



A No-Kill Animal Shelter **Peewee's** Pet Adoption World & Sanctuary, Inc.



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Peewee's Supporter:

We here at Peewee's trust that each and every one of you had an enjoyable summer. We want to thank all of you for your continued financial support.

The numbers at our facility for adoptions are quite encouraging. Through July, we are at 733 adoptions, which equates to not quite four pets daily. We are proud of this achievement and if this pace continues it should break our record for last year's adoptions.

The new hospital has passed all inspections and is now complete. We are finally in the process of buying equipment. Upon getting the facility fully stocked, we will then need to commence the search for a full time veterinarian. The reason for that delay is because we felt the veterinarian needed to not only see the finished hospital but also the equipment that they would be using, so they could make a better decision as to whether or not they want to join us. Once we become operational, we will start our free spay/neuter program with the \$50,000 generously donated by board member Sheila Lawrence. Way to go Sheila!!!

Next up on the wish list that we hope you will help us to achieve is donations for a small roadway and parking lot for the new hospital. The cost for it and a 20'x24' shaded porch for the front of the hospital will total \$7,000. Any amount you can contribute will, as always, be greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!!

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



FOREVER GRATEFUL



• Thank you to Jacqueline (Klein) Stroyman, who donated \$500 for emergency vet care for our recent rescues, which took care of 2 broken legs, 2 eye removals, and several parvo treatments! • Many thanks to Flour Bluff Primary Student Council for holding a food & funds drive for us! • We would also like to thank Sanders Elementary school for doing "Dollars for Dogs, Cash for Cats" campaign in May and raising nearly \$400 for our pets. • Thank you to Girl Scout Troop #96009 for having a Lemonade Day stand to benefit Peewee's. • Thank you to Mireles Elementary for doing an incredible fundraiser for us which brought in a ton of food and over \$800 in cash!



SENIORS NEED A HOME TOO; NO FEE, WE'RE FREE!

Attention dog fans! The adoption fee for all small Peewee's dogs over 6 years old has been waived. These sweethearts are calm, loving, easily trained to your lifestyle, and give lots of love 24 hours a day! Small-breed dogs can live up to 20 years, and we urgently want all dogs over 6 to find a forever home. We have many here waiting for you. They will be your best friend and companion, and are great listeners. They are fixed, vaccinated, and checked for heartworms. If they get sick during the first seven days, we will get them well at our vet. They all come with a guarantee that if it doesn't work out, we will gladly take them back, so come try one today.



96¢ of every dollar donated goes directly to the animals.

ROAD DAWG RESCUE

Tary Tarlton, our long distance volunteer since 2007, has been our heavenly saint by transporting 80 small dogs from Peewee's to New York so far this year. In February, he drove down and Lynne Persan flew down, so they could drive back with 35 dogs to New York. In July, Tary made another trip to pick up 45 dogs with his friend, Greg Saltz with NESS Automotive, who also flew down to help with the transport on the way up. Thank you Greg, our new long distance Peewee's volunteer! The dogs that went were all at Peewee's over a year. After two weeks in Nyack, NY, they all found wonderful homes. May God bless Tary, Lynne, and Greg for their incredible generosity. This saved Peewee's about \$30,000 this year alone!



ASK MAX

Dear Max: I've heard rumors of a bad and dangerous bug from South America making its way into the U.S. Have you heard anything about it?

It's true! From shelter mutts to purebred dogs, canines across the state of Texas are becoming infected with a parasite that causes a potentially deadly disease in people and animals. Chagas disease is an illness caused by the parasite *Trypanosoma cruzi*, carried by the insect *Triatominae*, or "kissing bug." The bug bites the dog on the skin or on a mucous membrane and leaves infected feces in the wound. Once the parasite becomes intracellular, it multiplies and eventually ruptures out into the blood circulation, spreading to various organs but mainly the brain and heart. This is also why Chagas disease is commonly associated with sudden inflammation of the heart muscle. Chagas disease is endemic in South and Central America, but it is now also found in the United States, typically in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Virginia. Two forms of Chagas disease are observed in dogs: acute and chronic. Some dogs enter an extended asymptomatic period (where no symptoms develop), which can last from months to years. During that time, however, there is a progressive and insidious development of the parasite, leading to the degeneration and inflammation of the heart, which can eventually cause heart failure and death. Symptoms include: diarrhea, depression, lethargy, fainting, weakness, exercise intolerance, walking difficulties, rapid body jerks, seizures, swollen lymph nodes, increased heart rate, and congestive heart failure. You will need to give a thorough history of your dog's health to your veterinarian, including the onset and nature of the symptoms, and possible incidents that might have precipitated the complications. He or she will then perform a complete physical examination as well as different blood tests, all of which may demonstrate results common with parasitic infections. I don't mean to scare you, but at Peewee's we look for this bug, keep all the kennels well-sprayed with insecticide, and watch for symptoms. Cases of this have been found as close as Alice and Falfurrias, Texas in the past few months. You can Google search images of the kissing bug or *Triatominae* to see the different variations of this insect.



HEY, DID YOU KNOW???

Kitty History - Scientists say cats began their mutually beneficial relationship with humans more than 10,000 years ago. As people began to abandon a nomadic lifestyle and started to settle and farm the land, their stored grain attracted rodents. Middle Eastern wild cats took advantage of this abundant food source. Over thousands of years, a new species of cat eventually evolved that made its home around people. Sadly, many humans seem to have forgotten how useful and wonderful cats are. The ancient Romans, in their conquest of Egypt (where cats had originated) had brought cats home to Europe. Cats subsequently suffered a period of disfavor during the superstitious Middle Ages, for they had become associated with witches and the Devil; some people believed black cats were witches in disguise, or that they assisted witches in casting spells. Those who kept cats as pets were objects of suspicion, and widespread cat hunting led almost to their extinction. Then rats from Asia brought the bubonic plague to Europe via trading ships in the mid-1300s. The epidemic swept across the continent, resulting in devastating loss of human life. In all, one-third of the population of Europe--some 34 million people--died. In England alone, more than half the human population perished; in some parts of France, ninety percent. It took the authorities some time to figure out the cause of the problem. At one point they tested the theory that the disease was being spread by dogs and cats! Tragically, the mayor of London ordered the execution of all such pets. Despite the extermination of millions of companion animals, however, the plague did not abate but actually accelerated. Eventually it became evident that people who had kept cats in violation of the law had a higher survival rate, because the cats had been killing the rats that carried the fleas that really carried the plague! People slowly began to deduce the rat-flea-disease connection. When the truth finally came to light, cats were quickly elevated to hero status, and soon became protected by law. Would it be a stretch to say that, by bringing the rodent population under control, cats saved humans from extinction? European humans, at least? At a minimum, cats deserve credit for heroically saving the species that, through ignorance,

almost wiped them out. Cat lovers have been right all along. To this day in Rome, Italy, there are about 2,000 feral cat colonies containing a total of 200,000 cats, which are fed daily by cat ladies that have formed several organizations for the cats. They are not only tolerated by the authorities, but actually legally protected by law. Have a heart, and come to Peewee's and adopt a cat. They are already fixed, and adults are free!



BACK AT THE FARM

If you are not a fan of dogs or cats, maybe you might want a rabbit, guinea pig, a real pig, donkey, mule, pony, or horse. We have all of these as well. There is no adoption fee for these, just a donation. If you are curious, here are the lifespans of these animals: rabbits, 9-12 years; guinea pigs, 8-9 years; pigs, 15 years; donkeys, mules, ponies, and horses, 35-40 years. There are even some subdivisions in our town where you can keep horses in your yard, such as Flour Bluff, Gardendale, and Annville. Currently, we have 1 pony, 2 mules, 10 donkeys, 17 horses, 2 Guinea pigs, 6 rabbits, and 15 pigs that are in need of a good home. Come visit them at Peewee's, and maybe take one home!



Samantha, a very sweet pussycat, was picked up at Hazel Bazemore Park. She had been bitten by a rattlesnake on her face. She ended up losing her left eye, but survived after several surgeries. We found these **7 puppies** in a box in a ditch out in the country. Someone left them to die. They were dehydrated, suffering from heatstroke, and were anemic from hundreds of fleas, but they all survived. **5 kittens** were left in a box in front of a local church on a Sunday. Apparently the parishioners could not help, so the church secretary brought them to us. They were hungry, thirsty, and had ringworm, which took several weeks to clear up. **Oscar**, a rat terrier puppy, was hit by a car on Saratoga. A witness to the accident brought him to us. He had a broken front leg, which healed after weeks in a cast. He is now up for adoption. **Toni**, a Visla mix puppy, was found at a hotel parking lot by a tourist. He was dehydrated and had parvo. It took him a long time to recuperate, but now he is happy and ready for a home. **Tippy**, a Siamese kitten, was found half dead. We hospitalized her. She had pneumonia and one eye was dangling out. She healed after weeks of treatment and surgery. This lab we called **Matilda** was a mangy skeleton found on Highway 44 between Corpus and Robstown. She could barely walk, but after a few weeks, she came out of her shell and got all her hair back. She wants a home. **Rocky** is a spunky puppy that was picked up on Buford St. near downtown by a good Samaritan. He was dragging his right rear leg, which was swollen and bloody. We immediately hospitalized him and he spent three weeks there. They saved his leg, and he's now ready for a new family. **Bucket** was found at Del Mar College in, you guessed it, a bucket, covered in fleas, ticks, and mange. She is now healed and healthy, awaiting adoption. **Dexter** was found by a police officer on Agnes St. tied to a light pole in the sun, left to die. He brought him to Peewee's and it's amazing what food, water, and medicine can do. He had red mange and a bad skin infection. He is now ready for a home. **Tiger** was found in an apartment complex parking lot, where he had been thrown against a wall, kicked, and punched by some teenagers. A maintenance man stopped them and brought Tiger to us. He lost an eye, but his life was spared. He is now sweet and purrs. **Popeye** is a puppy that was brought in mangy with matted eyes from the downtown AEP office. Turns out he had sarcoptic mange and entropion, which is turned-in eyelids, that needed to be surgically corrected. He has now recuperated and is awaiting his chance to be adopted. **Angel** had just delivered puppies under a vacant house in Molina when a neighbor found them. They had hundreds of ticks and very pale gums, but after 30 days of meds, they all survived. She is now fixed and waiting for a forever home. **Mommy** was found very pregnant at a gas station on Morgan, mangy and tired. Her puppies were all dead inside her and she had 103 fever from the abdominal infection. After surgery she is now bouncy. She has all her hair and wants a home and family. **Sylvester**, a tiny kitten, came to us with what appeared to be bulging rotting eyeballs. They could not be saved and had to be removed. He is blind but is very sweet and needs a special home. **Ricky**, a Lhasa mix, was found on Highway 77 outside of Odem. He was matted to the skin and very skinny. After grooming and neutering, he is ready for a real home. These were all sick,

but remember, we take in 150 dogs a month. Many are healthy but abandoned. Those get fixed right away and find homes. But about 1/3 come with heartworms and another 1/3 aren't very adoptable. They all need veterinary care, and our vet bills average \$9,000 a month. So we ask for your help in aiding us with these poor victims of neglect.



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