

QUARTERLY REPORT

Community Field and Rescue Work

Senators

Jennifer Boysko and
Bill Stanley celebrate
a historic first:
Five bipartisan **beagle
protection bills** passed
the Virginia General
Assembly
unanimously!



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*Read more about the bills and
PETA's local work helping
animals this quarter.*

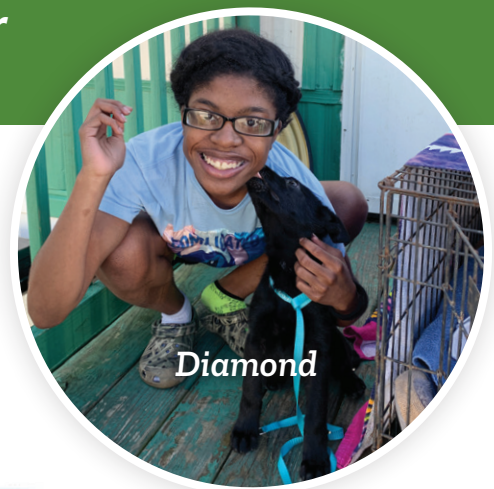


Brandon

Preventing Animal Homelessness

PETA's Mobile Clinics Division has spayed or neutered **203,123 animals** since 2001!

During this quarter, the veterinary staff of our mobile spay/neuter clinics sterilized **2,920** animals, including **Brandon** and **Diamond**, who were among **176** animals PETA fieldworkers transported for free to and from their no-cost spay/neuter appointments. We also spayed **Goldie**, whose guardians called PETA for help when she developed pyometra, an often fatal uterine infection. Our mobile clinic veterinary staff performed a lifesaving emergency surgery—which would have cost more than \$1,500 at a private veterinary clinic—totally free of charge.



Diamond



Goldie

Community Outreach

PETA staff held **presentations for elementary school students** in our service area to teach them about empathy for animals and basic dog care.



Barks & Books



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

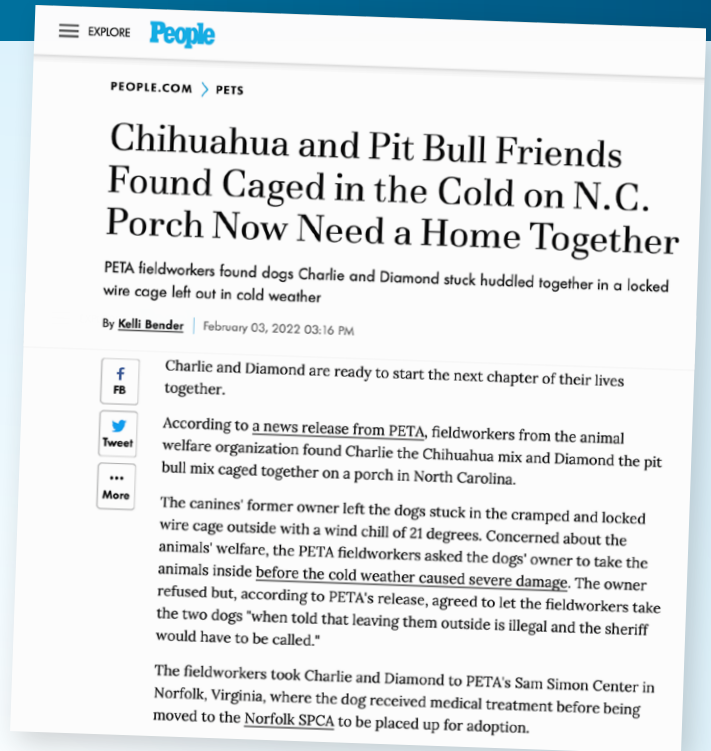
We held several **straw giveaway** events to help residents in our field-service areas protect their outdoor dogs from frigid winter weather with insulating straw bedding.



Shelter Partnership Placements

➡ We transferred **167** animals to our shelter partners for adoption.

PETA fieldworkers found **Charlie** and **Diamond** huddled together, shivering and scared, confined to a wire crate outdoors when the wind chill was only 21 degrees. Their owner refused to allow them indoors but relinquished them when we explained that it was *illegal* to leave them outside in the cold. The dogs warmed up at PETA's headquarters before we transferred them to the Norfolk SPCA, where they were soon adopted. Several media outlets covered their story, bringing attention to the plight of dogs kept outside.



PETA often subsidizes the cost of veterinary care when we transfer animals to our partner shelters.



Gandalf was condemned to a life of isolation at the end of a tether until PETA fieldworkers secured his relinquishment. Our placement partners at the Chesapeake Humane Society took him in, and he was quickly adopted by a lovely couple with another adorable rescued dog. He was among the **450** animals PETA's shelter took in this quarter.



Helping People *Keep and Care For* Their Animals

➤ This quarter, we spent **\$691,745** on local services.

One of the **461** requests for assistance that we received this quarter was for a dog named **Prince**, whose guardian called to request help trimming his nails. We noticed that Prince was suffering from an itchy, painful skin condition, so we pointed it out and his guardian agreed to have the condition treated by PETA's veterinary staff as well as to have him neutered—all free of charge. His family is among the **300** we helped to keep their animal companions.

We continued to help animals like **Ivy** by ensuring that they had access to food, water, and shelter with insulating straw bedding to help protect against the frigid temperatures. We also gave away dog and cat food, administered treatment for parasites, trimmed nails for dogs like **Ruby**, provided water buckets, and replaced short, heavy chains with 15-foot lightweight tie-outs.



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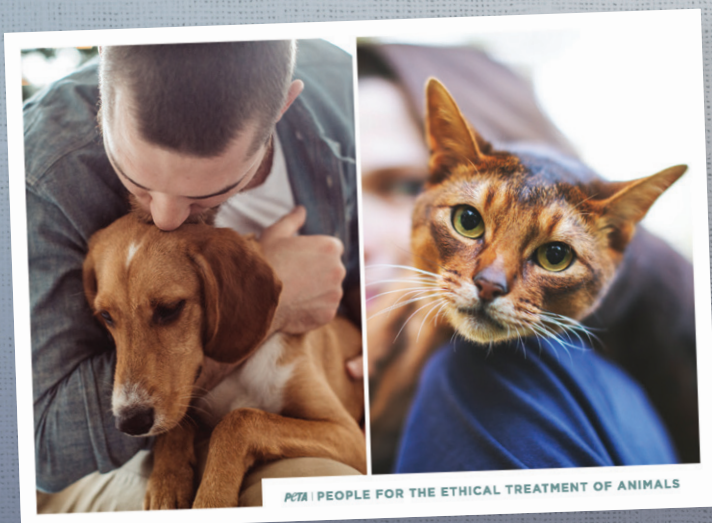
This quarter, we gave custom-built, insulated doghouses to 49 dogs who are kept chained or penned outdoors 24/7.

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Smokey was kept outside without food, water, or shelter in a wire crate barely big enough for him to turn around in. We set him up with a sturdy wooden doghouse, a 15-foot lightweight tether, a water bucket, a food bowl, and toys.

Free End-of-Life Services

June Bug's guardian brought the elderly cat, diagnosed with renal failure, to PETA's shelter for free end-of-life services. She was one of **107** animals we euthanized at no cost to those who couldn't afford this vital service. Her guardian filled out postcards asking her state legislators to safeguard our ability to offer end-of-life relief. This quarter, **488** of our constituent families (like June Bug's) sent postcards to their elected officials in support of our services, including compassionate euthanasia.



WHAT A RELIEF
IT WAS TO BE
ABLE TO TREAT OUR
CAT W/ DIGNITY &
RESPECT WHEN SHE
WAS TERMINAL

I'm very grateful for the
services offered through PETA. They
were very kind and helped our beloved
Yoda peacefully transition to her
next life. When my regular vet
couldn't help, PETA was there for me.

my dog, Comet, was elderly &
had a tumor. I couldn't afford
to put him to sleep & PETA
allowed me to end his pain in
a loving & dignified manner.



Bella

We found **Bella** chained outside, bloated, underweight, immobile, and barely responsive, suffering from suspected end-stage heart failure—a common fatal illness among dogs kept outdoors without adequate care. She was among the 264 animals we euthanized this quarter.


PETA euthanized 100 feral cats who were suffering from conditions that included advanced upper respiratory infections, difficulty breathing, immobility, traumatic injuries, infected wounds, internal bleeding, and apparent sepsis caused by complications of pregnancy.


In-House

Adoptions



This quarter, PETA found homes for eight companion animals.

 When a compassionate person noticed a stray cat with a festering facial wound, she called PETA for help. Fieldworkers scooped up the cat, our veterinary staff treated his injury, and we placed him in a foster home. Once he'd fully recovered, **Binx** was adopted by a loving family that includes another rescued cat.

 **Blue** was relinquished by his previous owners when they had a baby, which caused the sensitive cat a tremendous amount of stress. PETA found this shy-yet-affectionate cat a new home with a senior couple who instantly fell for him.

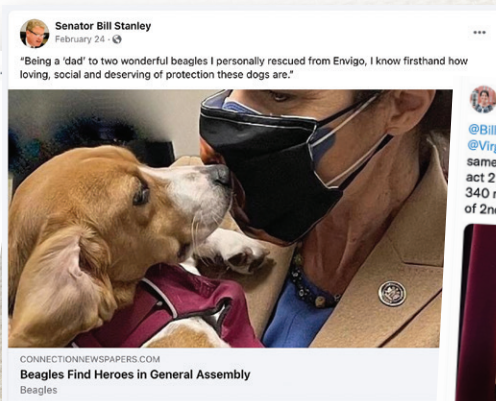
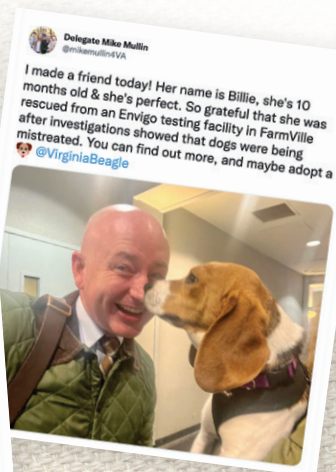


A kind woman took in these ducks from someone who was neglecting them but soon realized that she wasn't in a position to keep them. PETA fieldworkers picked them up and quickly found them a home in a loving family with plenty of space and experience caring for domestic ducks.



PETA thanks the 140 members of the Virginia General Assembly,

whose unanimous, bipartisan support led
to the passage of five bills to protect thousands
of beagles warehoused at a dog-breeding factory farm
in Cumberland, Virginia, where both PETA and
the U.S. Department of Agriculture exposed
terrible neglect and systemic suffering.



*Thank you, Virginia legislators, for voting to
protect animals bred for experimentation!*



Virginia Governor Signs 5 Historic Beagle Protection Bills

PETA Rejoices!

On April 4, Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin signed into law HB 1350, SB 87, SB 88, SB 90, and SB 604—protections for animals bred and sold for experiments. Undercover video footage captured by PETA ignited calls for reform and oversight at the Envigo breeding facility in Cumberland, Virginia. This new legislation will help improve animal welfare standards, implement reporting requirements, afford “surplus” animals a chance to be adopted, restrict sales from facilities that have violated federal regulations, and more.

PETA thanks Gov. Youngkin and the 140 members of the Virginia General Assembly, who voted unanimously to protect dogs and cats bred for experimentation in our state. Once these laws go into effect, Envigo won't be able to get away with depriving nursing mother dogs of food for days, letting puppies freeze to death or fall into drains and die, or allowing beagles to suffer from painful and untreated conditions.

PETA

is proud to call Virginia our home.

