

QUARTERLY REPORT

Community Field and Rescue Work



Several snowstorms imperiled animals left outdoors this winter. PETA staff are in the field every day, including during dangerous weather, working to ensure that dogs like Red—who are kept chained or penned outside 24/7—have basic necessities such as food, water, sturdy shelter, and insulating straw bedding.

Read more about the animals we helped this quarter. ▶▶

Preventing Companion Animal Homelessness

During this quarter, the veterinary staff on our mobile spay/neuter clinics sterilized **3,851** animal companions, including **Cheyenne**, **Lady Bug**, and **Shai**, who were among the **227** animals PETA's Community Animal Project fieldworkers transported for free to and from their no-cost spay/neuter appointments. We also spayed **Sumi**, whose guardians reached out for help when she developed pyometra, a life-threatening uterine infection. Our veterinary staff performed a lifesaving emergency surgery that very same day for just a fraction of what the cost would have been at an urgent care clinic.



Lady Bug



Cheyenne



Shai



Sumi

**PETA's Mobile Clinics Division
has spayed or neutered
254,840 animals since 2001.**

Community Outreach

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.



Pups on the Plaza, Richmond

We held our annual **Pups on the Plaza** breakfast event at the Virginia General Assembly in Richmond. Elected officials, legislative staff, and capitol employees stopped by to meet adoptable dogs and enjoy delicious vegan goodies.



Shelter Partnership Placements

➔ We transferred 75 companion animals to our shelter partners for adoption.



With help from a local animal control officer and a sheriff's deputy, we secured custody of **Mo**, who was emaciated and chained outside in the frigid cold. Mo spent over a week at our shelter and in foster care and received extensive medical care before we transferred her to the Richmond SPCA for continued care and adoption. She was among the **496** animals our shelter took in this quarter.

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



After finding two sickly and severely emaciated dogs within a week at the same address, we coordinated with the local sheriff's office to remove five chained dogs, two goats, and a cat from the property, including **Margie** and **Lisa**. The two girls spent over a week recovering at PETA's shelter before we transferred Margie to the Virginia Beach SPCA and Lisa to the Richmond SPCA for adoption. We charged the former owners with cruelty to animals.

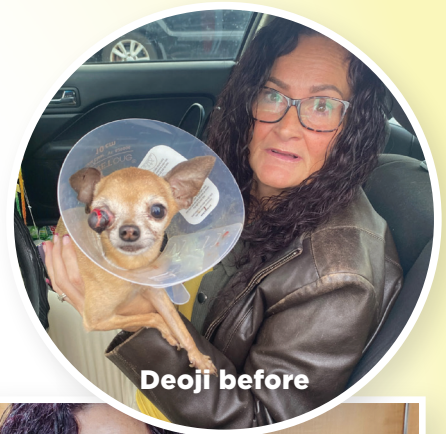
Helping People Keep and Care For Their Animals

➔ This quarter, we spent **\$827,490** on local services.

One of the **636** requests for assistance that PETA received was for **Kisa**, who became heavily matted after continually refusing to allow her guardians to groom her. Our field staff spent two hours carefully removing thick mats of fur and provided free grooming tools and tips to help prevent future issues.



Deoji sustained terribly painful trauma that caused his eyeball to protrude from the socket, and his guardian couldn't afford the \$5,000 she was quoted for removal at an urgent care veterinary clinic. One of our veterinarians removed the eyeball during the dog's neuter surgery for a nominal donation. We assisted **291** families in keeping their animal companions this quarter.



This quarter, we delivered custom-built, insulated doghouses to 26 dogs kept outdoors day and night in all weather extremes.

Spike was kept tethered outside with nothing more than a flimsy plastic doghouse that was easily knocked over. We provided him with a sturdy, custom-built doghouse and insulating straw bedding.



Free End-of-Life Services

Cletus's family rushed him to PETA's shelter for free end-of-life services after the beloved senior dog began crying uncontrollably. A large tumor above his eye had ruptured, and he couldn't use his back legs. The family had contacted their local animal control agency for help but were referred to PETA. **Cletus** was among the **202** animals we euthanized this quarter at no cost to families who couldn't afford to pay for this vital humane service at a private veterinary clinic. Their guardians filled out postcards asking their state legislators to safeguard our ability to offer free end-of-life relief.



We provided emergency end-of-life care for a senior dog named **Deuce** after he'd collapsed outside two days prior. His elderly guardians didn't have transportation, so they called their taxpayer-funded public animal shelter for help and were referred to PETA for assistance instead. Deuce was among the **408** animals we euthanized this quarter.



This quarter, **1,046** of our constituent families sent postcards to their elected officials in support of our services, including compassionate euthanasia—a free service that only **PETA's animal shelter provides in the region.**




I am one of your constituents. My family was able to end our beloved pet's suffering because of help from PETA's animal shelter and community assistance program.

They were the only ones to help me I was turned down every where else! They were so nice and helpful! I can't thank them enough!

Among the animals we euthanized were **145 free-roaming cats** suffering from conditions that included actively dying, advanced upper respiratory infections, lethargy, mouth ulcers, severe dental disease, skin infections, and weight loss. **Garfield** was underweight, and his face was painfully swollen. There was also bloody discharge coming from his mouth, which reeked of infection.



In-House Adoptions

 This quarter, PETA found homes for **Liora**, **Carrot**, and **Prospero**, among others.



Goats **Nanette** and **Suzanne**—along with five chained dogs and a cat—were removed during a joint operation with the Gates County, North Carolina, sheriff's office after PETA discovered two sickly, emaciated dogs at a rural property in just one week. The goats were placed with Piedmont Farm Animal Refuge, where they're receiving proper care and thriving!

Dave found a loving home with a General Assembly staff member who attended our Pups on the Plaza breakfast event in Richmond, featured on page 3 of this report.

PETA's Shelter Helps Tootie's Family With Free End-of-Life Service



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Tootie's family contacted PETA seeking compassionate end-of-life support for the 13-year-old senior dog. Her guardian, Beverly, whose own health had also been declining, was unsure whether it was time to say goodbye to her cherished companion. Tootie had multiple cancerous masses on her abdomen, and one of her eyes had ulcerated, ruptured, and become necrotic. After a sincere and empathetic conversation about the available options, Beverly made the compassionate decision to end Tootie's suffering.

Beverly allowed us to photograph her and Tootie to share their story.
PETA's animal shelter staff gave Tootie the dignity of a peaceful, painless death.

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Every day, we hear from people urgently seeking relief for their suffering animal companions. With veterinary costs rising sharply in recent years and veterinary appointments getting harder to secure, many individuals can no longer access affordable, timely end-of-life services.

PETA is here for every animal who needs us.

We take in all comers without appointments, waiting lists, fees, or other obstacles.

We never turn away an animal in need—ever.

