



# A No-Kill Animal Shelter **Peewee's**

**Pet Adoption World & Sanctuary, Inc.**

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**Hours of Operation: 10:00am - 5:00pm Daily**

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Spring 2009

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT/ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Peewee's Supporter,

With 2009 upon us, we are looking to the upcoming year with fervent optimism. We are confident that you, our generous supporters, will continue to make our mission a success. It is only with your help that we can serve our community by caring for the abused and abandoned pets.

In 2008, so much was accomplished with your generous donations including an isolation area for incoming pets, the completion of our cat house, and an area for proper grooming of would be adoptable pets.

For the record, I am excited to inform you that we had a total of 1167 adoptions in 2008, which is an increase of about 30% over 2007. The breakdown is as follows: 467 dogs, 342 puppies, 181 cats, 165 kittens, 6 horses, 4 sheep, 1 rabbit, and 1 Guinea pig.

2009 marks the beginning of our fourteenth year in this community. With the support of good hearted compassionate people such as yourselves, we'd like to believe that we will be here for many years to come. We are so proud to serve Corpus Christi, and we owe our success to the hard work and dedicated support of you our donors and volunteers.

As always, our doors at Peewee's are open every day from 10am to 5pm. Feel free to come out for a visit and make any suggestions you feel might improve our facility.

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



*Peewee's Mobile Adoption Site*



## FOREVER GRATEFUL

Ryan Syanksky, a 17 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. He is a member of the FFA and won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize this year in Ag Mechanics for his barbeque pit trailer. Ryan is a senior at Carroll High School and, with the help of his Troop, he raised the money and built an outdoor room attached to the cat building. Now our resident kitties, present and future, can go outside to play while enjoying the sounds of nature, the sunshine, and the fresh air for many years to come.

Thank you to the Carroll High School Student Council for bringing Peewee's 1,000 pounds of dry dog food, and thank you Carroll High School students for your continuing support. 1,000 pounds of food feeds all the shelter animals for 2 days, so as you can see, our need for food is great. At 500 lbs a day, we use 182,500 lbs of food per year!

Thank you to Antonia Medina and her granddaughter Victoria from Austin, Texas. While Victoria was visiting Corpus, they wanted to do something for the homeless animals, so they held a garage sale and donated half of the proceeds to Peewee's an half to P.A.L.S., a wonderful fundraiser anyone can do!

## QUILT WINNER

Congratulations to Anson and Kay Rice for winning this beautiful handmade quilt donated by Eva Bender to help raise funds for Peewee's. Mrs. Rice was born and raised in Corpus Christi and has been a long time Peewee's supporter. She was the first woman employed at the laboratory at Celanese where she worked for 30 years before retiring. Everyone who donated over \$50 from the release of our Winter newsletter until December 23<sup>rd</sup> was entered in the drawing. We want to thank everyone for your kind donations.



## In Remembrance

This newsletter is dedicated to Pete Duffy who recently passed away at the age of 68. His support of Peewee's over the years was greatly appreciated and his presence will be sorely missed.

## A Peewee's Angel from Heaven

Zelda Kim Zevator was born in Brooklyn and was a retired registered nurse. She moved to Kingsville six years ago to be reunited with a loved one. She loved all animals, but especially cats. She had three kitties that would all sing along with her when she sang certain songs. Zelda passed away in November at the age of 82 and left Peewee's a \$10,000 bequest. May she hear our heartfelt thanks from the other side. May this also be a reminder that if you love animals, and you want to help Peewee's when planning your estate, please remember Peewee's in your will. Our greatest hope is that we can secure Peewee's long term future by establishing a permanent fund, and only through your generous gifts can our hope become a reality.



## Health Benefits from Owning a Cat

Whether it's a frisky kitten or a tubby tabby, a cat at home could cut your heart attack risk by almost a third, a new study suggests. A study, conducted by researchers at the University of Minnesota, analyzed a group of 4,435 people and suggests these effects were found in cat ownership (dogs did not have the same health benefit). The study found that people without cats were 30-40% more likely to die of heart attacks and strokes than those with cats. Dr. Adnan Qureshi, a stroke expert at the university, said he decided to raise the question because other studies have suggested pets can help reduce stress. Vital signs taken after an individual's interaction with a cat showed positive effects on the blood pressure, pulse, and breathing frequency, and the results of that test were surprisingly similar to the body's condition after deep meditation. Adults are not the only ones who benefit from caring for a cat. Children who have participated in the raising of a pet have shown higher self esteem levels, better social skills, and a greater sense of responsibility toward others. For young children and infants, exposure to cats at a young age can also help the child develop resistance to allergies and asthma. Older adults often lack companionship, social connections, and opportunities for recreation during their retirement years. Owning a cat can significantly boost the health and happiness of a senior, giving them a feeling of purpose and the knowledge that they are needed. Dr. Qureshi quotes, "This opens a whole new avenue for intervention that we hadn't looked at before, one that can be made at the public level, and unlike drugs or surgery, pet ownership doesn't appear to have any risks or side effects to it." All the kitties in these pictures can help improve your health and are waiting at Peewee's for a new home.

**Of all God's creatures, there is only one that cannot be made slave of the leash. That one is the cat. If man could be crossed with the cat it would improve the man, but it would deteriorate the cat." - Mark Twain**

## What We all Need to Know About Parvo

Parvo is a serious disease than can be deadly even if treatment is given. It can be brought home to your dog on shoes, hands, or car tires. A bird can even bring it to your backyard or your dog's food or water bowl if it has been exposed. The disease is transmitted through feces and can remain contagious for up to nine months in the ground under the right conditions. It is a viral disease that mainly affects puppies because of their immature immune system, but can affect grown dogs as well. The most common clinical signs are gastrointestinal in nature and include sudden loss of appetite, vomiting, and bloody, watery diarrhea ending in severe dehydration, coma, and death. 80% or more of infected dogs will die without treatment. The best protection for your pet is to get them vaccinated at the age of 6 weeks, 9 weeks, 12 weeks, and 16 weeks and them immunized yearly when they are adults. Prevention is cheap, but treatment can run \$400 to \$1000. The

then continue to get the most important thing to remember is to take your pet to your veterinarian as soon as any of these symptoms start, because if you wait, the chance of survival rapidly decreases. To clean an area that parvo might have infected, you must use a bleach solution (4 oz. bleach per gallon of water). So now that you are well versed on parvo, help us spread the word. Anytime you see someone with a puppy, educate them to help reduce the spread of this killer disease.

**If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise. - Unknown**

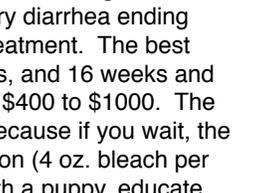
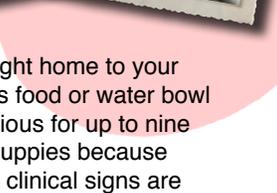
## The Power of a Tag

We recently got a call from a construction worker in Flour Bluff who found a dog with our tag number 2269. We looked through our records and found that it was adopted by a Trish Gilliam in May 2002 and was then a 3 year old black and white heeler mix. We tracked Trish down from the information on her application, even though she had moved, and after a long seven years, our tag still worked! "Dottie", now 10 years old, and Trish, were happily reunited. If a dog is found with our tag and we cannot find the owner, we go pick it up, bring it back to the shelter, and hold it until the owner is found. We answer the phone seven days a week, so help for our lost dogs is always there. The lesson to be learned is to **always tag your dog with a rabies tag, a city license, and most importantly, a personal tag with your name, address, and your best telephone numbers.** The best type of collar to buy for the tags is a fabric one so you do not have to remove it, even when you bathe your pet.

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



Andy - Parvo Survivor



## All in a Days Work – January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009

It all started early on this typical day: 8:00am - A volunteer from Austin Boxer Rescue arrived at the shelter to pick up **Sam**, a four year old heartworm positive aggressive Boxer, who was chained all his life and has a scar all the way around his neck to prove it. He needed reprogramming and training which the rescue was better able to provide. 9:00am - Robert Drake brought **Socks**, a 6 month old cat, who was jealous of the newborn baby. Need I say more? 10:00am - Angela Perry found a tan Shar-pei pup we named **Jordi** walking down Highway 665, and on her way to work, dropped it off at our shelter. 11:00am - Diana Luna found these two perfectly healthy and friendly poodles, **Bill** and **Bob**, in a field near the airport, no homes in sight. 1:00pm - Sylvia Reyna showed up with an apricot poodle and a longhaired red dachshund, who we named **Bud** and **Spud**, that she found on Saratoga and Kostoryz in the middle of the intersection about to get hit by a truck. She is from the Valley and was on her way out of town. 1:45pm - Danny Rivas arrived with a black rabbit we named **Clark**. He had scabies and was found in the middle of Clarkwood Road. 3:00pm - Adolpho Guerra brought a 9 year old male chow we named **Red Man** that he had just found on Prescott and Horne. 4:55pm (We close at 5:00pm) - Patricia Medina came with a brown Dachshund mix we named **Daisy** that she had found run over on O'Day near Weber. 5:00pm - Bobby George, our assistant shelter director, drove **Lil Hoss**, a 7 year old Springer Spaniel, to the Springer Spaniel Rescue in San Antonio. He had been here for 5 months, but we were not able to find him a home because of his age. 5:45pm - Elma Vasquez pulled up to our parking lot with **Annie**, a yellow lab mix, who was too weak to stand. The dog was so incredibly emaciated we couldn't believe she was alive. She was on her way home from work when she encountered the dog at Tarlton and Greenwood. Thank God even though we were closed, someone was still at the shelter. This was a good day at Peewee's, everyone that came we were able to help. That day we saved 12 lives, but there are many days when we have to turn people away. Believe it or not, none of the above found pets were ever claimed by the owners!

**Dogs are not our whole life,  
but they make our lives whole.**  
-Roger Caras, (Past President of the ASPCA)

## They Don't Know They are Physically Challenged!

Physically challenged, but with lots of love to give, here are some of our special pets: **BK**, a 4 year old skinny male mixed terrier, came to us with a shattered healed knee that was still causing him severe pain. After trying many medications, he ended up having to have his leg amputated. Following his surgery, he began to run and play. His appetite has returned and he has put on some weight. He would love to share with you his love for life. **Gizmo**, a one eyed kitty, was brought to us as a kitten, but was not adopted because of his appearance. He is still here at the shelter and is about 6 months old. He is loving, playful, and needs a home. **Rocky**, a three legged Rhodesian Ridgeback/Pit mix abandoned near Greenwood and Saratoga with a rotting leg is now in a foster home on a diet and undergoing physical therapy to help him walk better. He is heartworm positive, but we'll pay for the treatment. He is housetrained, and is great with children, all sizes of dogs, and felines! **Cream** is a tricolored Chihuahua with a bad eye that a family brought to us along with four other Chihuahuas because they "didn't want to deal with pets anymore," and if we did not take them they were going to take them to the pound. They explained that the ice cream truck had run over her. Cream has no idea that she is handicapped and wants to go home with you. **Sarah** is a Pit mix who was on Saratoga near 665 when an 18 wheeler ran over her. Someone driving by called us since this happened right down the street from our shelter, so we rushed over and picked her up. It turned out she has a broken back and is a paraplegic (paralyzed from the waist down). She has a wheel chair, but can run without it as fast as any dog on four legs just by dragging herself with her front legs. She takes no special care other than to put socks on her back legs to keep them from scrapes as she drags them, and squeezing her bladder three times a day so she doesn't get a bladder infection. **Chaz** is a sweet and playful 5 year old male horse. He loves balls and toys to toss around. He is so gentle that even small children can ride him. He only has one eye, and the previous owner told us her veterinarian thought he was born that way. She was unable to sell him, probably due to the missing eye, so now Chaz is at Peewee's waiting for a most excellent home, but remember, horses live for 35 years, so it is quite a long commitment. **Daisy** is a 1½ year old brown miniature dachshund mix brought to us just after being run over by a car. She has a severed spinal chord and is paralyzed from the waist down, but can live a long and loving life. She is happy, has adjusted well, and gets around fine with her front legs. **Tobie**, the "RATweiler", came to us sporting three front legs. Two legs were attached and deformed. We had the smaller leg removed and the better one reconstructed. She thinks she is a Rottweiler, weighs six pounds, and needs a job as a guard dog at your house.



Sam



Jordi



Bud



Spud



Red Man



Lil' Hoss



Socks



Clark



Bill & Bob



Daisy



Annie

Before



Annie - Now



BK



Gizmo



Rocky



Cream



Sarah



Tobie



Chaz

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**I need a home. Please come adopt me.**

**We have over 100 animals from Peewee's on-line waiting to be adopted.**

**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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 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

*When planning your estate, please remember Peewee's in your will*

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