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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Peewee's Supporter,

When Peewee's was started eighteen years ago, we were adopting dogs out of the backyards of rental properties. When we moved to our present location in 2001, we had a dream for what we perceived to be our dream pet shelter. Given our limited financial means back then, we never thought that dream would come to fruition. With the completion of our new main administrative office, which at 450 square feet is four times the size of our previous one, the dream has become a reality. There aren't enough words that can adequately express how proud we are of our accomplishments. Please know that absolutely none of this would have been realized without the help of supporters such as yourselves. We are forever grateful and thank you so much for your past and hopefully future support.



More good news is that through July we have adopted out 777 pets that otherwise would have either been euthanized or roaming the streets of our community starving, thirsty, abused and lacking love and companionship. For those of you that have adopted from us, we hope your new family member is bringing you joy. Perhaps, if he or she is lonely, you might want to consider coming back to Peewee's and getting your pet a playmate.



Finally, we have another dream that I would like to share: We are in the process of applying for money from a philanthropic organization that will allow us to have on premises a small hospital so we can offer low cost spays/neuter to the general population. All you have to do is drive around town in most any neighborhood to see the overwhelming stray pet population to know that this would be an invaluable addition to our facility. This is no doubt an expensive endeavor, but we are determined to be successful. If we are not able to raise the money through established charities, we hope that in the end we can count on good people such as yourselves to aid us in our cause.



May you enjoy the rest of your summer vacation. I remain.....

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



A VOLUNTEER LIKE NO OTHER

Ernest "Big Ernie" Scott has been volunteering at Peewee's for about one year. A long time Corpus Christi resident, he works for the City of Corpus Christi's Greenwood Water Recycling Plant. He usually arrives at Peewee's at 3pm after he gets off work and leaves close to dark. He helps with maintenance and repairs of anything that is broken, from machinery to fences. He is very talented and has an eye for detail. He works with the dogs and cats, but is especially gifted at handling the horses. We call him our Horse Whisperer. He is 6'8" tall and therefore commands respect from the horses who most of the time try to run over our 5' tall Director. Big Ernie has a long history of volunteering ethic. For years, he helped produce shows on Time Warner Public Access, both recorded and live. Then he moved to the Texas State Aquarium where for three years he helped transport injured birds to the "ARK" in Port Aransas. After that he volunteered at the Gulf Coast Humane Society, working with their cats. Thank God he found us. He has been one of the best volunteers we have ever had, and he has a heart of gold. He has saved us thousands of dollars in labor costs, and his work with the 32 horses has been a true blessing. Why does he do it? He said "It feels good to help others out. If you need help or an extra hand for repairs, just wave me on over!" The world would be a much better place if we had more people like Big Ernie. So keep in mind, we always need volunteers and maybe you can help just a few hours a week. Call us at 361-888-4141 for more information on volunteering.



WHY THE NAME PEEWEE'S PET ADOPTION?

Have you ever wondered where the name "Peewee's Pet Adoption" came from? Well, this is **Peewee**, a small terrier who came into my house through the kitty door in the Spring of 1981. I did not have a fence at the time. She was 8 weeks old and covered with fleas and ticks, suffering from severe anemia. Peewee made a full recovery and opened my eyes and heart to stray animals in Corpus Christi many years ago. So when I started the shelter in 1995, I named it after her. She was so helpless and hopeless, totally typical of all the animals we take in off the streets. Now she lives on forever helping others like herself.





ASK MAX

Dear Max: How do I know if my cat is playing, meditating, or having a bad day?

Well, I have been around many pussycats here at Peewee's over the years (I'm almost 10 years old now). Here's how you can tell with this nifty mood decoder: Content – Sitting or lying down, eyes half-closed, narrow pupils, tail mostly still, ears forward, purring. A really happy cat will often knead on a soft surface. Playful – Ears and whiskers forward, pupils somewhat dilated. Playing is hunting behavior; your cat may stalk her prey (a toy, insect, you), then crouch down with her hind end slightly raised. A wiggle of the butt, then pounce! Kitty grabs her prey, bites it, wrestles it to the floor, and kicks it with her hind feet. Irritated/Overstimulated – Pupils dilating, ears turning back, tail twitching or waving. Intense play or prolonged petting can quickly turn to overstimulation in some cats. Your cat may growl or put her teeth on you as a warning, or she may bite or scratch. Nervous/Anxious – Ears sideways or back, pupils dilating, tail low

or tucked between legs. Your cat may flatten her body to the floor, looking for somewhere to hide. Frightened/Startled – Ears back and flat against head, whiskers back, fur standing on end (including puffed out tail), back arched, tail erect or low (think Halloween cat). Your cat may also yowl, growl, hiss, or spit. Defensive – Crouched position, ears back, whiskers back, tail between legs or wrapped around body, pupils dilating. A defensive kitty may lie on her back in submission with legs held close to body, and she may meow loudly, growl, hiss, or spit. Angry/Aggressive – Ears back, pupils very constricted, tail up or down with fur standing on end. An aggressive cat will stand over a more passive cat, staring at him and growling or yowling until the other cat gives way. Cats seem to prefer dramatic bluffs that end with one cat backing down, but this can progress to fighting if both cats are equally confident. Personally, I must confess I am afraid of pussycats, even little ones, and when I see them, I go the other way.



YOUR DOCTOR HORSEIE?

Equine therapy has been found to be effective in treating people with a wide spectrum of physical, behavioral, social, cognitive, and psychological problems. Building a relationship with an animal promotes empathy, affection, trust, loyalty, the ability to be in control of a situation, increased self-esteem, improved learning, concentration, the ability to take responsibility, motivation to set and achieve goals and teamwork, and problem solving, according to The Federation of Riding for the Disabled International. Horses are often the therapy animal of choice because of their large size, social nature, and their distinct personalities, moods and attitudes. Humans experience

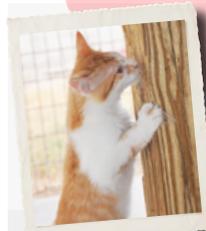


increased levels of beta-endorphins and beneficial feelings following interaction with horses, according to www.elementsbehavioralhealth.com. Equine therapy has been shown to be an effective tool for just about anyone who is not abusive to animals. We recommend equine therapy to anyone who isn't happy where they are at now and want to improve or change their daily lives. Here at Peewee's, we have 32 equine waiting to be your therapist, so come visit them. You could get involved with our horses here at Peewee's as a volunteer, brushing/bathing them, etc., maybe even adopting one. Equine are free to adopt. You do have to rent a place to keep it, which costs about \$75 per month, and it costs about \$150 per month to keep one, which includes food, supplies, and a farrier (a professional who trims horse hooves, which is needed about every 2-3 months). This could be a very healthy mental hobby and would help keep you physically fit. If in the future you decide it's not for you, you just return the horse to Peewee's.



KITTENS 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 \$20. 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. It costs only \$20 for a spay/neuter surgery and rabies vaccination.** The more cats we get fixed now, the less of a problem they will cause later. Here at Peewee's, we have many 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 the many beautiful lives we have in our care into loving homes.



A PEEWEE'S ANGEL

Fredric 'Fred' William Michael Germaine, 69, passed away on November 2nd, 2009. He was born on August 17th, 1940 in Coldwater, Michigan. Fred and his wife, Paula, retired to Corpus Christi, Texas in 2000 and loved it for the fantastic weather and all the things to do. He had a happy dog and seven cats that he doted on. May he rest in peace. He included us in his will and left us \$5,000 that we recently received. May he hear our grateful thanks from the other side. If you have a special place in your heart for animals, please remember Peewee's in your will when planning your estate. Monies left to us will help us to continue our mission saving the lives of homeless animals in the Coastal Bend.



RECENT RESCUES

In the past 30 days, we have had an increase in emergency rescue cases. Here are some of them. **9 puppies** were abandoned in a ditch in a box. They were covered in fleas, suffering from anemia, and had hair missing. Someone had put them in a ditch with a blanket and a bowl of water.

Oreo, a terrified six week old kitten, was found screaming in a plastic bag in a dumpster by a worker at a Stripes Store. **Sandy** is a mommy dog who we finally caught in our trap. She was living in a field on Highway 665 with her four pups. She had a leash growing into her skin around her middle.

She is heartworm positive and shy, but is making progress. **Opie** was a starving puppy found just in time by a police officer at Baker Middle School. It was touch and go for about a week due to anemia from the fleas, but she made it. **Blue**, a six month old blueheeler, came to us from 5 Points with a bad limp that turned out to be a femoral fracture. She required surgery and a long recovery. Swim therapy was what got her working again. **Morris** was a kitty found covered in oil and abandoned at a park. He was skinny and hungry. A nice lady who was walking her dog found him. **Stella**, a dog with her rear legs missing, was found by a nice man on his front porch. She was covered in fleas and her hair was badly matted. She is most loveable and sweet, and is now being fitted for a doggie wheelchair.

Bullett, a friendly six month old pup, was brought to us from the countryside near Taft with his leg swollen and limp. He had been shot, and his leg bones were shattered and irreparable. His leg was removed after his fever and infection were brought under control, and he is now learning to walk on three legs. **Paula** is a big one-eyed pup that was found at West Guth Park. She required surgery to remove what was left of her eyeball and close the lids. She has adjusted well to only having one eye and is awaiting a good home. Vic Dimond, one of our volunteers, brought us **5 puppies** that were thrown out of a car onto his front lawn. They had hair missing all over and were covered in hundreds of ticks. They were anemic, had erlichiosis from the ticks, and are undergoing a treatment. We were uncertain if they were going to make it or not during the first two weeks, but all five made it. **Angela** is a mangy boxer that was found wandering on the island, waiting at the corner for someone to pick her up. She was most likely abandoned because of her demadectic mange, which is a disease that can be easily treated. **Jaws** was found by a city worker after being hit by a car on the access road of SPID. He stopped and picked up her limp body. After bringing her to us, we rushed her to Everhart Animal Hospital where she was immediately treated for shock. X-rays showed a fractured jaw, which was repaired surgically. She is now awaiting a home. These 24

rescues cost about \$2,200 in veterinary expenses, but thanks to your donations, we were able to save them and give them a second chance. Animal rescue, as you can see, is very expensive. If you can open your hearts, please help us help all the rest out there who need us. Your donations are what really save these creatures. We could not do any of this work without your help.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INTERNET WEBSITE CRAIGSLIST.ORG: LOST AND FOUND

I'm sure you have heard the saying "a picture is worth a thousand words," well here is proof. We took in these two dogs, one was said to be a Schnauzer mix by our vet and the other, a mixed terrier. Neither had any identification. The owners happened to post them on Craigslist as a Jack Russell named Gizmo and a Poodle named EJ, respectively. By words alone, we would have never found the owners, but by these two pictures, they were recognized and quickly reunited with their families.

The "terrier" was brought to us from a dumpster at a Stripes store in Flour Bluff by a customer who heard it desperately howling. The "Schnauzer mix" was found in the middle of the street dodging cars. Even then, the picture they had posted of the schnauzer mix was of her recently shaved. When the dog was found and brought to us, it was hairy. It had to be matched up by the color pattern. A few lessons can be learned here. First, keep clear color photos of your pets on hand in case they happen to get lost. Secondly, if your pet is the type that gets groomed, make sure you keep before and after pictures. Third, when posting an ad on your city's Craigslist website (or the closest city nearest you) or any other Lost/Found Pet website, make sure and post good pictures of your pet or the pet you found. Too often people show up here or post on the Internet looking for their dog, and they don't have a single picture. Follow this advice, and in the unfortunate event that your pets are lost or you happen to find a pet, you will at least better the chances of a happy ending, just like Gizmo and EJ.



9 Puppies



Oreo



Sandy



Opie



Blue



Morris



Jaws



Angela



5 Puppies



Bullett



Stella



Paula



EJ



Gizmo



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

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