



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



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Valued Peewee's Supporter:

When you receive this, the time for summer vacations will be over for most of us as school will be back in session. We trust that the summer was fun and enjoyable for all of you.

During the summer (through July 31) we brought our total adoptions up to 714. It's a little slower than we would like, but we are still on pace for breaking our adoption record for one year.

We still have about 500 dogs and cats that are hoping to leave the temporary confines of Peewee's to reside in a caring and loving home. If you are looking to share the love, come on out to your Peewee's where I can assure you that you will find a new friend to take home that will give you unconditional love for life.

When I was a child I remember my father warning me to be careful what I wished for because it just might come true. That scenario has never been more true than at Peewee's in recent times. At Peewee's, we always wished to grow so as to be able to help the needy pets of this community. We have been truly blessed by the fact that our physical facility has grown in size from one set of kennels to three sets of kennels and a separate building for cats complete with outdoor covered, screened in porch. Recently, a local company gave us a 1500 square foot double wide mobile home. It will certainly be used in many ways to help in the day to day operations of the facility as well as to provide for better isolation for the sickly pets that we acquire. The problem is that so far this "free" home has cost us \$5,000, the reason being that it cost us to both move it to our facility as well as hook it up to electricity. This amount of money was not figured into our budget and has forced us to dip into our savings account to cover the day to day cost of running Peewee's. We are already having to scramble to cover the cost of buying dog food so we are asking you, as we enter the expensive time of year (back-to-school), to please look in your wallets, purses and stuffed mattresses buried in the back yard for a little extra money to send our way. We thank you in advance for your consideration. I remain...

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



THANK YOU

We would like to say thank you to our neighbors on Saratoga, NOV Tuboscope, a pipe inspection company for oilfield tubular goods. One day I stopped and asked the manager if they would consider donating the doublewide mobile home on their property that had a "For Sale" sign, and within a few days, their headquarters in Houston obliged! The doublewide mobile home has over 1500 square feet and is valued at \$15,000. It will be used as a hospital for sick dogs and cats that need to be in air conditioning or isolation. We have been praying for a building for these purposes and now we have it! We first need to raise \$3,000 for the cost of moving and installation plus \$2,000 to be able to do the electrical work required to have power, then it will be up and running. NOV Tuboscope, thank you, thank you, thank you!



Thank you to Hest Fitness Products for the \$1,000 donation which paid for all the plumbing work for the newly donated mobile home, including hooking up to potable water and the septic system. The financial support of Paula and Albert Kessler and Hest Fitness Products has been a godsend throughout all these years.



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



ASK MAX

Dear Max: How can I teach my dog not to bolt out the door?



This is a wonderful question, as I had the same problem. Fixing this behavior takes management and training. Management means **never** giving your dog the opportunity to practice her bolting habit. Training means teaching her to wait or stay at all doors until given permission to go through. Practice “sit-stays” at the front door every time you open it, and only let her exit on a leash. She will then form a new habit – waiting for permission to exit. Here is how to train: With your dog sitting facing you, say “Stay.” Stand in front of her and dole out a few treats a few seconds apart. Then, give a release cue such as “all done.” Gradually increase distance from your dog and time in between treats, but not both at once. Each time you move in to give the treat, say “stay” again and step away to the same distance. She will learn to ignore your movement. Also practice with down-stays and stand-stays. Eventually, just give one treat at the end of the exercise, right before the release, but never after it. Always return and give the release cue when she is allowed to move, before she starts releasing herself. If your dog is a mature adult, she already has a lot of experience doing things “her way.” You will need to be vigilant and consistent with her management and training, because each time she gets a chance to practice bolting, it makes it harder for her to learn the new behavior you are teaching. Even if you don’t have a bolting problem, any pet would benefit from learning all the above behaviors.

Gerry Tartaglione– Our New York Angel

We have now been shipping dogs off to Gerry in New York since 2007. It is an all day process involving volunteers from all different states. This event would not be possible without the help of every person involved, but ultimately, the program would not exist without Gerry at the other end. We send only those deemed unadoptable here in Texas, in other words, there is nothing wrong with the dogs, they just did not get picked to be adopted above others. They go to Nyack, New York, a bedroom community of New York City where they are delivered to Gerry Tartaglione, owner of the Dapper Dog Grooming Salon and Hopeful Tails Animal Rescue. Within two weeks, Hopeful Tails finds amazing homes for every single dog, all of which were never adopted at Peewee’s after months or even years of trying. There are just too many strays and not enough homes. The Early

Show on CBS recognized and honored Gerry as an “Early’s Angel” for her years of hard work and dedication to rescuing homeless animals. We cannot say enough to thank her for all her efforts. This ongoing program has saved almost 250 Peewee’s animals from spending the rest of their lives in our animal sanctuary.



Peewee’s Junior Volunteer Corps

The young members of this team consist of 30 of our hardest workers. All of these wonderful children are between 9 and 14 years old, and some of them have been with us for a year or more. They man our adoption site at Petco every Saturday and Sunday from 11:30 to 5:30 under the supervision of two adults. Every weekend, even on holidays, we have 6 to 10 kids diligently cleaning cages, walking dogs, and socializing the frightened and scared pets. Their time and efforts quickly convert an unadoptable kitten, puppy, or dog into the perfect pet. Recently, they had an 8 month old Mastiff leash trained and a petrified terrier mix transformed into a friendly adoptable pet within the span of one weekend. We would like to thank each and every one of them for helping Peewe’s homeless pets. May their service to the community be a shining example to all citizens.



Come Adopt a Kitty and Improve Your Health

Studies indicate that pet owners have higher immunity, better resistance to stress, less asthma and allergies, lower blood pressure, better heart health, less likelihood of depression, less Alzheimer’s symptoms, and often get more exercise. A Queen’s University study shows that heart attack patients who own dogs are 8.6% more likely to be alive a year after a heart attack than those who do not own a pet. Cat owners are statistically more likely to survive ten years after a heart attack than people who live without pets. The same study says that pet owners are less likely to get ordinary sicknesses like the flu and tend to have lower blood pressure and lower cholesterol. Men who own pets, in particular, have lower triglyceride and cholesterol levels – key indicators for heart disease – than men who don’t have any pets. Another study, done at the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis, reports that cat owners are 30% less likely to experience heart attack. The health benefit of owning pets isn’t a reason, in and of itself, to get one – if you’re not prepared for the time and the financial responsibility of owning a pet, don’t bother. But for those who already love and cherish animal friends, it’s just one more reason to appreciate all they give. We have over 60 teenage kittens in dire need of a home! They are spayed/neutered, FREE to good homes, and need you as much as you need them. Don’t let them grow up as cats in a shelter. If you can’t adopt, spread the word and help us place these 60 beautiful lives in loving homes.





If You Lack Space, Get A Small Dog!

We literally have hundreds of small dogs and about 40 of them are free because they have been at Peewee's too long. They range from 2 to 10 years old, but life expectancy for a small dog is about 20 years. They can travel with you everywhere you go, are effortless to pick up, and you can easily wash them in a sink or tub. They are faithful lap dogs and all they want is your love. Also, a dog is the best security system you can install in your home. Here are some pictures of 10 of our FREE small dogs.

*The average dog is a nicer person than the average person.
- Andy Rooney, American radio and television writer*

All in a Day's Work

July 15th, 2010, a day we will not soon forget. At 9am we found a recycling bin with three puppies by our door, probably dumped by some irresponsible pet owner who does not spay or neuter. We named them **Larry, Moe, and Curly**. At 9:30 an emaciated poodle, **Dolly**, was brought to us covered in mange from the Trade Center parking lot off of SPID. Half of her fur was gone, but the rest that she did have was matted to the skin. By 10, **Molly**, a grey matted poodle was brought in with about 100 fat ticks engorged with the poor dog's blood. She was as limp as a noodle, had white gums from anemia, and was barely clinging to life. We rushed her to the vet where a blood transfusion saved her life. At 11am, we received a call about a Shar-Pei mix named **Binkie** in someone's driveway with a large open wound and very "sick." After his arrival it turned out he had entropion, an eye condition needing surgery to save his vision. In this condition, the skin rolls into the eyes and the hair rubs on the eyeballs like sandpaper, ruining the eyes and causing pain. At lunchtime here comes **JoJo**, a Shih-Tzu with no hair that the owner could not afford to take to the vet. Then comes **Shane**, whose elderly owner passed away causing him to become homeless. 1:15 comes a volunteer with three very scared, hungry, and flea ridden Chihuahua mixes, **Huey, Duey, and Louie**, that she found in a park by the Crosstown Expressway. 2:00 **Dulce** arrives. Her owner was evicted and now homeless. 2:30 **Slinky**, a Jack Russell, needed a place to stay. His owner had passed away, and no family or friends could care for him. 3:00 **Ali**, a tiny Rat Terrier puppy found at a golf course in Alice came to us. 3:45 **Tess**, a senior female Dachshund, was found looking like a skeleton covered with skin and her mouth was rotting. She had to go directly to the hospital for dental work to save her life. She had a temperature of 104 due to the decay in her mouth. 4:30 We got a call about a kitten named **Bam** in a car engine. We had him taken directly to the vet because a rear leg was hanging by a thread and had to be amputated. At 5:15 here comes **Tiki**, an emaciated Boxer mix that was nothing but skin covered bones covered in demadectic mange that was found at Airline and Alameda. It was a miracle that she was still alive. She had a 103.8° fever and was hospitalized that same day. We thought the day was over, but while giving the Boxer some IV fluids, someone left a box of **5 kittens** by the entrance on Saratoga. What a day. We took in 22 animals that day. These were the pets we took in but there were others we had to turn away. Times are tough, especially for the animals. We do what we can, but we can't take in more animals than what our current facilities and budget will allow. It costs money to save these darlings. Here is the consolidated cost breakdown of everything that happened this one day. All vaccinations, \$220; spay/neuter 6 kittens, \$165; a blood transfusion, \$45; 2 grooming shaves, \$40; dental work, \$60; an amputation, \$100; bilateral eye surgery, \$150; spay/neuter 12 dogs, \$540; assorted meds for infections, skin, worming, fleas and ticks, \$175; lab work including heartworm checks, \$250. This one day of rescue cost \$1,745. Animal rescue, as you can see, is very expensive and we hope you can help!



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Peewee's Wish List

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

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