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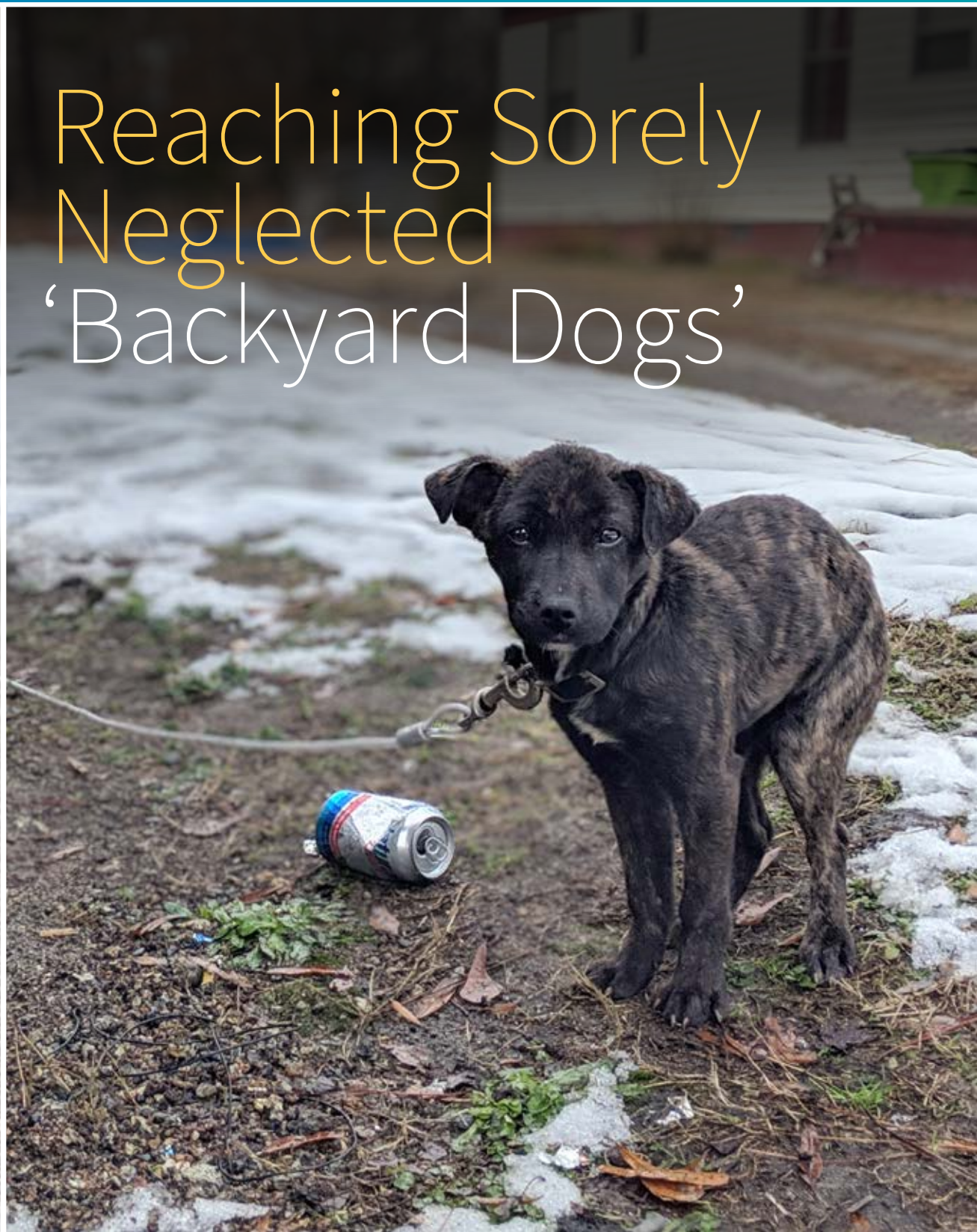
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Reaching Sorely Neglected 'Backyard Dogs'





PETA Helps Neglected ‘Backyard Dogs’

In a minute, I’ll tell you about our staff member Thomas’ great birthday ideas and introduce you to Dave and some other dogs who are grateful for your support, but first let me fill you in on where we are with fieldwork.

As temperatures start to cool, we’re still working tirelessly to help the countless dogs who are forced to live outdoors 24/7 and who have just endured a burning-hot summer that many others didn’t survive. These desperately lonely dogs are often deprived of even the bare necessities, like food, water, and vital veterinary care. They’re forced to spend their lives in solitary confinement, chained in backyards without any companionship, play, or affection, suffering from

fly-bitten ears and flea- and tick-covered bodies, doomed to watch the world go by.

Many chained dogs are at risk of freezing to death during cold snaps. That’s why all winter long, PETA staffers and volunteers deliver dry, fluffy straw bedding and sturdy wooden doghouses to these “backyard dogs,” who are forced to spend their lives outside on a patch of dirt covered with their own waste. The houses we provide are insulated with thick rubber flooring to offer these dogs a little more protection from extreme cold, and unfortunately, there is no shortage of dogs who need them.

All dogs deserve to live indoors with families who love them. Unfortunately, many people in areas where PETA works find that idea absurd and are uncomfortable with the very notion of allowing

dogs inside. This means that many of them can't be persuaded to do the right thing—and in many places the law allows dogs to be chained around the clock. Even in seemingly open-and-shut instances of cruelty, such as starvation cases, we struggle to get enforcement of the few laws that exist to protect these vulnerable canines. That's why PETA also pushes hard for elected officials to pass ordinances that ban or restrict tethering. And town by town, we are slowly succeeding.

“I proudly support PETA's Community Animal Project. Who goes out in search of neglected dogs? PETA. Fieldworkers visit lonely, chained dogs to provide shelter, food, affection, and much more.”

— Lia Albo, Vanguard Society and Augustus Club Member

But when dogs don't have these protections, PETA fieldworkers and volunteers do everything they can to improve their lives while educating their owners. Although no doghouse is a substitute for a warm, comfortable home with a loving family, the ones we provide make a world of difference to dogs who once had no way to escape the scorching sun or bitterly cold winter storms.

Sometimes we're able to persuade owners to give



up “outside dogs.” For example, in January we secured the relinquishment of Stella—a severely emaciated dog who had always been left outside, even on the coldest days of the year. Safe and warm at our headquarters, she spent the night on a comfy couch before moving on to a local shelter, where she was quickly adopted.

Early this year, we found a tiny gray-and-white puppy in a crate on a porch outside in the elements. He wouldn't have survived much longer in the biting cold, but we had him surrendered into our care and warmed him up before passing him on to a trusted local shelter, where he was adopted. Rescues like these are only possible thanks to your steady support.

Together, we can give more dogs like these a chance at a better life. They would thank you if they could for supporting PETA's work in behalf of dogs like them!





From Despair to Devotion: How Dave Became Roux

When PETA fieldworkers found Dave, he was an underweight puppy suffering from mange and covered with fleas. Despite his obvious suffering, the owners refused to seek veterinary care or turn him over to us. Instead, they hid him when we called law enforcement, and he remained missing during fieldworkers' subsequent attempts to check on him.

One week later, we found Dave back in the same location and in even worse shape—but this time, law-enforcement officers responded while our fieldworkers remained rooted to the spot and took legal custody of him.

The officers allowed PETA to take Dave for emergency care on their behalf, and the veterinarian said the dog was suffering from the worst flea infestation he'd ever seen. Dave also tested positive for internal parasites, flea anemia, and demodectic mange. The rescued pup recovered at the local municipal shelter until he could be transferred to our shelter and neutered on one of our mobile clinics.

Thanks to PETA's local shelter partner Reba's Rescue, a loving family adopted Dave—now named Roux—and is determined to write a happy ending to his story. He spends his days playing with toys and snuggling with his family. His shiny black coat shows no signs of the trauma he endured.

Every animal is someone, and every dog deserves the best life possible. If you witness cruelty to a dog—or any other animal—report it to the appropriate officials. Learn how you can help dogs by supporting legislation and ordinances that ban or restrict tethering at [PETA.org/Chaining](https://www.peta.org/Chaining).

“Roux has found a wonderful home, but countless other dogs just like him are chained outside 24/7 without adequate shelter, food, water, or social interaction. PETA urges everyone to keep their dogs indoors with the rest of the family and to lobby for bans on unattended tethering, which help ensure that dogs aren’t kept chained outside like old bicycles.”

— PETA Senior Vice President
Daphna Nachminovitch



Check Out *Chimp Crazy*

Fascinating viewing ahead! From many of the same people who exposed the big-cat cub-breeding industry in Netflix’s *Tiger King*, the upcoming Max docuseries *Chimp Crazy* reveals the weird characters involved in and the tragic consequences of treating chimpanzees as if they were just hairier humans.

This four-episode series examines PETA’s legal action against the former breeding compound once named Chimp Party and its operator, breeder Connie Casey, and exotic-animal broker and chimpanzee kidnapper Tonia Haddix. The riveting footage tells the stories of chimpanzees abused and exploited in the entertainment industry and the “exotic pet” trade.

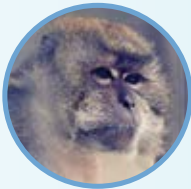
The footage is riveting, as are the interviews, including with PETA attorneys and PETA Honorary Director Alan Cumming, through which the series reveals the outrageous lengths some people go to imprison and subjugate these complex great apes.

Urge everyone you know to tune in on Max (HBO’s streaming service)—they’ll be floored by what they see.



Augustus Club and Vanguard Society Members: Leaders in the Movement to End Animal Suffering Now and Into the Future

Augustus was a real monkey whose true story is told in Ingrid's recently released 30th anniversary edition of *Free the Animals* (available at [PETA.org/Shop](https://peta.org/shop)). The **Augustus Club**



was created in his honor to recognize the exceptional individuals who make animal protection a part of their legacy by including a gift to PETA in their will or trust or by naming PETA a beneficiary of an IRA or other retirement account, a life insurance policy, a donor-advised fund, or another financial account. With a deeply meaningful pledge for the future, these individuals help give animals the chance to experience life as it was intended: free from abuse, exploitation, and neglect.

If you'd like to learn more about the ways your legacy can make a difference for animals, please contact us or visit our website. Our staff is always ready to answer your questions and assist you in creating your legacy.

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The **Vanguard Society** is named after a little rescued dog whose story is also told in *Free the Animals*. It recognizes supporters who are at the leading edge



of PETA's vital work to end the suffering, abuse, and neglect of animals. They have turned their compassion into action by generously making an annual gift of \$500 or more in support of all the life-changing work PETA does in behalf of animals suffering in laboratories, on farms, in the global clothing trade, in circuses, in breeding facilities, and anywhere else they're abused, neglected, or mistreated.

To learn more about the Vanguard Society, whose members are at the forefront of the movement for animal rights, please contact us:

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Together, through the power of our Augustus Club and Vanguard Society communities, we can continue to usher in a new world of freedom and respect for all animals and ensure that every animal's voice is heard—now and in the future.

Meet PETA Fieldworker Thomas McNulty

PETA staffers go all out to help animals! PETA Veterinary and Field Outreach Specialist Thomas McNulty is a splendid example.

By day, he organizes spay/neuter drives, assists dogs and cats during surgeries and recovery, and builds relationships with the clients of PETA's mobile clinics to help them meet and exceed their beloved companions' needs.

But Thomas doesn't stop there. Earlier this year, he decided to use his birthday to raise funds for PETA's life-changing spay/neuter programs. He centered his fundraiser on a two-day clinic in Gloucester County, Virginia, an area that's close to his heart and frequently visited by PETA's mobile clinics. He brought in a whopping \$3,025. *How amazing is that?*

Do you want your own birthday to be about something more than just cards and cake? Follow in Thomas' footsteps



by starting a fundraiser that can have a big impact on our work for animals. The possibilities are endless and limited only by your imagination, from raising money by running with the PETA Pack to holding a benefit yard sale! Learn more today by downloading PETA's free "Get Active for Animals" fundraising guide at **[PETA.org/FundraiseForAnimals](https://peta.org/fundraiseforanimals)**.

Vegan Maple Pumpkin Pie *Makes 16 to 20 servings.*

Ingredients

- 2 9-inch vegan pie crusts
- 1 cup soft or silken tofu, puréed
- 3 Tbsp. arrowroot powder
- 2 Tbsp. cornstarch
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp. ground ginger
- 4 Tbsp. flour
- 1 cup maple syrup
- 1/2 cup sugar (or less)
- 3 1/2 cups pumpkin purée
- 2 cups coconut cream

Note: Bake the pie the day before you're going to eat it (or at least early in the morning for dinner that night). It needs time to set in the fridge before slicing.

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Parbake the pie crusts for about 10 minutes, then remove from the oven and allow to cool.
2. Place the puréed tofu in a large bowl and gradually mix in the arrowroot, cornstarch, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, and flour. Whisk until well combined, then add the maple syrup and sugar.
3. In a small saucepan, mix the pumpkin purée and the coconut cream over medium-high heat for about 5 minutes, stirring frequently until smooth.
4. Pour the hot pumpkin mixture into the bowl with the tofu-spice mixture, stirring as you pour. Mix very well.
5. Pour half the filling into each pie crust and bake for 45 to 50 minutes, or until the pies are golden brown and puffed up around the edges.
6. Remove the pies from the oven and let cool for 1 hour. Then cover each pie with plastic wrap and refrigerate to set, ideally for at least a day.

Supplement Your Retirement Income *and* Protect Animals for Years to Come

If you'd like to receive significant tax benefits while making a gift that pays you—and/or a loved one—fixed payments for life, consider a PETA charitable gift annuity. Here's how it works:

- You donate U.S.-generated cash or securities worth \$10,000 or more to PETA. You must be age 60 or older when your payments start.
- You (and/or a second beneficiary) receive payments for life in return.
- Your payment rate is based on your age and will never change, no matter how long you live or how the market fluctuates.
- If you don't need income right away or haven't reached age 60, you can defer your payments for one year or more. The longer the deferral period, the higher your rate will be.
- Make your gift by December 31 and you may be able to reduce your current year tax burden.
- Avoid some capital gains taxes when you use appreciated securities to make your gift
- If you're age 70.5 or older, you may be able to make a qualified charitable distribution of up to \$53,000 from your IRA to fund a gift annuity.

Setting up a charitable gift annuity with IRA funds allows you to make a significant donation while receiving a fixed, steady income for life. This method makes an impact for PETA far into the future while you receive immediate benefits today!

Want to learn more? Go to **Legacy.peta.org** for free legacy gift planning resources and more!



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RESOURCES TO HELP YOU GET ORGANIZED



Your Guide to Getting Organized

Gathering all the items you'll need to create or update your estate plan can seem like a daunting task. Which documents are required? And how can you be sure you're not missing anything?

Our complimentary workbook *Getting Organized* will help you locate and organize all your important documents, giving you peace of mind and ensuring that your wishes and legacy will be honored.

Download this and other complimentary planning guides at **PETA.org/NewsResources**.