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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Peewee's Supporter,

The year 2013 has been very good for us in terms of adoptions. Through April 30, we have found wonderful, loving homes for 404 pets that were either abandoned on the streets or surrendered for any number of reasons such as: moving out of town, unable to afford the necessary care, a family member developed allergies, etc... You name it, we have probably heard the excuse. Regardless, at least these pets are loved once again.

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to our long term board member, Debbie Farenthold. Debbie served as our Treasurer for many years and was also instrumental, along with her husband U.S. Congressman Blake Farenthold, in developing and maintaining our website and logo. It would be impossible to list all the hard work and effort she put in to our organization, especially in recent years. Unfortunately, her duties and responsibilities to her husband preclude her ability to perform her job with the high standards she demands of herself, so she has graciously stepped aside. Good luck, Debbie.

Having said goodbye to Debbie, we would like to welcome our newest board member, Sheila Lawrence. Sheila, along with her husband Perry and their four children, have been residents of Corpus Christi for many years. She has also been a major contributor and benefactor for Peewee's. She is full of great ideas, loves animals (has six dogs of her own) and through her connections in the city, we believe she will be an incredible asset for years to come. Welcome aboard, Sheila!!

We are currently pursuing our dream of trying to make available to the public a low cost spay/neuter hospital to reduce the number of strays on our city streets. We even hope to be able to offer pick-up and delivery service for the truly indigent. As of the printing of this newsletter, a local designing firm is drawing plans. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

As always I close this letter with hat in hand to remind each and every one of you that the cost of everything keeps getting more expensive. Not just for us, but also for our four legged friends. So please, if you can, help us by donating whatever you can comfortably afford to make the life of one of God's creatures just a little more comfortable. Nothing you do will make you feel as good.

Sincerely,

Alan W. Garrett D.V.M.

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



FOREVER GRATEFUL

Thank you with love to Jacqueline Klein-Stroyman, first for talking about Peewee's at the ASPCA's 2013 Bergh Ball in New York which took place recently, and secondly, for donating \$2,000 to us to treat the heartworm positive dogs with fast-acting immiticide so they could be adopted sooner!

Thank you to Sara, Paige S., Geneva, Bella, Mirabella, Paige L., Leila, Tate, Ceara, Mia, Shaye, and Hannah from Hopkins Elementary School in Hopkinton, Massachusetts who formed a group called "Save Us" where they make and sell jewelry to raise money for Peewee's. They have recently sent us a donation of nearly \$800 from their ongoing fundraiser.

We are eternally grateful to Annette Klein who paid \$4,700 to build outdoor yards for each of our three sick rooms in the hospital so all of the sick animals could go outside, sun themselves, and enjoy the fresh air.

Thank you to Flour Bluff Primary school children for donating supplies, and thanks to the Beta Xi sorority of educators for donating dog food.

We would also like to thank the 6th grade confirmation class from the Good Shepherd Church for donating food and treats.



THE LATEST THEORY ON DOG NUTRITION

If you want to incorporate variety into your dog's eating routine, follow these expert tips to do so safely and successfully. **1. Change the menu regularly.** Some experts recommend changing the diet at least every three months. One way to do this is to buy a different flavor or brand whenever the bag runs out. If you plan to rotate your dog's commercial food, consider buying a new blend each time you go shopping, says pet nutritionist Rebecca Remillard, PH.D., D.V.M. **2. Choose different main ingredients.** If you are feeding a chicken/rice diet, rotate between that and duck/sweet potato or bison/barley. That way, he won't be exposed to the same type of food over and over and potentially develop a food allergy, says nutrition professor Sean Delaney, D.V.M. **3. It's ok to change brands or formulas.** Some food makers offer food designed to rotate. Stick to high-quality products for optimal nutrition, says holistic veterinarian Tracy Lord, D.V.M. **4. Switch slowly.** For a smooth transition between foods, mix a small amount of the new into the old when you introduce a different diet, aiming for a 25%/75% blend. Then, over the course of a few days, gradually blend in more of the new food until it's all new. **5. Take note of portions and calories.** To ensure your dog stays slim and trim, make sure you calculate the appropriate calorie amount and portion for the new food. Two cups of one brand could equal 1 cup of another brand. We at Peewee's practice this by accident. Our food is donated so we use what we get. We divide the food by best brands, average brands, and cheap brands. The sick and old get the best brands in a rotating method. The smaller dogs which are more delicate get the average brands, also rotated. The large dogs get the cheap food rotated with medium food that we buy in bulk. They all seem to thrive with this variety. If your dog has allergies, make sure and consult your veterinarian before trying any of this.



ASK MAX

Dear Max: Is it true that dogs can make children healthier?

Yes indeed, it is true. We know dogs make us happy, but as an increasing number of scientific studies are demonstrating, they also make people – and their children – healthier. A 2010 study in the UK found that children who lived with dogs spent 10 minutes more each day engaged in physical activity than did those in dog-free homes; the researchers even tallied up the extra number of steps they took, 360 on average. Now, two studies published earlier this year point to some even healthier effects of life with dogs, especially for very young children.

One, conducted at Kuopio University Hospital in Finland, concentrated on infants during their first year, and investigated the effect of contact with dogs on the “frequency of respiratory symptoms and infections” during that period. Information about the length of time a dog spent indoors was also gathered, and turned out to be one of the key indicators. The results were eye-opening. Children with dogs at home were healthier overall, had fewer infectious respiratory problems, fewer ear infections, and were less likely to require antibiotics. Researchers considered these results supportive of the theory that children who live with dogs during their early years have better resistance throughout childhood. They also found that the effect was greater if the dog spent fewer than six hours inside, possibly because the longer dogs are outdoors, the more dirt they bring inside with them. The more dirt, the more “bacterial diversity.” This diversity is thought to have a protective influence by helping the child's immune system to mature, that is, respond more effectively to infectious agents.

I roam the ranch all day and sleep indoors and I have been really healthy the past 7 years, so maybe this applies to dogs too!

CATS FACTS AND TRIVIA

Here are some things we bet you did not know about pussycats. 🐾 Cats' hearing stops at 65 khz. Human hearing stops at 20 khz. 🐾 A cat sees about 6 times better than a human at night, and needs 1/6 the amount of light to see than a human does – it has a layer of extra reflecting cells which absorb light. 🐾 Recent studies have shown that cats can see blue and green. There is disagreement as to whether they can see red. 🐾 A cat's field of vision is about 200 degrees. 🐾 Unlike humans, cats do not need to blink their eyes on a regular basis to keep their eyes lubricated. 🐾 Blue-eyed, pure white cats are frequently deaf. 🐾 It may take as long as two weeks for a kitten to be able to hear well. Their eyes usually open between 7 and 10 days, but sometimes it happens in as little as 2 days. 🐾 Cats can judge within 3 inches the precise location of a sound being made 1 yard away. 🐾 Cat's can be right-pawed or left-pawed. 🐾 A cat cannot see directly under its nose. 🐾 Almost 10% of a cats bones are in its tail, and the tail is used to maintain balance. 🐾 The domestic cat is the only species able to hold its tail vertically while walking. 🐾 A cat's tongue has tiny barbs on it. 🐾 Cats lap liquid from the underside of their tongue, not the top. 🐾 Cats purr at the same frequency as an idling diesel engine, about 26 cycles per second. 🐾 The cat's front paw has five toes, but the back paws have four. Some cats are born with as many as seven front toes and extra back toes (polydactyl). 🐾 Cats walk on their toes. 🐾 A domestic cat can sprint at about 31 miles per hour. 🐾 Cats take between 20-40 breaths per minute. 🐾 Normal body temperature for a cat is 102 degrees F. 🐾 A cat's normal pulse is 140-240 beats per minute, with an average of 195. 🐾

Cat's urine glows under a blacklight. 🐾 Cats lose almost as much fluid in the saliva while grooming themselves as they do through urination. 🐾 A cat has two vocal chords and can make over 100 sounds.

Now that you have filled your brain full of cat facts, come on out to Peewee's and adopt a cat or two. We have over 150 loving adult cats in our cat building. They are all fixed, vaccinated, and awaiting loving homes. On another note, 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 feline overpopulation problem in your community.



THIS IS WHAT MAKES OUR DAY!!!

"I adopted Scotti at Petco in 5 Points a few weeks ago. He sure wasn't the prettiest dog, but he stole my heart with his personality. He is the friendliest little man, loves everybody, and vice versa. I am so happy that my 'just looking' turned into adopting that day. The best time is in the morning when I get him out of his kennel, which we are using to housebreak him. He is so happy and runs through the whole house to say good morning to everybody. Then it's time for us to get ready – yes, he goes to work with me every day. I work in an office and he is never home alone. He loves to come in and spread his love with everybody. I look at him and wonder, why would anybody ever give him up? Thank you for letting me give Scotti a home he so deserves." - Susy



RECENT RESCUES

We stay full, but thanks to our ability to find homes for our residents, we manage to have ongoing space and take in about 125 dogs each month. Here are some of the ones we have taken in for April, 2013. **Anvil**, a 100 pound pit lab mix, was found at the Mitsubishi dealership on SPID, unable to get up, covered with road rash from being hit by a car. Thank God, all he had was soft tissue damage. He made a full recovery after a few sessions of laser therapy. **Jack and Jill** are two older Rottweilers that were abandoned at a rent house in Skidmore, Texas. They were left without food or water, covered with fleas and ticks, and were an awful mess. But with TLC, a place to live, good food and vet care, we were able to bring them back. **Tank**, a female English bulldog mix, was found wondering the streets of Portland with a halter and a leash. She came in weighing a whopping 65 pounds and could hardly walk from being morbidly obese. She was picked up by Animal Control but never claimed, so we saved her from euthanasia. She has been on a reduction diet and is doing much better. **Pretty Girl** is a black lab puppy we found on Greenwood on our way to Wal-Mart to get food for the guinea pigs. She had sarcoptic mange and was badly malnourished, hairless, and sad looking. She is now happy and loving and needs a home. **Sweetie**, an emaciated black lab mix pup, was found in a park on the brink of death. Hospitalization, IV's, and good food pulled him through. **Lola**, a white poodle, was found at Agnes and Crosstown covered with some gray oily substance and badly matted. After grooming, spaying, vaccinations, and a few good meals, she was as good as new. **Fudge** is a wonderful Chihuahua who came in with a broken leg and the owner did not have the money to fix it. After surgery and a four week cast, she hops around like nothing was ever broken. **Blacky** arrived with a broken jaw after being hit by a car. He was in desperate need of surgery and required a long hospitalization. He was unable to close his mouth or eat. Hopefully, he will be up for adoption soon. These **four furry dogs** were at the city of Beeville animal control facing euthanasia. They had been there for a while, but thank God the officer there called us, and one of our volunteers brought them down to Corpus. All four are sweet, friendly, and adoptable. All they needed was to be fixed, vaccinated, and they are now looking for new homes. Three puppies, **Larry, Moe, and Curly**, were left at Cole Park in a box. They were covered in ticks and fleas and had big bellies full of worms. A nice tourist picked them up and brought them to us. **Annie**, a mama cat, and her five kittens were found at an apartment complex where they were not welcome and destined to be taken to animal control by management. A nice tenant brought them to us before the maintenance man got hold of them. **Blinky** is a homeless kitten who was born without a leg. All of her siblings were adopted from the nice lady that found the litter, but no one wanted Blinky because she needed surgery to close the stump which was badly infected. **Matt**...what were his owners thinking? He was found roaming the streets covered in matts down to the skin, and maggots were beginning to develop under the matted mess. He was suffering from flea anemia to the point of having a hard time breathing. We had to give him a blood transfusion. He was groomed and neutered after he had enough blood and now he is happy and friendly. **Petey**, a skeleton of a boxer, was found weakly staggering down Saratoga. His penis was so infected and swollen that he could not retract it. After weeks in the hospital and some TLC, he is grateful, lovable, and healthy. The vet bills for these 20 rescues alone were \$2,100 at a greatly discounted price. So if you can find it in your heart, please help us help the strays of our city.



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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

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