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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT/ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Peewee's Supporter,

I hope 2014 has started off in a positive way for each and every one of you. A retrospective look at 2013 shows that we adopted 962 dogs, 266 cats, 2 horses, 8 rabbits, 7 guinea pigs, 1 gerbil and 1 bird. That is a total of 1,247 adoptions. WOW!! What a great year. I might add that as good as that sounds, the sad second part of the story is that we also rescued off the streets or through surrender about the same number of strays. At least we can say that Peewee's was responsible for 2,500 less pets running around loose in our community.

Now, for some really exciting news. We are proud to announce that during the first week of January we broke ground on our new spay/neuter clinic!! Over half the cost, \$50,000, was donated by two truly outstanding benefactors of Peewee's: Melvyn and Annette Klein. Since getting involved, the Klein's have been our guardian angels these past few years as can be shown by their magnanimous generosity. The remaining \$44,000 was paid for by a bequest of Eileen and Floyd Nix, two Peewee's benefactors who have shuffled off this mortal coil and are watching us from Heaven. We miss them dearly.

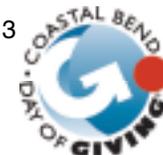
Just when you thought the news couldn't get better I am also pleased to share with you that Sheila Lawrence, our newest board member, has generously donated \$50,000 to be used solely for the spaying and neutering of dogs and cats for the needy and indigent public. Corpus Christi is one of the worst cities in the United States for animal neglect, and quite frankly it gives this community a black eye. We hope to eliminate this problem with our new hospital. While all the details have not been worked out, we hope to have resolved all obstacles by the time we are open for business, which we hope will be by May or June. In the meantime, we still do not have the entire amount of money raised for all the surgical equipment, cages, specialized cabinetry for the surgical suite, etc. The total to obtain and finish out a well-stocked surgical suite will cost about \$30,000. We hope that you will open your wallets, purses, and piggy banks in helping us to attain this goal. Wishing you the best.

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



FOREVER GRATEFUL

We would like to express our highest gratitude for the foundations that participated in the November 12th, 2013 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, 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, the Lawrence Wood Foundation, and Mrs. Nova Herin. As tough as 2013 was financially for Peewee's, we could not have made it without this tremendous event. The matching funds for this year were raised to \$14,335, 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!



We want to thank the Carroll High School JV Tigerettes for doing a collection for Peewee's and raising nearly \$600 to help us care for our homeless animals.

God bless Results Personal Training for bringing us over 2,000 lbs of dog and cat food (that's \$1,750 worth of food) over the holiday season when we needed it the most!

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95¢ of every dollar donated goes directly to the animals.



RING WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of two rings donated by *Goldsmith Jewelers* to help us increase donations. Anyone who donated \$50 or more from Thanksgiving to New Years was entered in the drawing. The winners are: Eunice Vincent, a long time donor and volunteer, and Dr. Tara Hahn, who for many years has been making very generous donations to us. Each won a ring valued at \$750!!! Thank you to everyone for your donations.



MARIBETH DUFFY – VOLUNTEER FOR 18 YEARS!

When we first moved to our Saratoga location, we were lucky enough to encounter Maribeth Duffy, a total pussycat person who volunteered to help. For the last 18 years, she spent an average of 10 to 20 hours per week meticulously maintaining our mailing list and sending tens of thousands of thank you letters/tax receipts to each and every donor. Maribeth also hosted the Peewee's board meetings at her business for several years until it sold, and has been the finest editor of our quarterly newsletter anyone could ever hope for. Thank you for your many years of dedicated service. With Maribeth retiring, we are in desperate need of people who could volunteer their time at the shelter or even from home. For more information on volunteering, please call us at 361-888-4141.



ASK MAX

Dear Max: I just adopted a new puppy, but he is going to the bathroom all over the house. What can I do to train him?



I can understand your frustration. Crate training is a tried and true method of teaching your dog where to use the bathroom. Crates come in all types, including hard plastic, metal bars, and nylon. Whatever style you choose, the crate should be large enough for your pet to stand up and turn around comfortably but disallow extra room to go to the bathroom. Because dogs are social, the crate should be placed in a room with activity, like the living room, away from excess heat or cold, preferably close to the exit door. You don't want to have to run across the house to get your puppy outside!

Puppies and some older dogs have limited bladder and bowel control and shouldn't spend more than three or four hours in the kennel at a time. For adult dogs, stick with five to six hours maximum, except for overnight sleeping. Once your pet is reliably house-trained, leave the door open.

Previous experiences can affect a dog's response to the crate. For example, pet store and puppy mill dogs are forced to potty in their cages. Because their natural instincts were frustrated, patience is key in the crate-training process. Start with 15 minute intervals and work your way up. Ignore your dog when she makes a mistake, and give lots of praise and even treats when she does it right. Some dogs never get used to being closed up in a kennel. One alternative is to place the crate, door open, in a medium-sized room, such as a puppy proofed kitchen. Set food and water near the crate and pee pads several feet away. Use a gate rather than a closed door to block off the room so your pet won't feel isolated. Another method for pups who won't accept the crate is to tether the dog to you, so you can watch her at all times.



I must say, most adult dogs here at Peewee's seem to be naturally house-trained. That is what we hear from most people that adopt our adult dogs. Since I've been living in the Peewee's office, I most certainly have never gone potty inside!



CREATE A CAT-FRIENDLY RESTROOM FOR YOUR KITTY!

For the cat lovers out there, here are some helpful hints. Make the litter box as large as possible. The cat should be able to reach out fully with his front legs to rake the litter. Large, low-sided, plastic storage containers are often best. Fine, unscented clumping litters appear to be preferred. 1.5 to 2 inches deep is usually adequate. Avoid plastic liners because some cats dislike them. Sift the litter daily to keep the litter box clean. Completely empty and wash the box once every week or two with mild dishwashing soap. Avoid strong smelling cleansers, such as those containing bleach or pine scents. Studies show that cats also seem to find citrus and floral scents offensive. If the box is so permeated with odor that it's hard to clean, dispose of it and buy a new one.



Choose a place for your litter boxes that's easily accessible and comfortable to use. Multi-storied homes need a box on each floor. In multi-pet households, boxes should ideally be in locations where there is more than one entry and exit so the cat can't be trapped by another animal. Place litter boxes in areas that aren't too heavily trafficked, especially by small children or dogs. A common rule of thumb is one box for every cat plus one. Some single cats may prefer two boxes, one for urination and the other for defecation. Less may be acceptable in some households as long as you keep them clean enough, and some households may require more.

And remember, 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 250 loving cats ranging from 4 months to adult in our 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.





GET IN THE GAME

Ever wanted to "play" veterinarian? Now you can, thanks to a new video game from the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) called "AVMA Animal Hospital." Players work as veterinarians in a clinic, diagnosing and treating cats, dogs, birds, guinea pigs and even turtles. Each correct assessment earns the player points, advancing them to more difficult cases. The game is geared toward middle school-aged students and teachers, but pet parents of all ages can enjoy it, too! The free game is available through www.avma.org, the Apple App Store, and the Android Market.



RECENT RESCUES

Penelope is a Great Pyrenees mix pup that was found dumped in the countryside with sores and a skin infection on top of demadectic mange. The poor pup was thrown away due to a skin condition, and it would have starved to death if it wasn't for the nice lady that brought her to us. **Freddie**, now seen groomed, was a skinny matted mess found on the Crosstown Expressway about to get hit. He is a sweetheart and would love for you to come adopt him. **Mitt and Jeff** are two ferrets that were brought here because they were losing their hair and "smelled." The owner had gotten them off Craigslist not realizing they were sick and was not willing to spend the money on their vet care. **Scruffy** is a nice older blind schnauzer who was found wandering Oso Golf Course. We ran an ad in the paper, called Lost Pet Hotline and posted her on Craigslist Lost and Found, but nobody ever claimed her. She is a loving sweetheart. **Spottie** is a nice Chihuahua who was found at Grant Middle School bumping into bushes and walls. She is as blind as a bat, and her owner did not care to get her back, as we did everything we could to advertise her being at Peewee's. These **7 puppies** were found in a box at Collier Pool. Whoever had the cold heart to leave them there should have the same thing done to them; first for the act itself, and second, for not spaying the mom. We received **Snowflake** from the Beeville Pound. He was matted to the skin and his coat shaved off in one giant piece. The poor thing was very skinny and is now awaiting his forever home. **Sally**, an emaciated pointer, was found feeding her 6 pups in a field off Rodd Field. The gentleman that picked her up saved her and the pups just in time. It took him 2 hours to catch them. Once here, they ate like there was no tomorrow, and are safe now. This pile of **7 unwanted pups** was found in a ditch on Saratoga just before the freeze. They were covered in fleas and anemic, but they have all recuperated and are awaiting a new home. **Pictures 1, 2, and 3** of cages with dogs were left in front of our shelter one very cold day. There were two mommies with 9 puppies and a cage with 3 blonde dogs, all feral. It took us two months to tame them, but they are now friendly and healthy. **Jimmy**, a poor mangy, emaciated poodle, was found on Port Avenue eating garbage at a business, thank God the people called. I told them to grab him with a blanket and put him in a box that way they wouldn't have to worry about contracting mange too. The owner, a lawyer, was nice enough to catch him and bring him here. Jimmy is waiting for you to come give him a new home! **Trevor**, a skinny and super matted mess from the dog pound in George West, ended up being a 12 lb. purebred poodle! Luckily, he was a survivor. After a grooming and vet care, he is a new dog! Come adopt him! **Rudy**, a poor starving mixed terrier was found in the Molina subdivision. After being here and eating well for two weeks, he was fine, except that he is still very scared. He is now in a foster home. **Desi and Lucy**, two 4-month-old Siamese kittens, were found in a church parking lot on a Sunday, and thanks to a parishioner who brought them here, no harm came to them. **Buttons**, an 8 week old kitten, came to us skinny and covered in ringworm. After 6 weeks of treatment he is fine and ready for a home. **Homer**, a lab mix with missing hair, was found wandering near Saratoga and Old Brownsville. He had sarcoptic mange and after treatment he is happy and playful while awaiting his forever home. The cost for treatment, spaying/neutering, vaccinations, and heartworm checks for the animals in this story was about \$2,000. While that is very cheap for 49 animals, to us that is still a lot of money. Please help us with your donations so we can help more of those out there!



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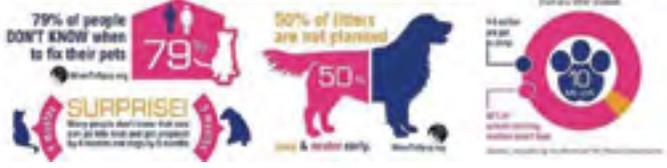


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- Dry Cat Food

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