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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Peewee's Supporter,

Once again, the holiday season is upon us. A time to remember our friends, both the two- and four-legged variety!!

The year has been good to us at Peewee's. Adoptions are neck and neck with last year, so we don't know if this will be a record setting year or not, but we are keeping our fingers crossed. Perhaps you or someone you know could use a new four-legged bundle of joy for the holidays. Come on out as we have plenty from which to choose.

I am pleased to announce that our dream of having an onsite veterinary clinic to offer low-cost spay/neuter to the public is closer to becoming a reality. We have had a couple of benefactors step up to the plate and make substantial donations to help us in our cause, but we still have a ways to go. We hope that with the generosity of you, our valued Peewee's supporters, that dream will come to fruition in 2014. With all the strays that exist in our community, nothing you do this holiday will make you feel as good knowing that you contributed to help eliminate the ever burdening problem of the exploding pet population situation with which we are faced.

Regardless of your religious beliefs, we wish each and every one of you a joyous, happy, and healthy upcoming holiday season, and may 2014 be a year of prosperity and a time for fulfilling your dreams.

Sincerely,

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



## FOREVER GRATEFUL



Thank you so much to Jacqueline Klein for donating \$1,000 for 5 window unit air conditioners to be used in the cat building and the hospital. Our old ones were wearing out!

Thanks to the Petco Foundation donating \$10,000 towards a new van, and the anonymous donor who matched that donation, we now have this beautiful 2013 Ford Extended Cargo Van! After 13 years on the road, our old van was ready to be retired.

A big thanks to Ron Browning for hosting a Motorcycle Run Fundraiser for Peewee's and Pal's, which raised \$5,000 for Peewee's. Thank you to the following businesses for donating items for the auction, which took place after the motorcycle run: The Sharp Shooter, Central Office Equipment, The Gold Bug, Peter Barr Jewelers, Minit Man Oil Change, Grace's Original, Camille's, Gold n Things Pawn, Hollansafes, B.L. Guess Lighting, All Creatures Taxidermy, Planet Sol, Gatherings, C-Scapes, and Mark Tappan Optometrist.



Many thanks to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade **Save Us** girls from Hopkinton, Massachusetts! They raised over \$800 for Peewee's this summer by selling greeting cards. They made the original drawings, had them reproduced into greeting cards, and sold them door to door. Their dedication is truly marvelous.

Thank you to Annette Klein for donating another \$2,500 to save 20 puppies from spending the rest of their lives in a shelter. In August, we flew the group to Hopeful Tails in Nyack, New York, where they all found homes within 10 days!



## WINTER FUNDRAISERS

Picture Your Pets With Santa will be held at **PETSMART** on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 4pm, and at **PETCO** December 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 4pm. Bring your cats, dogs, ferrets, birds, horses, cows, etc. for a lovely memory photo. The proceeds will benefit Peewee's. Call us as it gets nearer for details.

## WIN ONE OF TWO BEAUTIFUL PIECES OF JEWELRY!

Our good friend, Benny Ledford, owner of *Goldsmith Jewelers* located at 3816 S. Alameda in the Lamar Park Center, was kind enough to donate two items in an effort to encourage your donations this holiday season. Anyone who donates \$50 or more between Thanksgiving and New Year's will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a 14k yellow gold sapphire and diamond ring **OR** a 14k yellow gold diamond ring with .5 carats of diamonds, each worth \$750. So this year we'll have two winners! Benny loves animals and has a Yorkshire Terrier named Lucky who goes to work with him every day! Thank you Benny, we appreciate your help.



## ASK MAX

**Dear Max: A friend gave me her grandma's old dog. It is skinny and its mouth smells like a sewer. What can I do?**

We take in old dogs at Peewee's in the same condition all the time. Their skinniness is caused by the inability to eat due to dental disease, which causes a painful mouth infection and results in the foul smell. The good news is that it is fixable. Our veterinarian would put the pet on antibiotics and soft food/people food to fatten it up so it can then make it through a dental cleaning.

Here's the run down on oral pet care. Dental care means more than just fresh breath. If your dog develops gingivitis that escalates into periodontal disease, his overall health can be affected. Plaque and bacteria along with oral infections can contribute to bad breath. Dogs with dental disease can shed bacteria into the bloodstream.

These bacteria may go to the heart, kidneys, or other organs and cause infections there. Dogs with periodontal disease are often in pain, which may affect their appetite and cause them to eat less. If the disease is severe, they may lose teeth and even develop bone infections near the affected teeth. The solution is simple. **Check your pet's teeth and gums monthly at a minimum.** If possible, avoid the long term feeding of canned food. Offer your dog toys, rawhides, and treats that clean the teeth as they eat or chew on them. Have your dog's teeth and gums evaluated by your veterinarian at least once a year and have their teeth professionally cleaned by your vet as needed. Your dog might not need his teeth cleaned the first few years in life, but some need it as young as two years. As some dogs get older, they might need it twice a year. And there are those lucky few with great teeth that may never need it. Personally, I am ten years old and have not required a dental yet, but Mom checks my teeth all the time and my breath is great. On the other hand, my three dachshund siblings have needed dentals every year since they were two years old. It's just like people, some of us have good teeth and some don't.



## LET'S PLAY

There is nothing quite as entertaining as watching cats playing energetically with each other or chasing and batting around objects. Although play is about having fun, it is also serious business – teaching important skills and stimulating cat minds and bodies. Cats play throughout their whole lives, starting when they are about 3 weeks old and extending into their senior years. With the right kinds of toys and activities, playtime can be beneficial, as well as fun.

Here are four tips to help you and your cats get the most out of playtime. **1.** Always use toys when playing with cats. Never use your hands. When you play with your cat using your hands, they often do not understand boundaries and will sometimes bite and scratch you for attention and when they are over-stimulated. From the cat's viewpoint, it is confusing that they are sometimes encouraged to bite hands, and other times hands and other body parts are off limits. **2.** Make safety a priority. When shopping for cat toys, choose those that do not have little pieces, such as eyes, ears, and tails that can be chewed off and swallowed. Ideally, toys need to be large enough so that cats cannot ingest them. Although pole-type toys are perfect for playing, they should only be accessible to cats when someone is supervising them. Cats can accidentally become hurt by the toy's strings wrapping around them or by metal wires poking them. **3.** Use play to build bonds and help shy cats feel secure. Schedule play sessions every day at the same times.

Most cats become comfortable with the routine and look forward to interacting with their people, especially when treats immediately follow each session. Be mindful of where you are playing with your cat. Shy, fearful cats do not want to feel cornered; they need to be able to retreat when they are feeling afraid. **4.** Keep in mind the age and physical limitations of cats when playing. Never play beyond your cat's limits. Play is important for cats no matter their age. It teaches life and socialization skills to youngsters, helps keep adults fit and mentally stimulated, and might help decrease the symptoms of cognitive decline in geriatric cats. Play sessions need to be tailored to each individual cat's physical condition and age. Most importantly, play should be fun for everyone participating, both cats and their people.

Now that you know how much fun pussycats can be, please come to Peewee's and take home one or more of our loving adult cats. We have over 200 of them, all colors and sizes to fit your needs. Remember, they are all fixed and ready for a loving home, plus they are all FREE!



## LONG IN THE TOOTH

A guinea pig's teeth never stop growing, so pet guinea pigs need chewable toys that can stimulate the gnawing and grinding that occurs naturally when they are in the wild. If a guinea pig's teeth get too long, they may develop serious health problems and have trouble eating. Here at Peewee's, we have one pair, Bert and Ernie, who are two years old. With a lifespan of up to 8 years, there is still lots of time for you to love and enjoy them. How about giving them a home for Christmas!



## A QUESTION OF SIZE

No other animal on earth is said to be as diverse as the dog. Just consider: 🐕 The tallest dog breed, the Irish Wolfhound, can reach up to 7 feet tall when standing on its hind legs. 🐕 When it comes to weight, the English Mastiff is the champ. According to Guinness World Records, English Mastiffs can weigh more than 280 pounds. 🐕 The smallest dog breed in weight and height is the Chihuahua. According to Guinness World Records, the smallest living dog is a Chihuahua named Boo Boo, who is only 4 inches tall.



## THIS IS WHAT MAKES OUR WORK WORTHWHILE!

"Often times, we live in a world where we see only the negative effects of other's actions. For whatever reason I want you to know and share with your staff that good things do happen! We came to your shelter on January 11<sup>th</sup> to look at several dogs listed on the website. After much deliberation on my husband's part, he selected Missy. How she arrived there, I'm not sure, but she has been a ray of sunshine for us. I admit she has separation anxiety that we are still working with, but she travels well and even goes in the boat with us. Her energy is a bright spot in our lives. I am not sure what her breed is, but she adores my husband. Thank you for what you do every day, this is a success story!" *Sincerely, David, Kathy, and Missy*



## ROAD DAWG RESCUE COMES TO OUR RESCUE AGAIN

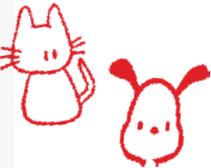
Six weeks ago, Tary Tarlton and Lynne Persan once again made their yearly pilgrimage to Peewee's all the way from Connecticut. They picked up 60 dogs and took them back to find homes in New York and Connecticut - a nearly 4,000 mile round trip! Their journey is an amazing accomplishment of love and patience. The majority of the animals they took had been here over two years, some up to four years, and they also took puppies that were out of their cute stage and getting too big to find a home here. These puppies had been going to our mobile adoption sites for two months and no one had adopted them. Tary and Lynne's voyage saved us \$20,000, which is what it would have cost us to ship them up there via airplane. They are our Peewee's Angels!

## RECENT RESCUES

The situation in Corpus Christi seems to be getting worse. Dogs are wandering the streets, some doing okay, some starving, some injured. Monthly we are able to take in about 120, which are the slots that become open with adoptions. Here are some of our recent arrivals. **Snickers**, a longhaired Chihuahua was found wandering around the west side hairless and skinny, probably put out because of her skin allergies. **Clover**, a Californian rabbit, was found in Calallen on Interstate 37, poking his head out of a box. It is a miracle that he was spotted and rescued. These **4 puppies** were found in a ditch in the middle of town with no mother. They were dehydrated, hungry, and covered in fleas. **Ed** was found dumped at Grant Middle School thin and scared. **Pooh** came to us with a badly mangled rear leg. He had an old fracture that caused him a lot of pain and kept him from eating. Pain medication did not help him, but after his amputation, he flourished. He now runs and eats just fine. **Dallas** was hit by a car in Flour Bluff. A nice person scraped her off the pavement and brought her to us. After surgery and six weeks in a cast, you would never know she ever had a broken leg. **Mo and Jo**, two 5-month-old black lab mixes, were found by our mail carrier on a county road eating road kill. They were extremely skinny upon arrival.

**Mutt and Jeff** were two puppies brought to us covered in sarcoptic mange. After a long time, their hair grew back, and they went to New York. Happy ending! **Annie**, a little grey kitten covered with sarcoptic mange, got well after two months and is now big, fat, and fixed. **Maggie**, a blueheeler mix, roamed W.O.W. Road for a year. The people feeding her brought her to us after they noticed she was pregnant. She had **6 puppies** the next day. She is heartworm positive, but we are treating her and she is a sweetheart. **Jack**, a Siamese pussycat, was found in a puddle of mud, unable to walk after being attacked by a dog. After a long hospitalization, he recovered and is now awaiting a home. **Buddy**, a puppy brought here by his owners, had just been bitten by a rattlesnake, and they had no money for a vet. We hospitalized him and he made a full recovery. **Betty**, a toy poodle that weighed only 8 pounds, was found near downtown matted to the skin and hardly able to walk. We shaved her down and she felt so much better! **Shep**, a 5-year-old German Shepherd, wandered up to a ranch on the outskirts of town. He was a skeleton, and had a metal choker chain embedded under the skin of his neck. We rushed him to our veterinarian to have the chain surgically removed, and he was finally able to eat. He packed on 20 pounds in 30 days. It was a pleasure to have been a part of saving these 25 souls, and many are still looking for their forever home. The total cost for saving these animals was about

\$2,200, which we could not have done without your support. We thank you again, as you are our blessings, and we hope you can continue to help us save the abandoned souls that are still roaming our streets.





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