



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



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Summer 2009

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Valued Supporter,

Here is just a quick update on the "doings" at your Peewee's Pet Shelter.

Through March 31st we have adopted 287 dogs and cats. This is the slow time of the year for us, so if the trends of our past years stay the same, we hope to adopt about 1,500 pets this year, which would truly be outstanding not to mention record setting.

One aspect that I have ignored in past letters is our eternal gratitude for the number of volunteers that help us at Peewee's. These are the unsung heroes that make it possible for us to survive on a shoestring budget, which is not always easy to do. Thank you, and you know who you are, for all the time and effort you volunteers put in for nothing more than love of animals. There is a special place in Heaven for people such as you!!

We also have four full time employees, each of whom have been with us over four years, who take care of 400 to 500 pets. They have a system in place that allows the day-to-day operation to run as smooth as possible. Rain or shine, hot or cold, those four employees are always at the facility doing their job. Thanks to each and every one of them.

Finally, I want to tell you how your money is spent. It takes about \$80 to get a dog ready for adoption, which includes neutering/spaying, vaccinations, heartworm testing, worming, etc. For cats, the cost is \$40-45. This does not include the daily maintenance such as food, bathing, and occasional medical needs. That amounts to \$20-25 per month per dog/cat. With 450 pets, which includes our foster animals, that is approximately \$9000-11,250 per month needed to maintain the facility. Please help us continue our mission by donating generously.

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



THANK YOU

Thank you to the Christus Spohn Laboratory Services, Behavioral Medicine, and Infection Control for hosting their Community Value Activity in March to benefit Peewee's Pet Adoption. They collected over 500 pounds of food along with lots of toys and treats for all of our homeless pets. Thank you to everyone who participated in helping out with and donating to this drive.

Thank you to Brian and Lori Carey for donating the proceeds from their "Las Vegas Night". They held a tournament with friends and coworkers and collected over \$1,200 to donate to Peewee's. Brian and Lori Carey have been long time supporters of Peewee's and would like to encourage everyone to put together their own little event, whether it be a Car Wash, Garage Sale, or other fundraising activity.

Thank you to Windsor Park Elementary Student Council (which consists of 4th and 5th graders), Carol Douglas, and also 4th Grader Laura Parkerjohn and her mother for coming up with a fundraiser for Peewee's. They sold over 1500 carnations at \$1 apiece for Valentine's Day, which raised a net profit of \$900 to help our homeless pets.



PEEWEE'S ISLAND ADVENTURES

In our efforts to find as many homes for our pets as possible, we now have monthly adoption clinics at different locations on the Island, so keep a lookout for us. The clinics are manned by our Island volunteers: Laura & Arthur Almanza, John & Karen McCaleb, Rick & Lorraine Dorsey (who initiated the idea and got the ball rolling), Lori Hershey, Marilyn Martin, Dr. David Gray & Christine Martin, Augie & Rena Wagner, Pat Ward, Mary Espey, and others too numerous to list. Without them, our Island Adoption Clinics would not be possible. Since these events started, they have helped us find homes for 50 dogs & cats and introduced lots of Island folk to Peewee's. Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers. Your help is much appreciated!



ASK MAX

Dear Max: We just got our first puppy. Got any house breaking tips?

Housebreaking your new dog may seem like a daunting task, but with a bit of insight into dog psychology and these proven tips, your new pet will learn quickly. (I may be a dog, but I have a good secretary). First, **select the site**. Specify an area of your yard as his. He will soon associate it with bathroom breaks. **Visit it often.** It's best to take your new dog outside about every two hours as well as upon waking, after playing, feeding, and before going to bed. In addition, be alert to signals like sniffing and circling that may indicate he has to go. **Use his crate.** When you can't be there, crate your dog. Your dog respects his new "den" and will avoid soiling it. If you purchase a crate for your puppy large enough to accommodate his adult size, you can partition off part of the crate so he won't go in a corner of it. **Correct him kindly.** Accidents will happen. Remember that shouting, scolding, and punishment will serve no purpose and will only confuse your dog. Even if you catch him mid-act, simply say "No" and immediately take him outside.

Praise him. Lavish praise on your dog each time he goes outside in his assigned spot. Speak in an upbeat voice, smile, and reward him with treats after he does his business (my favorite treats are slices of pepperoni).



EDUCATE TOMORROW'S PET OWNERS!

Nueces County remains one of the worst counties for animal neglect in the United States. The best long term solution to combat this awful statistic is to educate the children. On April 9th, we participated in Flour Bluff Elementary School's Readers Raising Readers Festival. We had Kellie Ross, a volunteer, read about pets, pet care, humane treatment of animals, and spaying/neutering to a class of 40. We would like every one of you reading this article to inform your school teachers, church groups, and children's groups to call us to set up a speaker to come teach the children about these things. We also welcome all children's groups to come visit Peewee's and learn everything there is to know about proper pet care. This has been an ongoing program for many years, and it needs more participation. Call us at 888-4141 to set something up.



Sweetie

IF YOU FIND A PET....AND ITS SICK OR HURT....WHO YOU GONNA CALL? CALL PEEWEES!

We are the only shelter who will not turn an injured animal away, regardless of how full we are. Here are some recent injured animals that arrived at our door.

Sweetie, a pit mix pup that looked like a skeleton covered with skin. She was dehydrated, anemic from being covered in fleas, and had acute pneumonia. She could not even stand. She was found by Andrea Perez in a box on a street corner. **Gilbert**, a mixed breed puppy, was found by Sarah Ymbert abandoned in a park off Carroll Lane. He was starving, nearly hairless, covered with fleas, and had sarcoptic mange. **Betsy**, a teenage cat, was rescued from an attic in the southside of town. Her tail was broken, and gangrene had set in. Amputation was the only solution. **Ken**, a skinny chocolate lab mix pup, had upper respiratory and sarcoptic mange. He was dumped outside of Petsmart in a cage with a note that said "Please help me". **Tootsy**, a skinny torti cat with mange was brought to us by John Smith, who had found her in a box outside the main library. **Gumby** is a mixed pit bull that Gabriel Garcia saw being hit by a car at West Point and Greenwood. The dog was unable to stand or walk. He had both front legs broken. The dog required one leg to be splinted and the other needed surgery and a pin to repair it. He has been living at Everhart Animal Hospital for the last two months, is a sweetheart, and can now walk and run. **BJ** is a small skinny mixed terrier that was found on the west side of town by Janet Villarreal, with her jaw hanging to the side in two pieces. She was unable to eat, and the X-Rays showed bilateral fractures of the jaw, which required surgical insertion of pins. She is still at Everhart Animal Hospital and has graduated from lapping liquids to eating solid foods. **Smiley**, a matted Shih-Tzu was found on the south side of town with one eye hanging out of the socket. He came to us via Stephanie Hasselhoff who scooped him up at Everhart and Cedar Pass. After surgery and a week of recuperation, he is doing great. **Tammy**, a red mixed terrier was hit by a car and laying on the sidewalk by Congressional Plaza. She could not get up. Thank God for Karen Hurst who picked her up and brought her to us. She had road rash and a fractured pelvis. After a week in the hospital she was able to walk. She has some nerve damage and drags a rear foot, but hopefully that will improve with time. **Pooky** was a scabby puppy found by Jennifer Westermann at Violet and Leopard with a belly full of worms and a bad case of sarcoptic mange. Nobody would take her but us. **Booker** was a teenage kitty in the southside of town who had his leg nearly torn off when he got caught trying to jump off of a fence. Merle Scott saw it happen and called us. We advised him to use a big blanket and a couple of friends to free and capture the kitty. There was no repair for the torn leg, so amputation was required. We want to clarify that there are many times when we do not have any space for the pet to stay here. We do accept the pet and have it treated, but fostering on the part of the person who found the pet is required. All these little ones with their tragedies behind them are awaiting a loving home.



Gumby



BJ



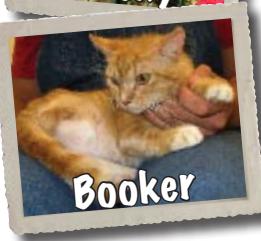
Smiley



Tammy



Pooky



Booker



Betsy



Ken



Tootsy

94¢ of every dollar donated goes directly to the animals.

FUNNY BUNNY

Bunny was a 5 month old puppy who came here at 6 weeks old with distemper. She survived, but had challenging disabilities as residual damage from the disease. She could not walk, but she hopped like a bunny. We were in the process of trying to get her admitted to "Best Friends Animal Society", a large, well endowed animal shelter in Utah, when she died in her sleep. We were touched by this email we received after we let Best Friends know of her passing and felt like sharing the perspective of losing pets from an animal shelter's point of view. This is something which unfortunately goes with the territory and we see all too often. When you try to help the sick or injured, there are some that don't make it, regardless of how hard we try.

----- Original Message ----- From: "Diane Young, Best Friends" Sent: Sunday, April 12th, 2009 2:04 PM Subject: RE: Bunny from Peewee's Animal Shelter in Texas. 113089. "Oh Lorraine, I am so sorry. Creatures like Funny Bunny are special and we are truly fortunate to have them, though it seems, most often, we do not have them long. She rose and went home on Easter, leaving behind all her disabilities and taking with her the love of the people who cared for her so much. There are some animals, no matter how much you see, who take a piece of your heart with them when they leave. I have lost a piece of my heart all too often, but somehow there seems to be a regrowth there, as there is love still left for the others who will need us. True good wishes to your whole group, and to Funny Bunny for whom I have lit a candle here. Signed, Diane Young, Best Friends Animal Society."



Bunny



HELP US HELP THE KITTIES

It seems like every unspayed stray female cat in this city is having kittens. We are getting in excess of 10 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 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. We are launching a new low cost spay/neuter program for homeless cats – any sex for only \$20. So get your friends and neighbors involved. 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. 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. This low cost program is being sponsored by an anonymous donor and will only be effective from May through September of 2009.



Henry



Callie



Susie



Sacky



Dodger



Ella



Misty



Lucas



Red



Gracie

ALL IN A DAYS WORK – MARCH 23rd, 2009

8:00am (2 hours before we are even open) – We received a call from the Rockport Animal Shelter. A dog adopted from Peewee's several years ago had been turned in by the owner for reasons unknown. They also asked us if we could take other dogs from them. 9:00am –

Bobby, our Assistant Shelter Director, set his way to Rockport to pick up our dog and came back with three additional dogs from the Rockport Shelter. 9:30 – Thomas Pagget came with an older Cocker he had adopted from another shelter last year, but they would not take it back. **Henry** had developed dry eye syndrome, which requires expensive medication several times a day to replace tears, and Mr. Pagget could not afford it. 10:15 – Cory Smith from a local apartment complex showed up with a homeless calico cat so pregnant, that she had her kittens the very next day. **Callie** had been there for months, but management was going to take her to the pound after they figured out that she was pregnant. 10:20am – Amanda Markham arrives with a light brown Chihuahua we named **Susie** she found at Guley's RV Park. Living in a small RV, she could not keep it, and she had already tried all other shelters. 11:00am – Maricela Vedarte brought a tan Chihuahua mix we named **Sacky** found at the Corpus Christi Trade Center.

12:00 – While driving to lunch, Roman Jones spotted a black and white Lhasa mix dodging traffic at Everhart and SPID. He picked it up and brought it to us. We named it **Dodger**.

1:30pm – Enrique Hernandez, a truck driver, brought us **Ella**, a pit mix he picked up on CR35 in the middle of nowhere obviously dumped and left to die. 3:30pm – Michael Davis brought us **Misty**, a cat he found crying at a convenience store. Michael had been forced to give up his apartment, and had to move in with friends who would not let him bring his cat. 4:00pm – We received a phone call from Richard Bird about a black and tan Cocker Spaniel mix who had been in front of his house for three days. No one responded to signs, Lost Pet Hotline, or his ad in the Caller Times. He had no transportation, so we went and picked up **Lucas** from his house. 4:45pm – Greg Crissup came with two dogs, a dachshund mix we named **Red**, and a cream Pekingese mix we named **Gracie** who was missing a lot of hair. He found them wandering in Flour Bluff, both covered with fleas and ticks. It was a good Monday at Peewee's because we took 13 animals off the streets, gave them all the care they needed, and we did not have to turn away anyone seeking our help that day.



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Locations:

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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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