



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



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Valued Supporter,

When you receive this newsletter, the holiday season will be upon us and 2008 will be in its waning months.

Just a refresher course as to what we accomplished at Peewee's this year: 1) We completed and paid in full our 30x30 cat building which also serves as an office and storage facility. It has been a godsend to have a place to isolate the many sick cats that come our way. This was virtually impossible last year. We thank you for your donations to make this a reality!! 2) We have, to date, found homes for 950 pets through October 31st. This number should hopefully climb to almost 1100 by the end of the year. This would put us about 20% ahead of last year's record adoptions!! We are indeed so proud of that accomplishment. 3) And finally, we are past the half way point of raising money to build an additional six isolation runs for the dogs that arrive at our facility for adoption.

As the holiday season is upon us, we hope that you good people have kept us in your thoughts and budget remembering us when giving to worthy charitable causes. Did you know that every \$50.00 donation will pay for 2 cats to be neutered or for a needy dog to be spayed? An additional \$25.00 gets 2 cats vaccinated and 2 dogs vaccinated and tested for heartworms. Here at Peewee's we work very hard to stretch your donated dollar and we appreciate what you allow us to do for the animals.

A safe, happy, festive, healthy, and prosperous New Years to you all.

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



WINTER FUNDRAISER

Your Pets with Santa - This event will be running inside **PET SMART** at Moore Plaza Saturday and Sunday December 6th and 7th and the 20th and 21st from 11am to 4pm. Bring your cats, dogs, ferrets, birds, horses, cows, etc. for a lovely memory photo. **PET SMART** will donate \$5 for each photo purchased to Peewee's Pet Adoption.

WIN A QUILT

Eva Bender, a long time Peewee's volunteer, has donated another quilt in her effort to encourage your donations. This quilt incorporates a design of 20 boxes, each decorated with a theme of flowers, branches, or traditional geometrical quilt patterns. Every square is unique and beautiful. Each person that donates \$50 or more from now until December 23rd, 2008 will be entered in a drawing to win the quilt. Eva jokes that it took her from 1945 to 1972 to finish her first quilt, but after her retirement in 1990, she has made and donated many quilts to charity. Thank you Eva!



PLEASE HELP THESE KITTIES!

These are some faces of the many adult cats at the shelter. Please come and take one home for Christmas.

THEY ARE FREE TO A LOVING FAMILY.



ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

This is the story of one day at Peewee's, from the time we opened until the time we closed. We arrived at the office at 9am to find a box with four puppies outside the office, no note or anything! We then start cleaning. Suddenly at 11:00, Carlos Buentello shows up with a fox terrier that has been wandering his neighborhood, not fixed of course. As we start changing the waters at noon, Christi Chadwick shows up with a sad, hungry, scabby black lab that showed up at her apartment complex on Saratoga. As we start to feed at 1:30, here comes Sharon Midas with two small adult dogs and two puppies, stating that they belong to her parents, whom they had to put in a nursing home. They all had ringworm. All is going smoothly and all the dogs are fed. We start to pass out medications to the sick kittens when

here comes Laurie Godfrey, a tourist, with a tiny pup she found on her way to the airport. It was now 4pm and we thought it was over, but right at 5pm comes Chad Amundsen with two Chihuahuas that followed his kids home from Rodd Field Road. Sometimes the numbers are overwhelming and some days we have to turn people down. We try to convince them to foster the animals while we get them well, fixed, and then to our mobile adoption sites. Every day is a real challenge at Peewee's, but knowing that every single life we save is a triumph makes every day worthwhile.

PEEWEE'S AND OUR CITY'S FINEST

We pride ourselves in having a wonderful relationship with our local police department, many of whom have adopted pets from us. For example, Officer Cano brought us Annie, a skinny brown pit bull, in early October. While on duty, he found Annie behind a shopping center dragging a long chain that she had gotten tangled around a stack of pallets. God only knows how long she had been there. He knew we would get her well and try to find her a home. Another officer, Veronica Martinez, had seen Scruffy on our page at Petfinder.com, fell in love, and came to Peewee's at the end of her shift to adopt her. It was love at first sight, and Scruffy loved her new mom's uniform and squad car. After being rescued from the streets of Robstown, Scruffy has a sweet mommy and a nice warm bed. We really appreciate our law enforcement officers for protecting our furry friends.

SOMETHING WE CAN LEARN FROM DENNY!

Denny, a miniature dachshund, was found staggering on French Street near Everhart and SPID. When he arrived at Peewee's, he carried his head tilted 90 degrees, with one eye pointing to the sky and the other to the ground. He staggered and fell every few steps and had difficulty eating. If you tried to pick him up, he would roll his body upside down, thinking he was right side up. The veterinary diagnosis was severe advanced middle ear infection, which is usually caused by a neglected outer ear infection. This diagnosis might not seem like an emergency to some, but it is, and Denny's prognosis was guarded. These infections are behind the eardrum and can produce hearing loss, loss of balance, head tilting, circling, and other neurological problems that can be permanent if the infection is not treated early. Sometimes the permanent damage is so severe that there is no hope for a quality life, and euthanasia is the only solution to prevent suffering. Symptoms of ear infections are pain, head shaking, discharge, foul odor, scratching, and pawing of the ear. If you see any of these symptoms, have your pet thoroughly checked out by your veterinarian.

The key to prevention is good routine ear cleaning and examinations. Denny required a myringotomy, which is an incision in the eardrum to drain the fluid. He also took antibiotics orally as well as in his ear for a long time. He improved slowly, and for a while, it was touch and go. He finally got better, and even though he has a slight permanent head tilt, he is happy, healthy, and looking for you to give him a new home. As bad as his condition was, he was lucky to have made it!

THESE HORSES SHOULD BE ABLE TO RETIRE IN PEACE... NOT PIECES!!!

The consumption of horsemeat in the United States is now illegal, but the transport of horseflesh to other countries is not. Please help stop the transport of horsemeat. Would you fly on an airline if you knew a few inches below your seat there was meat from U.S. horses that had been cruelly slaughtered in Mexico and Canada on its way to be eaten by Europeans and Japanese? Odds are you already have. We're asking airlines to stop it. We need your help. These Airlines have already "taken the pledge," American Airlines, Continental Airlines, Delta Airlines, DHL Express, and UPS. Please ask the others. For more information, please visit www.hillsidefoundation.org. **HORSES SHOULD BE RIDDEN, NOT FLOWN!**

WHERE DO THE OLD DOGS GO?

Meet Cheeva. She is a 14 year old Shepherd mix. She lived with Ellis Smith, a homeless man from up North, since she was a puppy. Ellis loved animals, and even though he did not take good care of himself, he always made sure that Cheeva got everything she needed. She was always clean, fat, current on her shots, spayed, and on heartworm prevention. Ellis, because of his lifestyle, met an early death last year. Fortunately, we knew where to find Cheeva because every time Ellis got in trouble with the law, he would have us go get her until he was out of trouble. Since her arrival at Peewee's, Cheeva has been living with a bunch of other old dogs at one of our volunteer foster homes. This group has a doggie door and the run of the house. We have about 40 geriatric dogs of all sizes and colors that would love to have a family to spend their last years with. They all came from either the streets, the death of their owners, or other unfortunate circumstances. If you can open your heart to one, come by and take a senior citizen home. They are all free!

92¢ of every dollar donated goes directly to the animals.



GALLERY OF RECENT RESCUES



Precious

Precious is a 5 year old cocker who was quite sick. She had bilateral cherry eyes, wasn't spayed, needed her teeth cleaned, and had four large bladder stones the size of a large grape (you can see them in the picture) which were causing her a lot of pain, and an infection. Her owner had not taken her to a vet in three years, and now that poor Precious was severely ill, she brought her to us. After four surgeries for her bladder stones, cherry eyes, spay, and dental, she is now well, and is waiting for you to adopt her.

While on his way to work, one of our employees saw **Rockie**, a beat up Rhodesian Ridgeback mix, on Greenwood with his leg badly swollen and scabby. He was hungry, scared, and ran from us when we tried to catch him. Thank

God after an hour he went into someone's back yard and we caught him. People in the neighborhood that saw us said he had been there for months. After the amputation (his leg was not salvageable), he had a hard time walking on three legs, and he did not do well post surgery. After 2 months of rehabilitation, he finally learned to walk. He can even manage stairs! He is about 5 years old and is good with all dogs and cats, and needs you to come adopt him.



Spunky

Amy Charlston found **Spunky**, an 8 week old orange and white kitten, who was limping around in the Sun Harvest parking lot. She was dragging her rear leg because of a large open wound, most likely caused by being hit by a car in the busy area. We got her stitched up, and after a few days at the vet, she is good as new.



Rockie



Sandy

George Rodgers found **Sandy**, a Poodle/Chihuahua mix, and her four puppies running loose in an RV park in Riviera, Texas the Tuesday before Hurricane Ike hit. The dogs were hairless, covered in sarcoptic mange, and we were the only shelter that would take them. The Rodgers were nice enough to drive an hour and a half to Corpus for us to take the little family. With time and medical care, they all got well.

Johnny Gonzalez saw a small male Chihuahua get hit by a car at Holly and Greenwood. He brought him to Peewee's as he could not afford a vet. **Tiny Tim** had a broken leg that required a pin. After two surgeries and a very long hospital stay, he is fine and ready for a home.



Tiny Tim



Bobbie

Cassandra Miller saw **Bobbie**, a 5 month old chocolate pit mix, paralyzed and laying in the gutter at the corner of Tarlton/Port by the HEB. At first thinking someone else would pick him up, she left him there and went home. Four hours later, her conscience made her go back and sure enough he was still there, with people just walking by. With someone's help, they carried him to the car. He was paralyzed from the waist down (as a result of a badly fractured pelvis), but after care and medication, he started walking again two weeks later! He now moves around perfectly fine and is anxious for you to come adopt him.

Nancy Smith found **Waldo**, a 10 week old black kitten with open wounds on his broken legs, laying in a puddle on the side of the road in Robstown. She brought him to us and after a month in the hospital, he was able to walk again and got a home.



Waldo



Tammy

LaShan Cornelius found this skinny sweet dog on the Bike and Hike trail at TAMU-CC on Ocean Drive. No other shelter would take the dog, but we did. **Tammy** is now healthy, spayed, vaccinated, and ready for a Christmas home.

Eve Bass found **Jack** and **Jill** running together at Moore Plaza, obviously dumped, both hairless, one with sarcoptic mange and the other with both sarcoptic and demadectic mange. They were both badly under-fed and had eye infections. They now both have hair and are at Peewee's waiting for a home for Christmas.

Susan Hardie found a 6 month old black lab mix at The Arbors apartments at Saratoga and Cimmaron. **Susie** was scared, skinny, and missing most of her hair. Somebody probably dumped her there. After several weeks of care, she is looking great and is ready for adoption.

Don Gillen found this chocolate pit mix that was out on County Road 35 in the middle of nowhere. **Macy** would not have lasted much longer out there considering how skinny and dehydrated she was, and she had a bad skin infection. She is now a healthy weight and needs a loving family of her own.



Jack



Jill



Susie



Macy

This male Rotti was wandering for two weeks in Flour Bluff. Finally, Dan Sizemore picked him up and brought him to us. **Frankie** was a starving skeleton with skin, with matter coming out of his eyes and nose. He required a long hospitalization for pneumonia, but is now healthy and ready for a home with you.



Frankie

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Without your tax-deductible donations we would not be alive. Help us find homes. Please donate so that others may be saved too.

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 Locations:**

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 Every Saturday and Sunday
 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Peewee's Wish List

- Money, money, money
- Homes for Senior Dogs
- Dry Dog Food
- Foster homes
- Volunteers
- Paper towels
- Bleach

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 Peewee's in your will*



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