



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



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Summer 2010

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Peewee's Supporter,

You will be pleased to know that we have found loving homes for 409 pets through the end of April. This already puts us ahead of schedule compared to last year. If we continue on this blessed course, we should surpass last year's adoption numbers with ease.

On another note, we are in dire need of your help. Besides all of our usual yearly expenses, we have been spending massive amounts of money on pet food since October 2009. For the past 13 years, H-E-B in San Antonio has been generously providing us with all the food we needed by donating all their food with damaged packaging. But due to the economy (less people buying or handling food) plus pet food manufacturers going to plastic bags that don't tear as easily, there are much less damaged bags of dry food. We are only intermittently getting enough food from H-E-B to feed about 20 weeks out of the year total, which leaves us now having to purchase food for 32 weeks of the year. We were very lucky to locate an inexpensive source, a pet food manufacturing company in Texas. We buy 15,000 pounds each time at a cost of 23¢ per pound after shipping (bulk generic food at Sam's Club is 38¢ per pound), and use about 500 pounds of food per day. As you can figure, we have acquired an unexpected yearly expense of \$25,760. Please help us feed these homeless pets. **With your monetary donations, we can buy much more food from our source compared to what you could buy from a pet or grocery store.**

With school quickly coming to an end, perhaps some of the older children could volunteer their services at Peewee's a few hours each day. It's hard work, but at the end of the day they will have the satisfaction of knowing that they did much to improve the quality of life for an unwanted and abandoned pet.

Have a safe summer.

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



*There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life: music and cats.
- Albert Schweitzer*



MONKEY - A VERY SPECIAL GIRL

Monkey is a small wirehaired terrier mix found in the streets of Corpus Christi with a retractable leash cord tangled tightly around both her rear legs. It was so tight and had been there so long that her feet were purple from the loss of circulation. We hospitalized her immediately in hopes of being able to save her feet, but unfortunately, it was too late and they both had to be amputated at the knees. We really thought she might lose her desire to live. Apparently though, as soon as the pain from the gangrene was gone, she was running around on her front legs as happy as can be just the very next day after the surgery! She has no idea she is different. She can climb stairs just fine, run very well, and is housebroken. She is lovable, full of energy, and now in need of a new family to call her own. Come visit Monkey and fall in love.



TIGGER TALK

Hi, my name is Snowy! I want to tell you to watch out for these foods that could potentially kill your cats and dogs: Chocolate is basically poison to pets. Onions are dangerous in that they cause anemia. Dairy products cause diarrhea. Bones from meat, poultry, & fish may splinter and get stuck in the throat, cut into the intestine, or break teeth. Grapes and raisins can cause renal failure. Please remember to keep these items out of your pet's reach. A safer alternative to the above foods is to just use some tasty pet treats. By the way, I'm a newcomer to the shelter. I have long hair and my front feet are declawed. How about coming to the shelter and getting me out of here!



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



ASK MAX

Dear Max: Can spaying/neutering my pet control behavior problems?

For male dogs like me, it really can! According to a 1997 study conducted at the University of California, Davis, Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, neutering your male dog will help such problem behaviors as urine marking in the house, mounting, roaming, fear of inanimate objects, as well as aggression toward humans and other dogs. 57 male dogs that had exhibited one or more of these problems before being neutered at 2 to 7 years of age were included in the study. Follow up revealed that castration was most effective at reducing urine marking, mounting, and roaming. Neutering also helped aggression toward canine and human family members but to a lesser extent and in fewer dogs.

For cats, the story may even be more promising. Another study found that neutering male cats greatly reduced or eliminated urine spraying, roaming, and fighting with neighborhood males in 90% of the male

study cats. Half of the cats made this progress in just a week's time!

The study results for male dogs and cats make the course of action clear, but for female dogs, another study found that spaying did not help any behavioral problems other than to help alleviate roaming. So fix your pet. It helped me, and it just might help yours! Remember, spaying and neutering is also the answer to the overpopulation problem especially here in South Texas, which is one of the top ranked places for animal neglect in the nation.



KITTEN, KITTENS, KITTENS

It's that time of the year again when nearly all the loose and feral unspayed female cats are getting pregnant. We are getting over 20 calls each day asking if we will take a mommy cat and her kittens. We simply do not have the space or manpower to tackle what has become a rampant problem, and we could really use your help. If the mother cat has kittens, you can foster the bunch until the kittens are weaned and old enough to be adopted. We can help you find homes for them through our foster home program. You could then take the adult female to our veterinarian, who can provide you with low cost spaying for only \$35. Since we have no room

to take adult cats, they can just be released back to where they were found, and at least

now they won't be having any more kittens. Talk to your neighbors. If everyone pitches in, you can help solve the problem one neighborhood at a time. We can even loan you a humane trap to catch the feral ones. All low cost appointments have to be made through Peewee's, so call us today at 888-4141 to get started. The more cats we get fixed now, the less a problem they will cause later. Something has to be done or Corpus Christi is going to be up to its ears in cats!

The smallest feline is a masterpiece. – Leonardo deVinci

VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED FOR BOTTLE FEEDING

Shirley Kahl has been a foster mom by bottle feeding litters of kittens and puppies for Peewee's since 2005. Born in Louisiana of a military family, she traveled extensively and settled in Corpus Christi. After a career as a Health Benefits Advisor in a Naval Hospital, she retired and decided to become a foster mom for local animal shelters. She has been a godsend for picking up infant animals the minute we call her. She has also saved many adult pets that come to us emaciated and won't eat. She has a knack for gaining their trust and fattening them up. Most of the pets she takes would have died if not immediately placed in a warm loving environment. She feels that being a foster mom is the greatest thing she could have done in her retirement years. She states "At first, it was hard because when I lost my first baby kitten, I was devastated and felt like it was something I did wrong. But I did my best and you can't save them all. Some arrive too late." Thank you so much Shirley, we really

appreciate you. If there are any other folks out there reading this that might be able to help us with this type of fostering, please give us a call. There are only four of us taking care of all the animals every day, so you can see that we are in desperate need of Shirley Kahl clones!!!

ADOPT A SENIOR BIG DOG

Life expectancy for a large dog can be 12 to 15 years, so a 5 to 8 year old has many years remaining to love you and protect you. The benefits of a senior pet are many. An older dog generally is calm, gentle, and has good manners. They usually don't chew, dig, or bark without cause. They are generally well socialized, leash trained, and housetrained. They make wonderful companions and are better than most security systems you can buy. An older big dog is ideal for a household with very young children, as well as good therapy for an older person who spends long hours alone or one who is ill. Come to Peewee's and try an older big dog. They are free, current on shots, and fixed. Remember, we always take them back if for some reason it doesn't work out.

Dogs, they are better than human beings because they know, but they do not tell. – Emily Dickinson



Fluffy



Tiny



Fudge

PETS COULD UNEXPECTEDLY COST YOU BOOKOO BUCKS

Before getting a pet this is definitely something you must consider. An emergency room visit with weekend stay and emergency surgery could cost \$1,700. Even if your dog becomes sick and injured during the day Monday through Friday, here are some of the costs you might incur. Some of the following six pets that recently ended up at our door were probably let out by irresponsible pet owners who did not want to spend the money or could not afford to seek medical help. **Sammy**, a male Cockapoo, had double cherry eyes, which is a prolapse of the gland in the third eyelid. Price of surgery, \$300. **Dolly** is an old female dachshund that had a huge mammary gland tumor. Cost to remove, \$225. **Danny** is a Shar-Pei mix who had severe demadectic mange (an inherited non-contagious mange). Cost to get under control, \$275. **Pearl** is a poodle that had a fractured rear leg. Price to pin, \$350. **Peaches** is a Poodle that was emaciated and could not keep food down. Price for treatment, blood work, & hospitalization, \$400. **Tom** is a cat who was mangled by a dog and his rear leg was nearly torn off in the process. Price of amputation & treatment, \$400. All of the above prices are conservative estimates, so actual prices could be much higher. Of course, thanks to the charity of our veterinarians at Everhart Animal Hospital and Animal Clinic of Flour Bluff, we only paid a small fraction of the average price. As you can see, unexpected health care for your pet is a very real and possible outcome, and you should be financially prepared. If you are not, then please do not get a pet until you are. All of these lovable pets are available for adoption. Come on out and take one home today.

The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated. – Gandhi

ALL IN A DAYS WORK

April 1st, 2010 was another hectic day at the shelter. **9:00am** – Mrs. Estrada brought us two Chihuahua mixes named **Armani** and **Guerro**. **9:30am** – Dale Larson brought in a pregnant Chocolate female Lab mix we named **Penelope**. **10:15am** – Mr. Rodriguez showed up with three dogs: **Ginger**, a female Poodle mix, **Starbear**, a wirehaired terrier mix, and **Zero**, a tan male Chihuahua mix. **10:45am** – Donald Blancher brought us a very skinny lemon and white Basset Hound mix we named **Isabella**. **11:15am** – Mr. Grote brought us three terrier mixes named **Moka**, **Scruffy**, & **Toby**. **11:45am** – Sharon Rothlisberger came to us asking if we had room for this female Boston terrier, who we named **Roxy**. **12:30pm** – A game warden from the National Seashore called us and arrived with a female Lab mix he found on the Island, who we named **Sunee**. **2:45pm** – We took in **Angus**, a red male Dachshund mix, from Ms. Ramos. **1:45pm** – Mr. Martinez brought us a Poodle/Sheltie mix named **Lilly**. **2:30pm** – Ms. Cantu brought us two wirehaired Jack Russell puppies, **Valcor** and **Atraya**. **3:30pm** – Angelica Sotodo brought us a white male Boxer we named **Holyfield**. **4:45** – Robert Myers brought us a cat he found named **Bo** that was huddled up on the inside shoulder of SPID. **4:50** – A maintenance worker for an apartment complex brought us these **five kittens** that he found in a box next to a dumpster. In all, we accepted 23 animals into the shelter on this incredibly busy day. The majority of these pets came to us because they were in desperate need of help. Some were lost and hungry; others were losing their families because of hard times. We are sure glad that every day is not like this one, and thanks to many adoptions in March, we were able to help all these creatures. Unfortunately, there are times when we have very little space, but we do what we can. The most painful part of this job is to turn pets away, but sometimes we just have to. Please open your hearts and come adopt some of these wonderful pets.



Sammy



Danny



Peaches



Dolly



Pearl



Tom



Armani & Guerro



Penelope



Ginger, Starbear, Zero



Moka, Scruffy & Toby



Roxy



Isabella



Lilly



Valcor & Atraya



Holyfield



Bo



5 Kittens



Sunee



Angus



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

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