals**, including **Georgie** (far left), who previously lived in a chaotic household with many small children, where she mostly hid under the bed. Thanks to a PETA member, Georgie found a calm, patient family who will help her thrive!



HEAT

KILLS

It is **illegal** in Virginia to chain dogs outdoors in severe weather and in temperatures over 84 degrees. Any dogs kept outside must be provided with food, water, shelter, and shade. Dogs should live indoors. Please notify local authorities if you see them being kept outside in illegal conditions. Without access to water and shade, they can quickly die of heatstroke.

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