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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT/ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Peewee's Supporters:

2012 was the greatest year ever for us! Adoptions increased by nearly 24% from the year before. We adopted out 1,412 animals, which is a new record, broken down as follows: 1,133 dogs, 266 cats, 5 rabbits, 4 horses, and 4 guinea pigs.

The original 2006 plans to build 12 kennels/45 runs are complete. In 2012, we built the last three, which increased our capacity by 54 dogs and gave good isolation capacity. We are now planning for a surgery suite for low-cost spay/neuter to the public to reduce the stray animal population in our city.

Thanks to Don Stone, one of our benefactors, we recently finished fencing off a two-acre play pen. This will allow us to turn out a couple of pens of dogs in the morning and afternoon to enjoy the freedom of running, playing, and sniffing out new adventures. This will certainly break them of the monotony of being in runs most of the time, which will help with socialization and improve their mental well-being.

We want to thank you all for your donations which made our dreams come true. Last year, we adopted out more animals than any other shelter in Corpus, and we hope to continue to grow and serve the community for many years to come. Of course, as we grow we need even more help. The cost of medicine, food, and supplies has increased and with more mobile adoption sites, we need more employees. It is a very expensive project to save animals, and we hope you can continue helping us. We are now operating three permanent mobile adoption sites on the weekends: Petsmart on SPID, Petco in the Kohls Shopping Center, and Petco in Calallen at Five Points.

With so many places to be at, we are now in need of a second cargo van, as our 2000 Chevy Express van has over 200,000 miles. It will cost approximately \$6,000 to get a good one, and we hope you can help us with this badly needed item.

Here's to another great year.

Sincerely,

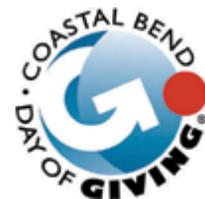
Alan W. Garrett D.V.M.

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



FOREVER GRATEFUL

We would like to express our utmost appreciation for the foundations that participated in the November 13th, 2012 event known as the Coastal Bend Day of Giving and chose Peewee's as one of the 30 nonprofit partners. It was a privilege and an honor to be picked as one of the beneficiaries of this event. The donor organizations were as follows: Coastal Bend Community Foundation, Estill Foundation, Paul & Mary Haas Foundation Fund, LaVerne & Thomas Howell Foundation, John G. & Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation, Dr. & Mrs. Hugh Kennedy Foundation, Morris L. Lichtenstein, Jr. Foundation, Larry & Pat McNeil Foundation, Blanche Davis Moore Foundation, Prichard Family Foundation, Margaret Sue Rust Foundation, Earl C. Sams Foundation, Trull Foundation, and the Lawrence Wood Foundation. As tough as 2012 was financially for Peewee's, we could not have made it without this tremendous event. The matching funds for this year were raised to \$10,000, which we met and surpassed! The Day of Giving allowed us to continue our work into the New Year without being short of funds. We want to give a heartfelt thanks to every single person who contributed money to Peewee's on that wonderful day!



NEW ADOPTION SITE!

Come see us at our THIRD permanent mobile adoption site located at  in the Five Points Shopping Center in Calallen. It is a brand new store, full of goodies. We will be there from now on every Saturday and Sunday from 11am to 5pm. We will also have a permanent feline display cage that will house cats and kittens for adoption throughout the entire week. Come check us out!



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

RING WINNER

Congratulations to Charlie Ward for winning this beautiful ring donated by Benny Ledford of *Goldsmith Jewelers*. Charlie, a Real Estate Agent and long-time animal rescuer, was the President of Lost Pet Hotline from 1992 to 1994, and has been a donor of Peewee's since 1995. She has five dogs: Sandy, Blue, Oscar, Sunnie, and Pita. To Charlie and everyone else who contributed, thank you for helping Peewee's.



ASK MAX



There were no questions to answer this time, so I'm going to tell you some of the health benefits of pet ownership. Even if you don't need an assistance dog, having a pet can offer measurable physical and mental health, and a higher quality of life. Several Scientific studies, including one study on cats published in the *Journal of Vascular and Interventional Neurology*, have found that having a pet may reduce blood pressure and relieve stress, and as a result, reduce the risk of heart disease. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, having a pet may also decrease your cholesterol and triglyceride levels. But the benefits don't end there: According to a study funded by the National Institutes of Health, owners who regularly walked their dogs got more exercise, which can have all sorts of positive health benefits, including a lower body weight. Pets can help children as well, since those who are exposed to animals in their first year of life are less likely to develop asthma and allergies, and older children can learn responsibility in caring for pets. Older folks can benefit too, as caring for an animal requires them to move around, follow a schedule, and focus on keeping themselves healthy enough to care for their pets, which are all important components of a happy life in later years. Many people also turn to their dog or cat during difficult times, making owners feel less alone and giving them emotional support. Petting or snuggling an animal can have a calming effect, which helps reduce stress and bring laughter and joy into our lives – a key to staying happy and emotionally healthy at any age. While further studies about pet companionship and health are still needed, most pet owners seem to intuitively know how and why pets are good for them. I can tell you that if my people at Peewee's office didn't have me as their mascot to soothe them and help them through the rough spots, they would be frazzled, depressed, and would not be able to do the job they do.

CATS AND PEOPLE



Here are some things you probably didn't know about kitties:

- It has been scientifically proven that stroking a cat can lower one's blood pressure.
- In 1987, cats overtook dogs as the number one pet in America (about 50 million cats resided in 24 million homes in 1986). About 37% of American homes today have at least one cat.
- If your cat snores or rolls over on his back to expose his belly, it means he trusts you.
- Cats respond better to women than to men, probably due to the fact that women's voices have a higher pitch.
- In an average year, cat owners in the United States spend over \$2 billion on cat food.
- According to a Gallup poll, most American pet owners obtain their cats by adopting strays.
- When your cat rubs up against you, she is actually marking you as "hers" with her scent. If your cat pushes his face against your head, it is a sign of acceptance and affection.
- Contrary to popular belief, people are not allergic to cat fur, dander, saliva, or urine - they are allergic to "sebum," a fatty substance secreted by the cat's sebaceous glands. More interesting, someone who is allergic to one cat may not be allergic to another cat. Though there isn't (yet) a way of predicting which cat is more likely to cause allergic reactions, it has been proven that male cats shed much greater amounts of allergen than females. A neutered male, however, sheds much less than a non-neutered male.
- Cat bites are more likely to become infected than dog bites.
- In just 7 years, one un-spayed female cat and one un-neutered male cat and their offspring can result in 420,000 kittens. Now that you are all educated, you need to come to Peewee's and adopt a kitty or two. We have over 150 loving adult cats in our cat building. They are all fixed, vaccinated, and awaiting loving homes. They are FREE to a good home.



We are continuing our "Operation CatSnip" Program for homeless cats in your neighborhoods so be a good citizen and get a homeless cat from your street fixed. Its only \$20, male or female, and they get a rabies shot as well. Call 361-888-4141 for appointments and spread the word. Help reduce the overpopulation of kitties.

SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO BE PART SLEUTH



One day, a nice lady brought us a lost dog with a tag that had a North Carolina phone number that rang and rang when called, but no one ever answered. We performed all the usual tasks of posting the dog on Craigslist and in the *Caller Times*, and reported him to the Lost Pet Hotline. I kept staring at the tag on the desk as the week went on and decided to try an Internet search on the phone number. A last name is all that came up, so I looked on the Nueces County Appraisal District website for any property owners with that last name in the area the dog was found, and one did come up. We could not find a local telephone number for that person, so we sent a letter to the address with a picture of the dog. Lo and behold, it was his dog! The gentleman came as quickly as he could, and the dog and his owner were reunited. It was a beautiful sight. The moral of the story is when you lose or find a dog, be creative, persistent, and follow all leads available no matter how slim.



THE BEST OF THE BEST

Carlos Rodriguez, a 21-year-old college senior majoring in General Mathematics, spends his free time volunteering at Peewee's. He comes to the shelter several days a week, and when we tell him we have a dirty job for him to do, he says "awesome!" and completes the task quickly with a smile on his face. He currently finds time to tutor kids in math and wants to either work toward his doctorate or one day become a teacher. Carlos has two dogs, a Chihuahua named Pancha who he rescued as a stray, and Paloma, a lab mix he adopted from Peewee's. May he be an inspiration to all the young people out there. His dedication, generosity, and kindness are perfect examples of how we should all strive to be. Thank you, Carlos!



ROAD DAWG RESCUE

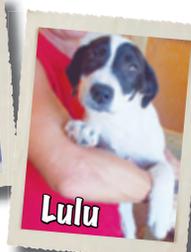
Tary Tarlton and Lynn Persan are our devout, long-time, long-distance volunteers up in Connecticut. An average of 8 times a year, they spend an entire day picking up our animals in Newark, New Jersey, and then deliver them to a shelter in Nyack, New York and another in Ridgefield, Connecticut. We ship to the East Coast small dogs that had been at Peewee's over two years and puppies that were growing into unadoptable dogs. These are animals that we were unable to find homes for here in Corpus, but were immediately adopted up there to amazing homes. Recently, Tary and Lynn drove all the way down here with an enclosed air conditioned

trailer and took 30 dogs back up there at one time. Each 30 dog trip alone saves Peewee's \$6,000 in labor and shipping, thanks to them. Since 2007, we have shipped nearly 350 animals. This transport/rescue effort was started by Tary's mom, Lorraine Dorsey, then a newcomer to Corpus back in 2007, and Tary set us up with a shelter in Connecticut last year. It is inspiring to know that people want to help Peewee's from so far away. Tary is an avid mountain climber who even carried a Peewee's flag to the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa. May God bless Tary and Lynn for their incredible generosity, and we also want to thank Lorraine Dorsey, because without her, none of this would have ever happened.



RECENT ARRIVALS

Here are a few of the arrivals that we received at Peewee's this January, but by actual count, we took in 137 animals that month. **Annie** is a black female bunny rabbit found wandering on Monitor Street, probably dumped after someone got tired of caring for her. **Blue**, a blueheeler mix, was found getting on the freeway at Crosstown/Baldwin when someone driving by pulled up at the shoulder, caught her, and drove her here. **Molly and Amber** are two sick kitties found at an H-E-B parking lot in a box. They both had severe upper respiratory and eye infection, but are now well and looking for a new home. **Ollie**, a wirehair terrier, was found run over with a broken rear leg on Airline and Alameda. He required surgery to fix his fracture and is still at Everhart Animal Hospital recuperating. **Mama**, a pussy cat with two kittens, was found under an abandoned house in the west side of Corpus Christi, the babies barely clinging to life. They all have a nice warm place to live. **Lulu** is a white/black lab mix pup who was found at the Food Bank of Corpus Christi warehouse, brought here by Ms. Taylor and is now looking for a home. This bin full of **puppies** was found at a local school one morning and was brought to us by a teacher who cared. **Hershey**, a puppy covered in demadectic mange, was found wandering in Flour Bluff and was brought to us by someone who did not have the means to get her well. **Flash**, a hairless pit bull, was found hungry and thirsty, tied to a pole on the west side. He was covered in fleas and had a severe case of demadectic mange. **Johnny**, a male Guinea Pig, was brought to us by someone who couldn't care for him. He is now neutered and is awaiting a new home. **Sasha**, a very sweet Boxer who was brought to us covered in demadectic mange, is now growing hair and awaiting a new home. **Red**, a starving male Boxer mix, was brought to us by a caring soul after being found at Crosstown and Laredo Street looking for food. **Angela**, a blueheeler, was picked up downtown on Ocean drive and was brought to us by a nice lady who saved her on her way to work. The total vet bills to get these 20 animals treated, vaccinated, operated on, and cured was about \$1,800, and altogether our total vet bills in January amounted to \$8,300, so you can see why we need help!



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Peewee's Wish List

- Money, money, money
- Homes for Pets
- Foster homes
- Volunteers
- Paper towels
- Bleach
- Dry Cat Food
- A New Van

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



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