Letter from the President

Dear Valued Supporter,

As the dog days of summer are upon us I am proud to report that all has gone well at Peewee’s for the first seven months of this year. We have taken in 800 stray and/or abandoned pets while adopting out 744 of them!! We are hoping by years end to break all records by adopting close to 1,500. That would be truly phenomenal.

More good news: we have finished the badly needed six isolation runs. It has always been difficult to control disease at any animal shelter due to the large number of pets that are constantly passing through our gates. With these new runs, it should hopefully minimize outbreaks such as parvo and kennel cough, which are two of the more common diseases in dogs. At a cost of $20,000, this accomplishment would not have happened without your generous support. We thank you so very much!!

Our next project is to raise money for the treatment of heartworm disease in dogs. Heartworms are a major problem in dogs in South Texas due to the fact that mosquitoes spread it. One out of three of the dogs that enter our facility are afflicted with this disease. We currently have 30 dogs that are positive. Treatment can cost anywhere from $100-200 per pet. Although this time of the year can be expensive with to back-to-school costs, we hope you can put aside some extra money to help us treat these dogs that have this potentially life threatening disease.

Until next time, I remain....

Sincerely,

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

Thank you’s

We want to send a special thank you to Lori and Fred Hoffmann who have been long time supporters of Peewee’s. For years they have updated our page on Petfinder.com and provided us with tons of free advertising on their TV stations KXPX/RTN Channel 14, KUQI/FOX Channel 38, KTOV Channel 15, and KCBO Channel 21. This July, through their TV station KUQI/FOX Channel 38, they put together and sponsored a “Comedy Night” fundraiser benefiting Peewee’s and The Cattery. It was a night of good food, funny jokes, and lots of laughter that raised $3,000 for Peewee’s. It was a smashing success!

Thank you to Sanders Elementary Staff for organizing and carrying out a “Pennies for Peewee’s” fundraiser the entire month of May. It produced cash, food, treats, and newspapers that we sure always need!

Thank you to Lamar Elementary in Kingsville, Texas for having donated $777 to Peewee’s in April, which was raised through sales of taquitos, baked goods, a raffle, live auction, and other donations.

Volunteer of the Quarter - Lorraine Dorsey

Lorraine Dorsey is a native of Connecticut who retired to Padre Island with her husband, Rick, who loves boating. Lorraine, who found out about us through her dog sitter, first intended to simply volunteer to walk dogs and spend quality time with them. From there, she soon figured out the sad reality of the animals that are here month after month and year after year. She saw how adoptable they were and knew that if they were in New York, they would find homes immediately. After some research and networking, she decided to start raising money so she could ship those poor souls to New York. She held garage sales and other fundraisers with the help of other Island volunteers, plus sought help from her family and businesses back home. Since the summer of 2007, she has raised and spent $20,000 shipping 87 of Peewee’s unadoptable dogs to the New York/Connecticut area. Some of the latest to go were Tilly, Chopper, and Neo. Tilly, a large stray black dog from Bluntzer, went to a huge mansion with a massive hilly green yard right along the Hudson River with an amazing family. Chopper went to a loving family with a very special six-year-old boy. He sleeps at the foot of the family’s bed and also gets to go for rides in their convertible. Neo went to a great home with a family that lives in a nice quiet wooded area with a small stream and a pond. Lorraine saves the unadoptable without us having to spend a penny, which makes more room for other homeless animals and saves us thousands of dollars on the care of the ones that she sends. Lorraine is truly an angel from Heaven.
Dear Max: My neighbor’s dog recently went missing, and I was at a loss as to what advice to give her. Any suggestions?

Of course! There are many steps you can take to increase the chances of your pet making it home safely. The first thing to do is search the neighborhood. Many times the pet has just wandered next door to investigate his surroundings. Next you must contact Animal Agencies preferably in person and leave a flyer with a picture that offers a reward. The local shelters are listed in the yellow pages under animal shelters or humane societies. Look for your pet at Animal Care Services (City Dog Pound) located at 2626 Holly every 24 hours. Also contact The Lost Pet hotline at 361-882-PETS and give them a detailed description of your pet. You will also need to notify others, including neighbors, veterinary clinics, frequent passers-by and mail or newspaper carriers by handing out flyers. Drive the neighborhood and surrounding areas a few times a day. Another avenue to take is to use the power of scent by placing a recently worn article of clothing, a dog bed, or a litter box outside. Familiar scents can help bring your pet home. Advertise your lost pet by posting flyers at all public places. Place an ad in the classified section of the local newspaper and on craigslist.com (a free website that is very popular) and offer a reward. You can also file a report. Don’t always assume your pet has been stolen. However, if you have evidence, notify the Police and City Animal Care Services Department. Lastly, don’t give up! Keep searching even when you have little hope left. Even pets that have been lost for months have been reunited with their owners! I ask that all of you with pets out there to take detailed photographs of all your pets and save them just in case you ever need them. Also remember to keep current tags on your pets with a good address and/or phone number. Hopefully this information will help you or someone else during the sad event that a beloved pet is lost.

Adopt a Horse…Virtually!

We now have 11 rescued horses- Trigger, Tawny, Bonanza, Trixie, Crystal, Lady, Missy, Angel, Mommy, Baby, and Sid – all in need of your help. If you love horses but can’t really adopt one, maybe you could help us with a Virtual Adoption! A virtual adoption means you sponsor your horse financially, but we take care of all its needs. All you have to do is enjoy them! For $30 per month, you can adopt any one of these horses and will receive an adoption certificate with a personal biography. You can come spend time with the horse, give them treats, brush them, and show them love whenever you wish. You will also receive a photograph of your adopted horse and a horseshoe memento. The following is a list of items to give you an idea of what it costs to care for a rescue horse: Grain ration - $60 monthly, Hay ration - $80 monthly, Hoof trim - $30 bimonthly, Vet Call - $50 as needed, Yearly shots - $120, and a Dental Check/Floating - $90 as needed. With your help, the financial burden of caring for them would be eased, and any attention you give them would be a godsend. Finding real homes for them at this time would be nearly impossible with the drought causing hay prices to skyrocket plus the economic environment we are in. If you are interested in a virtual adoption of any of these beautiful horses, call us a 361-888-4141 to sign up!

Recent Rescues: A Gallery of Pain We Helped Stop

From dangerous circumstances to the safety of our shelter came: Miracle – a newborn pup brought to Petsmart during our mobile adoption on Saturday. Apparently, something ate his leg off. There was no mother dog where he was found so Stephanie, who works at Peewee’s, took Miracle home and fostered him. She and her three children helped bottle-feed him until he was healthy. Tammy - a Pomeranian mix found dragging herself at Alameda and Doddridge one evening. According to the vet, she had been paralyzed from the waist down for quite some time. She gets around just fine and already found a wonderful home. Mr. Kitty – a middle aged male cat found at Everhart and Cedar Pass with ear mites and large open wounds that smelled awful of infection. After several weeks of healing time and surgery, he is doing great. Monkey – a six-week-old black lab mix puppy covered in fleas, ticks, and mange. After getting all his hair back, he is healthy and very playful. Jewel – a 4-5 year old female German Shepherd that was skinny, covered in fleas and ticks, and had a horrible ear and skin infection. She was found at Topeka and Alameda close to IWA. She was of course heartworm positive, but is the sweetest girl. Five white kittens were found in a box taped shut left on the sidewalk about to die of heatstroke, but they all made it after receiving medical attention. Four hairless puppies were left at our doorstep in a box. There were full of worms, covered with fleas, and had sarcoptic mange, but are now cured. Lucky – a teenage male cat hit by a car on Saratoga. He had a fractured pelvis and other internal injuries. After treatment and lots of rest, he is doing great. All of these little souls are ready and waiting for you to come to Peewee’s and give them a good home.

ASK MAX

94¢ of every dollar donated goes directly to the animals.
The Purrrfect Pets for Busy Lifestyles

Those with a busy lifestyle need two kitties. There are great benefits to having two cats. One is that they provide each other with exercise, social interaction, and other forms of mental stimulation, and this means they are less likely to be destructive or engage in problematic behavior. If you are adopting a cat that has already lived in a group at a shelter, consider adopting one of his or her friends as well. This will ease their transition. Having two cats will also decrease the guilty feeling of not spending enough time with them. As long as you leave them lots of toys and spend the night with them they will be satisfied with your attention. Most cats are incredibly low maintenance except for those with long hair, which require frequent brushing. It takes just a few minutes to provide them with fresh food and water and clean the litter box. Then you are off to your busy day till you return in the evening to your sweet purring pets. When going out of town, kittens can be left alone for 2-3 days at a time. All you have to do is leave extra food, water, and a couple of litter boxes. If you are going to be gone for a longer period of time, you could have a friend come every 2-3 days to do the same maintenance. How easy is that? A kitty or two as members of your family can add warmth and humor to your life. Most kitties even love to sleep in bed with you and cuddle. Personally, I have two cats at home. They both sleep with me, and their purring is the most wonderful therapy for helping me sleep.

Kids Raising Money for Peewee’s This Summer

Kaitlyn Upton, a Peewee’s volunteer who recently turned 14, asked all the guests at her birthday party for money for Peewee’s and raised $559. Her family added $150 for a grand total of $709. Lacey and Dylan Gimpel set up a lemonade stand and raised $100 in one afternoon! Kylie Harman, an 11 year old visiting from Round Rock, Texas, set up a table at a garage sale and sold cookies and muffins she had baked. Emilia Villareal, an 11 year old from Smith Elementary, made bracelets, key chains & charms and sold them at school and her neighborhood. Hannah Mitchell, a 12 year old from Baker Middle School, made magnets, bracelets, key chains, & bookmarks and sold them in her neighborhood. Thank you to all of these fine young animal lovers, and many others too numerous to mention. If you think about it, you can have a fundraiser for Peewee’s too! It costs us $175 a day just to feed the dogs and cats at Peewee’s. We really need your help!

ALL IN A DAYS WORK

July 7th, 2009 – 9:00am – We found a skinny black and tan Chihuahua in a box by our gate with a note that read, “My name is Chico. Please help me, I’m sick.” Of course he had heartworms, but now has been treated and is waiting for a home. 9:30 – We get a call from someone residing on Winnebago Street. They stated they did not have any money to care for their animals anymore, and that “somebody better come get them or we’ll take ‘em to the Pound.” Bob went to check them out and picked up a long-haired mixed terrier mommy, four of her puppies, and four other wirehaired terrier puppies. Everyone had sarcoptic mange, and the mother had heartworms. All their illnesses were treated and the whole Winnebago Bunch ended up finding homes! 10:45 – We received a call from Misty Winds Mobile Home Park with the same statement as an hour earlier. There were two Chihuahua mixes that had been running around for 10 days that they were going to take to the Pound if someone did not come get them right away. They were skinny unneutered adult males that we named Heckyl and Jekyll. 12:00 noon – While driving to lunch, Rhonda Cotler found a dirty longhaired dog on Highway 37 near Rand Morgan. She called us on her cell phone, and we told her to head straight here. We took the dog and named it Angel. 1:30 – Amy Kane found a sick grey cat in the middle of Staples and brought it to us. We named it Billie, and it lived after treatment for upper respiratory and dehydration. 2:30 - While we were not looking, someone dumped a box of four kittens in front of the office, so young they were barely able to eat. 3:00 – A gentleman brings a pregnant big dog whom we named Mollie from the west side of town. All the neighbors were throwing rocks at her so she wouldn’t have puppies under their houses. It was fairly slow from 3:00 to 4:45, but at 5:00pm, two cars showed up. One gentleman, Mr. Bartz, showed up with two Fox Terriers, Milo and Happy. Their owner had passed away and they had nowhere to go. The other person was Jerry Amaga, who had found a male Dachshund and a female terrier mix at Alameda and Dolphin Street. We named them Al and Doll. They were never claimed and both had heartworms. We took in 24 animals, my God what a day. The house was jammed to the rim, but we were able to find room. I must confess that if they had all been large dogs, we would have had to turn most of them away due to lack of space. Turning pets away is the worst part of the job, but many times we have to. There is just not enough room to house all of the homeless pets in this city.

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