



A No-Kill Animal Shelter
Peewee's
 Pet Adoption World & Sanctuary, Inc.



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Summer 2008

Letter from the President

Dear Valued Supporter,

Spring of 2008 is almost behind us, and I am very proud to report that our adoptions have been incredible so far. From January 1 to April 30, we placed 398 homeless pets into new, loving homes, which is an increase of 101% over last year for the same period. We can only attribute this to the most wonderful supporters any animal shelter could have- YOU! We are forever in your debt for helping us help the many discarded, abandoned, and mistreated pets that exist in our community.

As more and more people are turning to Peewee's for adoptions, there is a definite need for more kennel space, especially for puppies. We have received a bid of \$16,000 to complete this new project. We realize that all one has to do is watch the nightly news to see that economic hard times are affecting the day to day needs of a lot of people and this hurts our donations. While most people help nonprofit organizations that help humans, please remember, if financially possible, to give to nonprofit organizations, such as Peewee's, that help the homeless animals.

Schools should be out soon and perhaps some of your children might be interested in volunteering their time at Peewee's this summer. It is hard work, but very rewarding at the end of the day. Enjoy the upcoming summer and be careful while on vacation.

Sincerely,
 Alan W. Garret D.V.M.
 President, Peewee's
 P.A.W.S.



*Puppy Kennel Project
 Cost: \$16,000*



Summer Fundraiser

Born to be Wild! – Browne's Harley-Davidson 1970-2000 5th Reunion Run has been moved to Saturday June 7th, 2008. There will be a Poker Run and field events with a Party and Auction following the ride. You don't have to be a rider. You can just go to the BBQ and participate in the auction. Call us for a place and a time. It will be held to benefit Peewee's Pet Adoption and P.A.L.S. animal shelters. If you are interested in riding, donating items for the auction, or in donating a cash sponsorship, please call 361-888-4141.

Ever Grateful, We Thank You!

Thank you to Taryn Edwards for choosing to help Peewee's. For her 6th grade confirmation, she organized a community service project which consisted of a food/supply drive at her school, Saint James Episcopal, and her church, the Episcopalian Church of the Good Shepherd. Peewee's received a nice supply of towels, collars, bleach, and food from the drive.

Thank you to Marshall Rucker, a 14 year old Boy Scout from Troop 3 out of the United Methodist Church, for picking Peewee's as the place to complete his Eagle Scout project. Marshall is a freshman at Carroll High School and with the help of his troop, he raised the funds to purchase and plant four good sized cedar elms, which will provide much needed shade for our visitors and animal residents for many years to come.

96¢ of every dollar donated goes directly to the animals.





Girl Scouts, You, and Education

Corpus Christi remains one of the worst counties for animal neglect in the United States, and the best long term solution to combat this awful statistic is to educate the children. Girl Scout Troop 3 came to Peewee's this Spring. We gave them a tour and an hour long seminar on the humane treatment of animal, spaying/neutering, and the basic medical needs of a pet. We would like every one of you reading this article to inform your school teachers, church groups, and children's groups about this program and encourage them to set up a field trip for the kids. We welcome all children's groups to visit Peewee's and learn. This has been an ongoing program for many years, and it needs more participation. Call us at 888-4141, and we can set up a field trip that will fit your schedule.

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue- Anonymous



An Uptown Stray Story

Barbara Keliehor, who works for the Junior League of Corpus Christi at their office near the County Courthouse, had been feeding a scared stray dog for almost six months. She even drove from her island home on weekends to bring her a fresh meal. "Gypsy", as Barbara called her, became friendly to her as time went by, and one day presented herself to eat with 7 puppies following behind. Barbara never knew she was pregnant because she is part Chow and very fluffy. It was then that she realized that she had to find a safe place for the mommy and her puppies to go before someone called the Dog Pound to pick



the whole group up. Barbara called all the local shelters and was turned down by every single one of them until she called us. We took the doggie family in and found homes for all puppies. One puppy, who we called Goldie, even flew Continental Airlines to Deer Park, New York to live with Tricia Tuchler, who saw the puppies on the Internet. Gypsy is still at the shelter. She is a 1½ year old Chow/Keeshond mix. She needs a six foot tall wooden fence because she can climb chain link. Gypsy is also housetrained, loves to wake you up early in the morning with kisses, and loves car rides. She is now our mascot Max's girlfriend, but longs for a new home.

Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea. Robert A. Heinlein



An Angel From Beeville

Many years ago, Suzanne Lopez, a teacher of children with disabilities, used to adopt animals with disabilities from Peewee's to show the kids that they are not alone, and that disabled pets can be happy too. She called us recently to let us know that she now works at the Williams Veterinary Clinic in Beeville, Texas, and that she is finding that their clients are very open to adopting adult cats. She wanted to know if Peewee's had any adult cats that needed a home. We informed Suzanne that we had 83 adult cats desperate for a home, some of which had been at the shelter for a long time. That same day, she came down to Peewee's and took 9 cats to the clinic, including one with a crooked leg from an old injury. If you can believe, they were all adopted in one day! From there, Dr. Williams, Suzanne, and the clinic staff decided to make a project to adopt all our adult cats out through the William's Veterinary Clinic. One week later, she returned with a friend and took 26 more, including a blind one! From there, all of our adult cats have found a new life in Beeville, and our newfound partnership will hopefully continue. Suzanne, Dr. Williams, and the William's Veterinary Clinic staff are truly a godsend.



There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face – Ben Williams

OG, a Lucky Dog

One cold day in February, Karen Veters was driving back to her home in Corpus Christi from her weekend farm in Orange Grove, when she spotted a medium size ball of hair stumbling down the highway in the middle of nowhere. When she got close enough, she discovered it was a dog. She called all the shelters, but no one would take it except for us. We rushed it to a veterinarian for evaluation and treatment. After some IV fluids and shaving, a male Shih-Tzu/Poodle mix emerged with several quarter-sized infected wounds throughout the body. He did nothing but sleep, eat, and drink for about a week before he became animated. We were having a hard time finding him a home because he was a male over 15 pounds, heartworm positive, and



would require grooming for the rest of his life. Karen, who works at Spohn

South, worked hard telling everyone she knew about OG needing a home, including her friend and co-worker, Paulette Salas. Paulette told her husband, Sam, who came to see OG and fell in love. Sam adopted OG to be the companion for their Golden Retriever, "Moon", and named him Sherlock. So from near death on the highway to a nice warm home, Sherlock now has a family of his own.



I think God will have prepared everything for our perfect happiness. If it takes my dog being there, in Heaven, I believe he'll be there. Rev. Billy Graham



What are the Odds?

In the middle of January, we received a frantic call from nice lady who was at the Sun Harvest grocery store watching two pugs running loose in the busy parking lot. She was concerned for their safety, but could not take them home because she lived in an apartment. We told her we would be glad to help her. They appeared healthy, clean, scared, and definitely lost. We ran an ad in the Caller Times and called Lost Pet Hotline, but no one claimed them. A few days later, Yolanda Mendez, a long time Peewee's volunteer, came out to help at the shelter. When she noticed the two pugs, she remembered about a huge sign she had seen last October spray painted on the side of a garage near Ray High School about two pugs being stolen. It was a long shot because so much time had passed since she had seen the

sign, but she left a note on their door anyway. Well, the pugs turned out to be theirs! Their names are Otis and Biff, and they belong to the Towns family. When they saw Ben and Cole Towns, they were no longer scared and started jumping with joy. The Towns family was so distraught when the two dogs went missing, that they were hoping an extremely large sign would draw some attention and hopefully produce some information. Well, it worked, and after three long months of being lost, Otis and Biff were finally home, and they lived happily ever after.

When it comes to knowing how to relax, cats are the original yoga experts. Patricia Curtis – American Writer

A Frustrating Kitty Situation

It seems like every unsprayed stray female cat in this city is having kittens. We are getting 20-30 calls a day from people wanting to give us a mother cat with kittens. Please help us with this problem. We have taken all the mommies and kittens we can house, and an animal shelter is a loud, strange, and unnatural environment for motherhood. Tell all your friends that we need foster homes. If they will foster a cat and her kittens, we will take the kittens when they are weaned and old enough to be adopted. We can then we can get the mother fixed, and she can go back to where she was found or we can try to place her in a home too. The answer to the overwhelming problem of homeless cats is spaying and neutering. If you want to help your neighborhood, try to catch any loose stray cat that you can and get them fixed. Our low cost spay/neuter program prices are \$35 for females and \$20 for males, and we can get you into our veterinarian for the surgery within a few days. If the cat is extremely wild, we can loan you a humane trap to catch it and get it to the vet safely. Just call 888-4141 for more information on how you can help your community solve this serious problem.



Love the animals: God has given them the rudiments of thought and joy untroubled. Fyodor Dostoyevsky

Don Don the Almost Dead Dane

For days, we received cell phone calls from people driving along SPID who were spotting an emaciated, hairless, very large dog, but no one would stop and pick him up. We spent hours driving that neighborhood over a period of three days looking for the dog. Finally, Don Moore, while on his way home from work, saw a dog lying in the middle of a field near Bear Lane. He called his daughter to help him get the large dog loaded into the car. By then the dog was unable to stand and was severely dehydrated. Thank God for Mr. Moore, as the dog was close to death. Dogs can cover a lot of ground in a short period of time. For example, we picked up a dog from the Art Museum, and it turned out to belong to someone near Airline and Ocean Drive. Therefore, when you see an animal in desperate need of rescue, you need to stop, take action, and pick it up. Otherwise it will probably just die out there of starvation and dehydration. Never assume that the next person

will pick it up. Eight people called over a period of four days and only Mr. Moore, who has been a long time Peewee's volunteer, had the heart to pick up the dog. Don Don is a Great Dane mix about four years of age. He is loving, grateful to be alive, and is now fat and healthy. He remains at the shelter waiting for you to come adopt him.



Pretty Girl

Pretty Girl is a black Cocker Spaniel mix that was found emaciated, hairless, covered in scabs, and staggering down Graham Road in Flour Bluff. It was obvious that she had been dumped because of her condition. We took her in and called her Pretty Girl because she was very sweet and therefore pretty on the inside, even though she looked grotesque on the outside. After a skin scraping during an examination by a veterinarian, she was diagnosed with demodectic or red mange. This kind of mange is not contagious to humans or other animals. It is a hereditary condition caused by mites that are passed from the mother to her pups within a few days after birth. In most dogs it is dormant, but it can manifest itself with stress, immune deficiency, or other underlying causes. It is easily

treatable with medication or dips. Stress may bring the red mange back sometimes, and treatment may need to be sought again. Most of the time if your pet is happy and not under stress, the condition does not come back. We recommend that all dogs with this condition live indoors where they are likely to be happier and stress-free. Pretty Girl has undergone treatment, regrown her fur, and put on weight. She is happy and friendly to cats and dogs. Please, someone out there come and give Pretty Girl a new home.



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Peewee's Wish List

- Money, money, money
- Homes for adult dogs
- Dry Dog Food
- Foster homes
- Volunteers

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