

QUARTERLY REPORT

Community Field and Rescue Work

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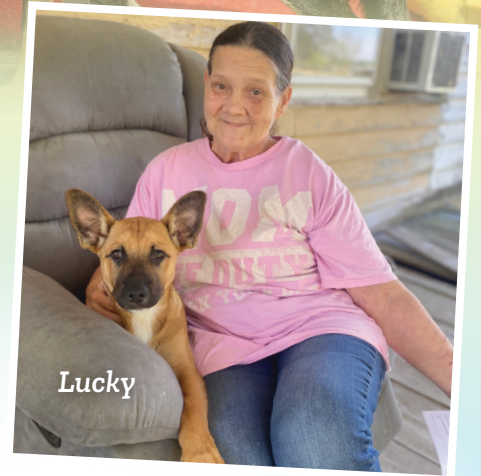


After a concerned resident reported a dog on their property with a litter sheltering beneath the home, we crawled under the house and rescued eight vulnerable puppies. This terrified puppy had wedged himself into a tight crevice, requiring careful effort to reach him. We transferred these animals to the Chesapeake Humane Society for adoption.

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 **3,601** animal companions, including **Trouble**, **Angelina**, and **Lucky**, who were among the **224** animals PETA's Community Animal Project fieldworkers transported for free to and from their no-cost spay/neuter appointments. We also performed an emergency spay for **Carti**, who had developed pyometra—a life-threatening uterine infection—at a fraction of the cost charged by urgent care veterinary clinics.



STOP HOMELESSNESS BEFORE IT STARTS
COST SPAY/NEUTER SERVICES!



SAVE LIVES TODAY

PETA's Mobile Clinics Division has spayed or neutered 258,441 animals since 2001.

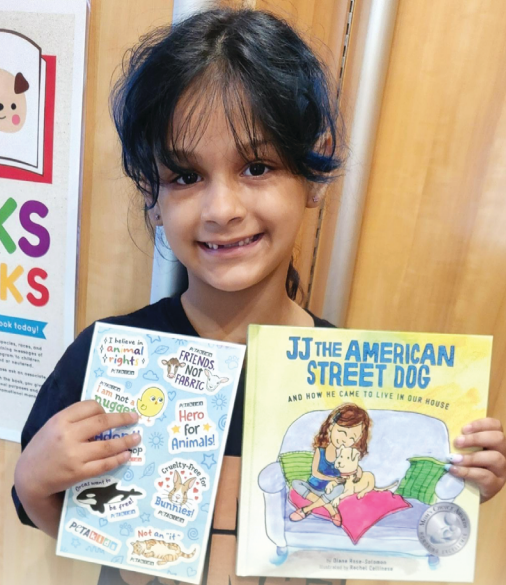
We traveled to a rural, underserved area of Virginia to partner once again with Halifax County Paws and Claws SPCA. Over two days, our veterinary team sterilized **105 cats and dogs** and provided additional essential wellness services at no cost to their guardians. Since 2024, we've "fixed" **526 animals** through these collaborative events in Halifax alone.



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.



Humane Education

Our **TeachKind** tour crew visited an elementary school in Northampton County, North Carolina, where students engaged with animatronic animal ambassadors Daisy the dog and Ellie the elephant and learned how to practice empathy for all animals.

Poochella

Poochella, our annual multi-shelter adoption event, drew strong community attendance. PETA's animal shelter was joined by Chesapeake Animal Services, Chesapeake Humane Society, Isle of Wight County Animal Services, Norfolk Animal Care Center, Norfolk SPCA, Portsmouth Humane Society, Reba's Animal Rescue, Virginia Beach Animal Services, and Virginia Beach SPCA. Norfolk City Sheriff Joe Baron adopted Chloe, one of the many available dogs!



Raleigh, North Carolina

We hosted our annual **General Assembly event** in Raleigh, North Carolina, where legislators and their staff joined us for delicious vegan food and the opportunity to meet adoptable rescue dogs.

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Shelter Partnership Placements

➡ We transferred **124** companion animals to our shelter partners for adoption.



We secured the relinquishment of **Polly**, who was locked in a feces-filled crate in a dark shed, her nose bloodied from repeated attempts to escape. We transferred her to Reba's Animal Rescue for adoption. She was among the **647** animals admitted to our shelter this quarter.

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

After receiving an anonymous tip, we discovered **seven starving, emaciated hounds** used for hunting, chained and/or penned on a property in rural Hertford County, North Carolina, along with the remains of three dogs who had succumbed to starvation. With assistance from local law enforcement, we removed all the surviving dogs and transferred them to the Virginia Beach SPCA for rehabilitation, medical care, and eventual adoption. We removed all doghouses from the property to prevent future neglect, and criminal charges have been filed against the individual responsible for their suffering.



Helping People Keep and Care For Their Animals

➡ This quarter, we spent **\$1,036,275** on local services.

One of the **716** requests for assistance that PETA received was for **Pucci**, who a veterinarian suspected was struggling with pyometra—a severe infection of the uterus—but whose guardian couldn't afford surgery. When her condition worsened, Pucci's guardian reached out for help and we provided a same-day, low-cost curative spay.



Louie was suffering from cherry eye, a prolapse of the third eyelid gland, and his vision was becoming obstructed. Untreated, cherry eye can cause chronic dry eye, corneal ulcers, ongoing pain, and vision loss.

We transported Louie to our mobile clinic, where our veterinarian surgically repaired the gland during Louie's neuter surgery, totally *free of charge* to his family. We assisted **230 families** in keeping their animal companions this quarter.



*This quarter, we delivered custom-built, insulated doghouses to **21** dogs kept chained and/or penned outdoors day and night in all weather extremes.*



We gave **Oreo**—who had been confined to a tiny, cramped pen with nothing but a plastic doghouse offering barely any protection from the elements—a custom-built, sturdy wooden doghouse and a much larger enclosure. We then installed an A-frame tarp over part of the pen to provide additional shade, and we spayed Oreo, too, all free of charge.

Free End-of-Life Services



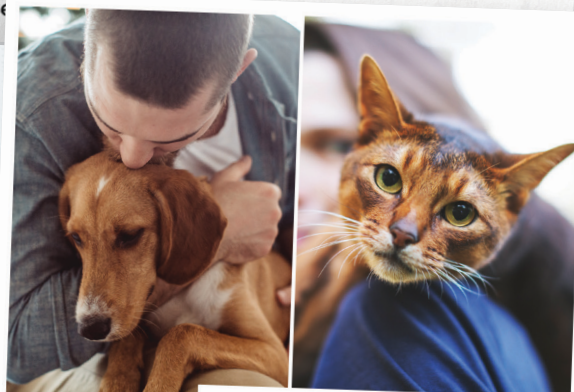
Beloved senior bulldog **Sarge** was declining due to worsening pain and mobility issues. His family brought him to PETA's Norfolk shelter for free end-of-life services. It marked the second time we supported the family with compassionate euthanasia services. Sarge was among the **183 animals** we euthanized 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 free end-of-life emergency aid to **Rain**, who had collapsed in the middle of a street and was unable to rise. She was suffering from a severely distended abdomen—likely the result of end-stage congestive heart failure caused by advanced heartworm disease. She was among the **508 animals** we euthanized this quarter.



Without PETA's help I would not have been able to give my sweet boy the relief he needed. I couldn't afford to take him to a vet and he could no longer eat, walk, or drink. They were so kind and helpful when we needed them most.

I strongly oppose any measure to limit or prevent PETA from providing our community with services like this.
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This quarter, 1,260 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.

Among the animals we euthanized were **195 free-roaming cats** suffering from conditions that included advanced upper respiratory infections, infected skin lesions, and traumatic injuries. **Milo** was hit by a vehicle, and in addition to internal injuries, his eye was protruding from its socket, his face was bloodied, his jaw appeared broken, and he cried out in obvious pain.



In-House Adoptions

 This quarter, PETA found homes for a **duckling**, and **Barti**, **Henry**, and **Gemma**, among many others.



We discovered **Ozzy**, a pig confined to a small backyard pen by himself, after his owner moved away and made no arrangements for his care, dismissing him as our “problem.” We transported Ozzy to Blind Spot Animal Sanctuary, where he’s already settling in and making friends!

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



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During a routine outreach visit in North Carolina, Gucci's guardian, Navairous, approached PETA fieldworkers and expressed concerns about his dog's deteriorating health. Gucci was experiencing end-stage congestive heart failure—he was lethargic, was struggling to breathe and stand, and had a distended abdomen. He had also lost interest in walks and begun vomiting. After an honest and empathetic discussion, Navairous decided to let his adoring companion go to end his pain. We gave Gucci the dignity of a peaceful and painless death at our animal shelter in Norfolk.

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PETA's local programs serve more than 260 localities across southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina. Our fieldwork division was born out of necessity more than 20 years ago to address the urgent needs of animals in our local communities, many of whom have no one else to assist them in order to help improve their lives in basic ways and to spare injured, ill, elderly, and dying animals terrible suffering.

PETA is here for every animal who needs us.

We take in all comers without appointments, waiting lists, fees, or other barriers to admission.

We never turn away an animal in need—ever.



SPECIAL REPORT:

‘MISSING’ BABY GIRAFFES FOUND AND RESCUED!

During an inspection of the Natural Bridge Zoo in April 2025, authorities discovered that two baby giraffes were missing. A judge and a jury—in two separate court proceedings—found that **the giraffe babies’ mothers had been cruelly treated or deprived of adequate care, and custody had been awarded to the government.** The verdicts followed the December 2023 seizure of dozens of animals from the roadside zoo.

Natural Bridge Zoo owners return to court as missing giraffe calves are found safe



Two baby giraffes found safe after vanishing from a Virginia zoo a year ago

The giraffe calves vanished after state officials seized about 100 animals from the zoo while investigating [it] for alleged animal abuse

“These baby giraffes were subjected to the trauma of separation from their distraught mothers shortly after birth, but at long last they’re finally safe and receiving the specialized care that they need, thanks to the tireless work of Attorney General Jay Jones’ Animal Law Unit.”

—PETA Senior Vice President
Daphna Nachminovitch



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PETA joined with **Alicia Silverstone** to offer a reward of up to \$50,000 for information leading to the baby giraffes' safe recovery.



Giraffe calves typically nurse for up to a year and remain closely bonded with their mothers well beyond weaning. Prematurely separating families causes profound psychological distress. These babies are now receiving specialized care at a professional facility.

In February, a Rockbridge County grand jury indicted five individuals connected to the Natural Bridge Zoo. The former and current owners as well as the facility's attending veterinarian and Asha the elephant's "trainer" were indicted on a total of 55 counts of torturing and overdriving or cruelty to animals and eight felony counts of forgery of a public record. The indictments follow decades of citations against the facility and tens of thousands of dollars in civil penalties from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for failing to follow the bare minimum survival standards of care required by the federal Animal Welfare Act.

The systemic animal welfare failures and issues exposed during court proceedings in the Natural Bridge Zoo case helped secure the passage of HB112, introduced by Delegate Amy Laufer (HD-55), and SB344, introduced by Senator Jennifer Boysko (SD-38). The legislation—signed by Governor Abigail Spanberger—prohibits separating captive-born exotic mammals from their mothers before 4 months of age and bans hybridization of captive wild mammals. It went into effect on July 1, 2026.

