



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:

The season of Thanks(giving) and good will towards men will be upon us by the time you receive this letter.

Adoptions are doing exceptionally well this year and I am pleased to announce that we will set yet another record for adopting these incredibly loving pets to good homes. In these tough economic times, it seems for every pet that is adopted, two more show up at our doorstep from people who have lost their job and can no longer care for their pet, or more sadly, from people who just turned them out on the street and a good Samaritan happened to bring them our way. We unfortunately cannot accept all of the stray animals that show up here. Many are turned away, and that truly breaks our hearts. We do the best we can with the space we have available.

Since last I wrote you in the previous newsletter, some unfortunate things have occurred at Peewee's. During the horrific rainstorm that inundated our community a couple of months ago, we suffered a lot of damage at our shelter. As you can see in the photo, much of Peewee's was under water. Through the quick work of our employees, no pets were lost as they moved many of them to higher ground. Unfortunately, we lost a lot of food and equipment. Also, our septic system was heavily damaged, and the roof of the recently donated double wide mobile home is now in need of major repair. Estimates for the total losses are about \$6,000.

We hope that as you celebrate the season of giving this year, you will remember Peewee's and our mission to help the many four legged friends that cannot help themselves.

Have a joyous, healthy, and safe Holiday Season,

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



Know what's below.
 Call before you dig.

WINTER FUNDRAISERS

Lend a hand to save a paw! "Picture Your Pets With Santa" will be held inside **PETSMART** in Moore Plaza on the following dates: Saturday December 4th, and Saturday & Sunday December 11th & 12th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will also be doing "Picture Your Pets With Santa" inside **PETCO** at the Kohl's Shopping Center Saturday, December 4th and Saturday, December 11th from 1 to 5 p.m. Bring your cats, dogs, ferrets, birds, horses, cows, etc. for a lovely memory photo. \$5 from each photo purchased will be donated to help out the homeless animals at Peewee's.



HOORAY FOR PETCO FOUNDATION!



We received a donation of a mobile home which we are now using as a hospital. We wrote a grant to the Petco Foundation asking for \$3,000 for the cost of moving the building, and to our surprise, they granted us the amount we requested just last week! So thanks to all of you out there and to Petco, all of the expenses we incurred to get the hospital going have been covered! Thank you Petco Foundation for your generosity.



WIN A QUILT

Once again, as she has for the past seven years, Eva Bender has donated another quilt in her efforts to encourage your donations. This quilt is a traditional double wedding ring pattern in beautiful cream and pink colors. Every person that donates \$50 or more from now until New Year's will be entered in the drawing to win the quilt. Thank you, Eva, for this wonderful tradition.

ASK MAX

Dear Max: My dog has very bad breath. What causes this and what can I do about it?

This is an excellent question and a problem that is often overlooked. Dental care means more than just fresh breath. If your dog develops gingivitis that escalates into periodontal disease, his overall health can be affected. Plaque and bacteria along with oral infections can contribute to bad breath. Dogs with dental disease can shed bacteria into the bloodstream. These bacteria may go to the heart, kidneys, or other organs and cause infections there. Dogs with periodontal disease are often in pain, which may affect their appetite and cause them to eat less. If the disease is severe, they may lose teeth and even develop bone infections near the affected teeth.



heart,

The solution is simple. Check your pet's teeth and gums monthly at a minimum. If possible, avoid canned food. Offer your dog toys, rawhides, and treats that clean the teeth as they eat or chew on them. Have your dog's teeth and gums evaluated by your veterinarian at least once a year and have their teeth professionally

cleaned by your vet as needed. Your dog might not need his teeth cleaned the first few years in life, but some need it as young as two years. As some dogs get older, they might need it twice a year. And there are those lucky few with great teeth that may never need it. Personally, I am six years old and have not required a dental yet, but Mom checks my teeth all the time and my breath is great. On the other hand my three dachshund siblings have needed dentals every year since they were two years old. It's just like people, some of us have good teeth and some don't.



PROJECTS YOU CAN DO TO HELP PEEWEE'S

Here are some projects that nice folks recently did for us. Kat Brendel hosted a dinner party at her home and wrote on her invitations to bring donations for Peewee's. She raised a lot of money as well as pet food and cleaning supplies.

The Corpus Christi Downtown Lions Club had a pet food drive and brought us 500 pounds of cat food that they collected. Frances Williamson, a precious child, had a birthday party and asked for pet food and money for Peewee's instead of birthday presents. Deborah Aguilar, a teacher at Sander's Elementary, raised \$300 with a "Pennies for Pets" fundraiser at her school.

Sophia Devisser, saved and collected change, pet food, bleach, and paper

towels for Peewee's. The kids from the First Baptist Church School's 2nd through 7th grade aftercare

program did a lemonade stand one Friday afternoon and raised \$131 in just a few hours! King High School's Geophiles collected cash and dog food for us. You can also be a Peewee's hero and get together with your friends and hold a fundraiser! We are eternally grateful to the above mentioned folks and all of you who help us.

HOW OLD IS YOUR PET?

You have heard the old adage that one pet year is equivalent to seven people years, well, it's not quite so. Small dogs and cats live much longer than giant dog breeds who have very short lifespans in comparison. Here is how you can see how old your dog or cat is in human years. If your pet weighs from 1 to 20 pounds, multiply its age by 4 and that's how old it is in human years. For pets ranging from 21-50 pounds, multiply by 4.5. For dogs ranging from 51 to 90 pounds, multiply their age by 5.5. Lastly, for dogs that weigh 91+ pounds, multiply their age by 7. We have known both cats and dogs that made it to the ripe old age of 22, which by the above formula means they were 88 human years! As you can see, pets can live a long time.

Here at Peewee's we are a no-kill animal shelter; therefore, we have many residents that remain here for their entire lives. Fortunately in 2008, we managed to adopt out all the cats we had so now we only have young cats, but we still have some dogs that have been with us many many years. Here are some examples. **Trucker**, a blind-as-a-bat, 12+ year-old male Aussie mix, has been with us for at least ten years. **Beags** is an ornery 12+ year-old 40 pound tricolored beagle that has been at the shelter since 2001. Then there's **Chico**, a very grumpy little Chihuahua who arrived at Peewee's when he was 5+ years old...11 years ago! Conservatively, it costs an average of \$500 a year to support and care for each and every animal at the shelter. So, that adds up to \$5,000 for every ten years each animal is with us at Peewee's. As you can see, animal rescue is very expensive and that's why we always need your help.



DON STONE AND OUR PUSSYCATS

Don Stone is a long time supporter of Peewee's and many other animal causes. He is a retired DEA Agent and an avid tennis player and sportsman. He brings our cats much joy with his company and gifts to improve their lives such as fans, cat towers, and chairs to make visitors more welcome in the cat rooms. He decided the cats needed more room to play in and donated the money to expand the rear outside cat room to 18'x 30' which added 300 square feet of space for our resident felines to enjoy life. This year alone, Don has donated close to \$5,000 to our cause.

God bless you Don Stone for your tremendous generosity. It is sad but true that less than 3% of our yearly adoptions are grown cats, and if we don't adopt some out, we can't take in any more. It puts us at a standstill. We need your help. We have about 125 cats who are all fixed and well socialized. They are loving pets ready for a home. We are a **cage free** cat shelter. They have 900 square feet of air-conditioned space and 900 square feet of outside fresh air space, but they do not have a real family. Come save a kitty for Christmas. Don and Peewee's would love to see some of the kitties find a forever home. ALL ADULT CATS ARE FREE!



ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

October 26th, 2010 – A Tuesday for the record books. At 9am we received a chocolate female Shepherd who was found at Doddridge Park on Ocean Drive. **Dora**, as we named her, was nothing more than a scared stumbling skeleton. At 9:30 Ingleside Animal Control arrived with **Johnny, Paula, Georgia, & Ringo**, four terrier mixes that were set to be euthanized the very next day. By 10:15, a tourist couple from upstate brought in **Gumby**, a black wirehaired terrier mix puppy that someone had left behind in a room at Motel 6 on Paul Jones Ave. As they were leaving, a woman came to us with a **box of 4 puppies**. She had just witnessed someone dumping them at Prescott Park. Soon after that, we received a pregnant English Bulldog named **Greta** that had dead babies still inside and green pus coming out that had to be rushed in for emergency surgery. By now it was noon and people were still coming in strong. A couple arrived with two declawed 5 year-old female cats, **Peewee and Margarita**, which they had to surrender due to their newborn baby being severely allergic to them. At 12:30, a man came in with a tiny emaciated Chihuahua we named **Little Guy** that he found at the City Dump on Greenwood. Poor Little Guy's privates were badly injured and infected. As soon as we got Little Guy situated, a nice lady arrived with **Sonny and Cher**, two Poodle/French Bulldog mixes, who were being surrendered by an elderly lady who was being sent to a nursing home. At 1:45, arrived **Puggly**, an older female pug found on Oso Parkway with a badly injured eye that had to be removed and was of course heartworm positive. Around 2:15, a tenant from the Gaslight Square Apartments downtown asked if we could take a female Spitz mix who we named **Pita** with a skin infection and missing half her hair. At 3:30, two people showed up. A college student had a **box of 4 kittens**, all covered in ringworm, that someone had dumped on the sidewalk near the corner of Saratoga and Kostoryz. Also, a man brought a black female dachshund mix who we named **Lucy** that he had seen wandering around West Guth Park for two weeks. Just when we thought the day was going to come to a quiet end, one last person showed up with a black and silver male Husky found running down Saratoga near Everhart. A bungee cord was wrapped around his neck with a note that said, "My name is **Lucas**. Please help me." Costs for this one day of rescues: \$1,746. Yikes, but someone has got to do it.



Dora



Gumby



Box of Puppies



Little Guy



Lucy



Peewee & Margarita



Johnny-Paula-Georgia & Ringo



Box of Kittens



Sonny & Cher



Puggly



Pita



Greta



Lucas

LYNN PERSAN – OUR CONNECTICUT ANGEL

Our complicated New York Dog Run Program would not be possible without this precious volunteer. Lynn, an architect by profession, manages to drop everything, borrows a truck, lines up two volunteers to assist her, and accomplishes the following miracle in one day every time we ship 16 dogs to New York. First, she and her volunteers take a two-hour drive from Connecticut to Newark, New Jersey to pick up the dogs at the airport. They then walk the 16 dogs at a nearby dog park. Next, they drive the dogs one and a half hours to Nyack, New York to deliver them to Dapper Dog, but they still have to drive back to their home in Connecticut, which is two hours away! All together this adventure requires 5.5 hours of solid driving and two or more hours of a labor of love. It is a long day's work and that's without complications which we sometimes encounter due to flight delays which would add several hours to the day. After Lynn gets home, she cleans up the dog crates, disassembles them, and ships them back to us for the next Dog Run. A job well done and 16 more lives saved. Any way you look at it, our New York Dog Run Program would not be happening without the dedication of this great lady, or her helpers. Thank you, Lynn! You are an angel!



I RESCUED A HUMAN TODAY

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and I knew I had to help her. I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid. As she stopped at my kennel, I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage. I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them. As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have a future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life. She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship. A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well. Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes. I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors. So many more to be saved. At least I could save one. I rescued a human today.



by Janine Allen (A professional trainer for Rescue Me Dog)

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

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I need a home. Please come adopt me.

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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Peewee's Wish List

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

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