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



Come adopt a kitty!

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Fall 2011

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Valued Peewee's Supporter:

I visited the Peewee's shelter recently and couldn't help but beam with pride. You see, I started with Peewee's back in 1995 when we had about 35-40 dogs living in the backyards of six rental properties. The owner of those houses would offer discount rent in exchange for the right to house stray dogs in need of a good home. Wow, it seems like just yesterday. Since then we have adopted out nearly 11,000 orphaned animals. I would like to thank good people such as yourselves because without your generous donations we would probably still be hiding orphaned, abandoned and abused pets in backyards. THANK YOU!!!

Speaking of adoptions, we have found homes for 635 animals from January through July. This puts us just little behind last year but we feel fortunate compared to many animal shelters nationwide which are feeling the wrath of a stagnant economy. When things get better, which they will, we are hopeful that we will surpass last year's numbers.

Our main project for the autumn is to replace much of the fencing at the facility. Rust is taking its toll and as a result the fence is beginning to fall apart. We are constantly having to mend those fences as the sharp jagged edges are a hazard to the pets. It will also prevent some of the smaller pets from wiggling out and escaping. The projected cost for this project is \$7,000. We realize that back to school, which is just around the corner, is an expensive time of year for many of you, but we hope you will help with this badly needed and urgent project.

We thank you for a successful summer.

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



We Need a New Fence!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Here are some outstanding animal lovers who helped us with a fundraiser of their own. These projects are also examples of projects anyone out there can do to help the homeless pets of Peewee's. Victoria Ortegon, a freshman at Collegiate High School, won money for Peewee's through her speech class at Del Mar College. The class held a contest which consisted of 24 students speaking each for a different charity. She came in first place and won the collected donations for Peewee's. Girl Scout Troops 9709, 9710, and 9793 collected a ton (literally) of dog/cat food as well as paper towels and bleach through drives at Petco, Tuloso Midway and Calallen schools. Sanders Elementary held "Pennies for Pets" in April and May! Brendan Roe, age 12, and his sister Amethyst, 13, raised money for Peewee's with a lemonade stand. Chris and Holly Krukowski's Sunday School Class at St. Andrews by the Sea Catholic Church collected food and supplies over the period of a month. Boyscout Troop 1491 held a community service project for Peewee's at Petco July 9th and 10th and collected over 500 pounds of food for us. We are eternally grateful to everyone who contributed, and we deeply appreciate the effort put forth by such wonderful people. We couldn't do this without you.



"Happiness is a warm puppy." – Charles M. Schultz



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



ASK MAX

Dear Max: What can you tell me about heartworm disease?

Heartworms are the biggest problem for dogs in Corpus Christi next to Parvo and Distemper. One third of the dogs that end up at Peewee's test positive for them. Canine heartworm disease develops when a dog is bitten by a mosquito carrying microscopic heartworm larvae (juvenile worms) of a parasite called *Dirofilaria immitis*. As a mosquito feeds, these microscopic larvae are deposited on the dog and quickly begin to penetrate the skin to begin their migration into the dog's blood stream. Adult heartworms can grow 10 to 12 inches in length and make their home in the right side of the heart and pulmonary (lung) arteries, often causing lung disease and heart failure. All dogs should be started on heartworm prevention at 3 months of age and adults should

be checked yearly. Heartworm prevention medication should be given faithfully each month throughout the pet's entire life. If your dog gets heartworms there are treatment options, but treatment is expensive and the infestation takes a toll on the heart. If not treated, your dog's lifespan will be reduced by two thirds. For example, a small dog that should live to be 20 will most likely pass away between 5-7 years of age, many times without any symptoms at all. At Peewee's, we treat every heartworm positive dog that comes through our door and that is a very expensive project. We spend over \$20,000 yearly on heartworm treatments alone. So please, talk to your vet about heartworms if you haven't already. It could save your dog's life.



PUSSYCAT PUSSYCAT, I LOVE YOU, YES I DO!

"I awake each morning to a soft paw and two pairs of bright eyes. No alarm clock on earth can provide such a calm awakening. Since adopting 4 year old sisters, Annie and Fannie, my days are filled with hilarity and enjoyment. Their antics never cease to amuse me, and I find myself smiling throughout the day as I recollect one antic or another. The sound of their purrs and the warmth of their soft coats are comforting as we sit together. The joys that these two have brought to my life are endless. I am grateful that Peewee's was able to rescue them so that they could live with me in their forever home. And, by taking in Annie and Fannie, I know that one or more lucky cats also have a chance at a new or better life." –by Katie B., Annie and Fannie's forever Mom.

Even though Peewee's does its part to reduce the number of kittens born by spaying or neutering, we just can't seem to catch up or keep up. But you can help by spreading the word about our \$20 feral/homeless cat spay/neuter program which will be extended through the calendar year thanks to a generous donation from **Paula and Albert Kessler** and **Karen and Harold Kane**. Come and adopt one (or more) of our wonderful cats available at our cattery. You will be saving one life and opening a space for us to rescue another feline in need. Check out our website at www.peeweepets.com, click on the adopt tab, and then click on the Petfinder link to view a portion of our cat

population, or head out to our shelter to see all 150 of our felines in their giant indoor/outdoor cat facility! They all run free in a 2,100 sq. ft. building that has inside rooms with AC and outdoor rooms that are shaded and breezy. Everyone is so sweet and is waiting for a loving home.

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



NO FEE, WE'RE FREE!

We unfortunately have a very hard time finding homes for all black animals, even small cute and sweet BLACK DOGS! We have about 30 of them and they deserve a home too. It is not their fault they were born that color! Come see these sweethearts and maybe you'll take one home. Please tell all of your friends and family about them, to help us place them with new loving families. Here are just some of the small black dogs that we have available for adoption. In our effort to find them homes, they are all free. All are current on vaccinations and spayed/neutered. If the dog does not work out, just bring it back and try another one. They are all young adults that are perky, playful, and in need of your love!



ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

July 3rd was truly a nightmare. We ended up stuffing animals in every cubby hole we could find plus sending some to foster homes. The ones that were very ill we took right to the veterinarian. Even some of the employees took some home as we were so full before the day ended. 8:30am – We weren't even open yet, but a nice lady brought in **Karla**, a 7 year old black Cocker Spaniel, with a terrible skin infection and fur was matted to the skin. Her eyes were infected and she turned out to be heartworm positive. 9:00 – **Becca**, a 4 year old white female Chihuahua, came in with a punctured eye ball after wandering around Horne and Greenwood for 2 weeks. 9:15 – We took in **Catalina**, a 3 year old heartworm positive female blue heeler who was given up by her owners in Sat Patricio county because their fence fell down. 9:45 – **Skeeter**, a skinny male wirehaired terrier mix, came in after running around scared for 10 days in the duck park at Holly and Rodd Field. At the same time showed **Rusty**, a parti Cocker Spaniel, who was found wandering Ayers and Saratoga. He was in good health but not neutered, and no one ever came to claim him. 10:00 - A man brought in his dog **Max**, a male dachshund, that he got as an impulse from Craigslist. He had to give him away because he worked too much and the dog was chewing up his house. 11:00 – **Cocopuff**, a matted chocolate male Pomeranian arrived after being picked up at the intersection of Leopard and Hearn Road. He was skinny, matted, and turned out to be heartworm positive. 12 noon - We took in **Stay-puff**, a white male Spitz, who was found wandering in Flour Bluff. He was heartworm positive and nothing but a bag of bones with lots of hair. Shortly thereafter, a volunteer found a box of 3 one-day-old **kittens** dumped at Los Encinos Park on Greenwood. 1:00pm – During her lunch break, one of our employees found **Mookie**, a thin, heartworm positive German Shepherd, in the parking lot of the HEB at Port and Crosstown. 2:00 - Ms. Garcia brought us **Cookie**, a nearly drowned mangy cat. She saved the kitty from the community pool at her apartment complex, but the kitty has permanent brain damage from the incident. 3:00 – **Bruno**, a severely matted and dirty Bichon/Poodle mix came in from Agnes Street with her eyes matted shut. 3:15 - Mrs. Patterson came in with a young cat we named **Jack** whose lower lip was ripped away from the jaw. She found it while visiting a friend on the south side of town. 3:30 - Henry Garcia arrived with **Timmy**, a skinny wirehaired dog that he found on Refinery Row covered in demadectic mange. 4:00 - While traveling back to Corpus from Robstown, Darlene Fuentes spotted **Sabrina**, a wirehaired mommy with her puppies, to the side of Highway 44 in the grass. She scooped them up and brought them to us because they probably weren't going to last another couple of hours in the sun. 4:30 – From the back of a shopping center a lady brought us **Suki**, a mangy kitten along with a skinny brain-damaged calico cat (**Bella**) and an injured black kitten (**Robby**). She saw some pit bulls attack them and since they were injured they let her pick them up. What a day, but at the end the final veterinary expenses for all these rescues was \$1,780, and that's thanks to the huge discounts on vet care, meds, and free hospitalization for the sickest ones.



Bruno



Skeeter



Cocopuff



Staypuff



Box of Kittens



Sabrina



Suki



Timmy



Rusty



Becca



Robbie



Karla



Cookie



Catalina



Mookie



Max



Bella



Jack

"A person who has never owned a dog has missed a wonderful part of life." – Bob Barker



AT THE FARM ANIMAL DEPARTMENT...

Our barns currently house 28 homeless horses, mules, and donkeys that were neglected, abandoned, or left here for some other circumstances. Their caregiver and volunteer for the past 8 years has been Steve. He feeds, waters them, and checks their health daily. This job is labor intensive and takes about 2 hours each day, seven days a week. He also goes and purchases all their food traveling to other cities where it's cheaper; some places are over 100 miles away. Thank you Steve for your volunteering efforts. It takes a great weight off Peewee's back. To all of our readers, please spread the word that we have a variety of equine for adoption. You can look at them online by going to peeweepets.com, clicking the adopt tab, and then clicking the link to our Petfinder page. They are beautifully majestic and deserve a loving family. There is no adoption fee, you just have to be a good home!



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 **Adoption Satellite Locations:** **PETCO & PETSMAART**
 Every Saturday and Sunday
 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Peewee's Wish List

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

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



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