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Peewee's
 Pet Adoption World & Sanctuary, Inc.

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Summer 2011



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Come adopt a doggie!

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Valued Peewee's Supporter:

This is the time of year at Peewee's when historically adoptions are slow. However, I am happy to say that as of the end of April, we have found homes for 389 pets. Adoptions are a little ahead of last year, which happened to be our second best year ever! With summer vacation soon upon us, this is actually the best time to adopt a pet. With children being out of school, they will have more time to bond with a newly adopted pet, which goes a long way towards the mental development of that pet. It will be friendlier, more obedient, and less likely to suffer from anxiety when left alone for long periods of time.

As with all Americans, Peewee's too is feeling the repercussions from the rising cost of gasoline and all expenses. While we can stretch our savings to cover the surge in day to day supplies such as pet food, fuel, etc., we are slowly drowning with the increase of payroll, even though we are fortunate enough to operate with a Shelter Director who volunteers her time. We are now at \$100,000 per year and it's easy to see why. We need enough employees to operate seven days a week taking care of over 500 animals, and to also man both Petco and Petsmart adoption sites on the weekend. To keep costs down, we run a skeleton crew and function with the minimum amount of employees required to make sure all the pet's needs are met every day; if there was a way to save as many lives as we do on a tighter budget, we would be doing it. Please consider these facts and hopefully you will realize that we desperately need your help in lightening the burden we face every payday.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Dr. Jessica Melman whose recent contribution to Peewee's was greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the summer!

Sincerely

Alan W. Garrett D.V.M.

President, Peewee's P.A.W.S.



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



FOREVER GRATEFUL

We would like to thank **Roofing Supply Group** for donating all the materials and **Gill Roofing** for supplying all the labor to put a new 30-year roof on our mobile home hospital. The roof was already on its last leg, and the bad storm we had last September finished it off. Luckily, these two companies came to our rescue and got our hospital ready for the long haul. It would have cost us over \$4,500 to buy a new roof!



GILL ROOFING CO.



Thank you **Walmart** Stores #470 on Greenwood and #490 in Flour Bluff for donating pet food, treats, and cat litter on a regular basis for the past few years. It has been an incredible help and lets us spend more money on vet care for the pets.

Thank you to **Jacqueline Klein-Stroyman** for once again donating to Peewee's. She called in from New York and made a \$1,500 donation after reading about our Recent Injured Rescues article in our Spring Newsletter! Even though we receive low cost veterinary services, the sheer number of homeless animals we rescue that need medical care drives the bill up each month. Thank you, Jacqueline!

A Pet's Prayer

I ask for the privilege of not being born. ...not to be born until you can assure me of a home and a master to protect me, and the right to live as long as I am physically able to enjoy life... ...not to be born until my body is precious and men have ceased to exploit it because it is cheap and plentiful. -Author Unknown



Come visit Peewee's Pets, a New Best Friend is waiting for you to take them home.



ASK MAX

Dear Max: My dog Sadie is very scared of thunder, lightning, and fireworks. She dug out and was lost for a few days after the fireworks on New Year's. What can I do to prevent this from happening?

To tell you the truth, I'm just like Sadie and so are many other dogs. What happens is being scared releases fight or flight hormones in our bodies. Since it's a flight situation, we try to run from the scary noises. We assume the frightening sounds are coming from wherever we are, whether it be inside the house or out in the backyard. We take off running without looking back or keeping track of where we are. Here are some suggestions to help solve the problem: A) Bring your pet inside the house or the garage with a TV or a radio on to help drown out the frightening sounds when you know a storm is coming or fireworks will be going off. B) In very extreme cases, you can get some pet tranquilizers/anti-anxiety medication from your vet and

keep them on hand for these occasions. C) Check the weather forecast religiously so you can foretell if you need to take action before you go to work. For a week straight after New Year's we received over 100 calls of people who had lost their pets during the fireworks and the same happens after storms. If you have a sensitive pet, you must purposely plan for these events and if you act upon them accordingly your pet will never have to suffer the fright or get lost because of it. My mom does a swell job of protecting me!

SECOND CHANCES

Hi, my name is **Zeke!** I was found wandering the streets skinny and close to death. Turned out I had heartworms and liver failure and would require a special diet and medication to live out my days, that is, if I even survived. Who would want ME in their family? I was put in a loving foster home and felt much better. My foster mom loves me so much that she ended up adopting me! I live each of my days giving kisses and getting them, too!



Greetings! My name is **Sampson!** I had been dumped and left to die because I was a mangy, hairless, skinny, sick puppy. When Chuck and Lynn Clements came to Peewee's to look at cats, they spotted me and just couldn't bear to leave me, so they adopted me. Look at me now! It goes to show there is no animal that is not worth giving a chance. So please, go to Peewee's and adopt a homeless pet. We come in all colors and sizes, and many who have been at the shelter for a long time are free!!!



THE POWER OF A CHILD

Hey kids, Peewee's needs your help! Here are some projects, drives, and collections that children have held for us recently. Mireles Elementary Student Council held a drive and collected pet food, paper towels, bleach, and over \$800 cash. Mrs. Lowrance's 6th grade class at Calallen Middle School collected food and cleaning supplies. When **Joshua Strakos** turned 11 years old, he collected dog food for Peewee's at his birthday party. Girl Scout Troop #9637 collected food, supplies, and over \$150 in cash outside of Petco one Saturday. Instead of exchanging Christmas gifts, Kay Watson's 3rd grade class at Annapolis Christian Academy brought dog/cat food and monetary donations for Peewee's in honor of "Jack", the dog from the book, "Little House on the



Prairie." Flour Bluff Primary School's 1st and 2nd grade Student Council held a drive that collected \$150 worth of supplies and food. Children going through their confirmation class at the Church of the Good Shepherd collected dog food for their community project. See how easy it is? No donation is too small, every little bit goes to help save the lives of homeless animals. To all the children and teens out there who want to help Peewee's, talk to your teachers, clubs, student councils, youth groups, and friends about putting a drive or collection together. To all of you that participated in any of the above events benefitting Peewee's, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We could not do this job without all of your help. Thank you, thank you, thank you for all of your efforts.

DR. PUSSYCAT, YOUR OWN PRIVATE PHYSICIAN?



Many "cat people" have always intuitively felt that a cat somehow knows when people are not feeling well and even where it hurts. If you have a headache, a cat seems to wrap around your head. If you have a stomach ache, a cat can't seem to get off your abdomen, and purrs and purrs. Studies in Europe, Russia, and China have shown that vibrations at specific levels or frequency cause healing of bones, tendons, ligaments, and muscles as well as provide pain relief. Specifically, research at the Fauna Communication Research Institute proposes that nature has endowed cats with an evolutionary healing advantage in the simple act of purring. A study by Dr. Clinton Rubin in 1999 even suggests that purring increases bone density, proposing applications for osteoporosis, particularly in post-menopausal women and the elderly. But it's the cat's "healing by association" that most people find interesting: that ability of a cat to sympathetically help cure illnesses in people by simply being around them. Studies have also shown that people who have cats, especially senior citizens, have lower blood pressure and can live longer than humans who don't own pets. Many individuals swear they can ease or completely eliminate their migraine headaches simply by lying down with a purring cat next to their head. So if you can't hit that minimum recommended daily dose of bone-enriching calcium; maybe grabbing the nearest cat and holding it close may just prove to be the answer to brittle bones. Having surgery? Perhaps after coming home, keeping a cat nearby will reduce your recovery time. So, come get a cat. Keep it happy and purring. You're both likely to be healthier and you'll have a great friend who truly understands how you're feeling. We have close to 200 sweet, beautiful, purring, adult cats to choose from. They are all spayed/neutered and are FREE!



RECENT INJURED RESCUES

It's a hard job, but someone's got to do it. We seldom turn down the sick, injured, and scared because no one else will take them. Here are some that we have rescued recently: **Jimbo**, a big puppy, came from around Memorial Hospital where he had wandered homeless for weeks, probably abandoned due to his demadectic mange which made him hairless and scabby. After treatment, he is improving and is as sweet as a dog can be. **Little Orphan Annie** was lying limp on a sidewalk near Ayers and Tarlton and luckily found by a volunteer who was picking up another stray from HEB Tennis Center. She was dehydrated, lethargic, and had mange. A lady in the neighborhood said she never had a home, but people fed her until she became mangy, then they would kick her and shoo her away. **Charles**, a poodle mix found dodging vehicles at the intersection of Everhart and McArdle, came in with his fur matted down to the skin and his eyes nearly matted shut. He was infested with fleas and very anemic, but now is healthy and happy. Four heeler mix pups **Uno, Dos, Tres & Cuatro** were dumped on Saratoga and CR35. A man on horseback saw them and came and told us about them. They were scared, wormy, skinny, and it took a Peewee's volunteer 2 days to trap them one at a time. They are now well socialized, healthy, and ready for a home. **Curly, Mo, & Larry** are three wirehaired terriers that were abandoned at a rent house and not discovered by the owner until a week after the home was vacated. They were covered in fleas, anemic, starving, extremely scared, and bitey. Now they are sweet and adoptable. **Eenie, Meenie, Miney & Mo** are four puppies that were dumped in a pink laundry basket right outside our office. The puppies had a high fever and a discharge from their eyes and nose. Fortunately after some antibiotics and some IV fluids they quickly bounced back and are up for adoption. This fat cat **Sushi** was found in a gutter on Santa Fe with a badly broken leg. A nice lady brought it in and stated that there was no way she could afford what a vet quoted her to fix the leg. After surgery and a pin placed in his leg, he is as good as new. **Buster**, another fat cat, was hit by a car. Fortunately, a witness to the accident rushed him to us and after immediate hospitalization for shock and surgery for a broken jaw, he now wants a new home. **Big Boy** is an old matted Shih-Tzu. He was found at a park at the

end of Holly and was there for a week before someone picked him up. He had bad teeth and five lemon-sized tumors on his body. He had to undergo Erlichia treatment because he was infested with ticks and after the tumor removal and neutering, he now awaits a family of his own. **Trina**, what can I say, was a disgusting sight. She was found on the west side of town a matted skeleton, and almost bloodless from the fleas, which required a blood transfusion. She is now somewhat shy, but healthy and awaiting a Schnauzer lover to come rescue her. **Miss Kitty** was roaming in a church parking lot with open, infected sores and a mangled leg that was beyond repair. She was skinny due to infection and pain. A church worker found her and brought her to us. Her leg had to be amputated and after a long hospitalization to recover from the systemic infection, she is now ready for a second chance. The emotional reward for helping all these animals is priceless, but the veterinary bills for this group was close to \$1,500 dollars, which included all medical treatment, surgeries, vaccinations, and heartworm tests. So if you can open your hearts, please help us help all the rest out there who need us.

This is the type of work your donations help fund.



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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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