LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Peewee’s Supporter,

Well, as usual, the dog days of summer are upon us, but as has been the case at Peewee’s for many years we continue to forge ahead to fulfill our mission. Thanks to our board member, Sheila Lawrence and her generous donation, since the opening of our hospital five month ago, we have been able to provide 400 FREE spays/neuters to the truly indigent and poor that had no other place in which to turn. These same pets were also provided with vaccinations. Four hundred free spays/neuters translates to the prevention of thousands of unwanted puppies and kittens roaming our streets. We still have $33,000 left in our bank account that has been set aside for those who qualify for free neutering. If you know of someone that is in need of assistance for this purpose, please have them contact us. We even provide pick-up and delivery back home for those without transportation, so there really is no excuse not to take advantage of this much needed community service that Peewee’s provides.

I ended the last newsletter with a tease of good things to come at Peewee’s. I am now ready to share with you some most exciting news. Thanks to the generosity and hard work in campaigning to make it possible, Annette and Mel Klein have brought to fruition a dream come true for us. We are excited to announce the construction of a 102’X 48’ AIR CONDITIONED and HEATED indoor/outdoor facility on our grounds that will be able to comfortably house about 175 small/medium dogs. Annette and Mel raised over $400,000 in just one week!!! The construction is well underway and the building should be operational by this holiday season. In addition to Annette and Mel Klein, other much appreciated patrons who contributed to this much needed facility are: the Ed Rachal Foundation, Peter M. Holt and Julianna Hawn Holt, the John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation, Jacqueline Klein, Gloria Hicks, Celika Storm, Jenna Klein, Diane Gates, Winn Exploration Co., Inc., the Earl C. Sams Foundation and Louise Chapman. It will indeed be a time of great celebration this holiday season for us at Peewee’s!! Thanks to all of you wonderful patrons.

As you know, prices of everything continue to rise, and as we expand our facility and services, our expenses continue to rise. We hope that you will donate so that we may continue to grow and serve our community. I remain.....

Alan W. Garett, D.V.M.
President, Peewee’s P.A.W.S.

FURR-EVER GRATEFUL

- Correction from previous newsletter: Don Stone’s Tennis Tournament raised $3,576, which he matched, giving us a total of $7,152 in donations. Thank you Don!  
- Many thanks to the staff at Harvey Elementary in Kingsville for choosing us for the “Pennies for Pets” drive this year, which raised over $500!  
- Thank you to Jack Rumley, who, for his 9th birthday, had his friends bring supplies for the animals at Peewee’s. His mom also made a huge donation to us in Jack’s honor. God bless you.  
- Thank you to Ms. Torres and the Smith Elementary Student Council for choosing Peewee’s for their service project. We got a whopping $500 check!  
- Many thanks to Sam Hamid from Results Personal Fitness for donating 1,600 more pounds of dog food for the third time in six months. God bless you!  
- Thank you to Junior Girl Scout Troop #9733 for holding several drives to collect items for Peewee’s. They collected 115 rolls of paper towels, 50 bottles of bleach, and 475 pounds of dog food.  
- We are forever grateful to UBS Financial for making May “Pet Month” at their office, raising nearly $2,000 for our shelter. Hooray! Thank you Donny Kasiri for organizing it!
We even have some declawed ones. Come see the kitties at Peewee’s, you will love them. Maybe you can take one home. The adoption fee for cats is only $20, and they are all fixed.

TOUCHING LETTER FROM A PEEWEE PARENT

“Our dear Molly (Wooly) Harper passed away on June 17th, 2015 from congestive heart failure. Molly was adopted from Peewee’s at the age of approximately 2 to 3 years old. We had the privilege of caring for her for 10 years. Molly was a basset/lab mix which made her quite the character. Everyone who met her loved her. She was a joyful soul with a wonderful disposition. She never met anyone she didn’t like and was so brave until the very end. Molly taught us so many things, mostly to just enjoy every day of life. Some of her favorite things were playing and caring for her adopted dachshund sister Madison and her other two sisters Abby and Minnie. She loved the weekends because she could stay up late and lay by her dad’s feet and they would also go walking on our neighborhood trails, she was always the lead dog. Our house is so empty now and we all have a huge hole in our hearts. I know Molly is now pain free and able to run as much as her heart desires. Mommy and Daddy love and miss you so much sweet girl, our hearts are aching, but know we will all see you again one day...”

ASK MAX

Dear Max: Why do cats have whiskers?

Those stiff hairs on your cat’s face and legs don’t just add to their cuteness, they have real work to do. Whiskers are GPS systems for your cat, an important part of how the cat senses the world. Each thick whisker is filled with tiny, supersensitive nerves that help your cat judge distance and space. It’s how they make decisions like: Is this box too small to get inside? How far do I need to jump to reach that counter? It’s also how they detect what’s around them. Cats that are blind can navigate rooms very well by just walking around and letting their whiskers get a sense of where they are spatially. The follicles, the sacs that hold the hairs, are deep with lots of nerve endings that send messages to the cat’s brain. There’s also a sensory organ at the tip of each whisker, which picks up vibrations in the environment that helps the cat sense where he is and what other creatures are around him. Most whiskers are rooted in the thick pads on the upper lip, but there are smaller sets in the eyebrow area, along the chin, and near the feet as well. The ones on the sides of the nose are the same width as the cat’s body; they help her figure out whether a space is wide enough to squeeze through. A complex set of muscles on the face moves whiskers back and forth. The way a cat arranges them will tell another animal or humans how she’s feeling. When a cat is relaxed, her whiskers will remain still, sticking straight out from the side of her head. If she is curious or is on the hunt, she will press them slightly forward. Cats that are nervous or upset will pin the whiskers back toward the face. Like other hairs on a cat’s body, whiskers shed. That’s normal. But you should never trim them. A cat with cut whiskers will become disoriented and scared. If you cut them, it’s like blindfolding the cat. I recommend you come to Peewee’s and check out our Harley’s Cat Sanctuary. We badly need volunteers to come entertain our pussycats! Even two hours a week would be great therapy for my pussycat friends, so come on by!

4 TIPS TO ENCOURAGE GOOD CAT BEHAVIOR

● Teach proper play behavior. Never play with your kitten or cat using your hands. Cat claws and teeth can hurt! And you don’t want your cat learning to pounce on our hands every time you reach over. Instead, use toys such as small balls or toy mice that can be thrown for the cat or teasers with feathers or furry tails on them that you can dangle in front of your cat. ● Set up a comfortable restroom. Litter boxes should be large and easy to access. This means that the cat shouldn’t have to climb a flight of stairs or walk past the dog’s food to get to its litter box. Aging cats should have boxes with low sides so that they can enter easily. Avoid using strong smelling cleansers to clean the box or litters with added deodorants as cats may find strong odors offensive. And keep the box clean! Litter boxes should be sifted daily and emptied completely every two to four weeks depending on the litter and number of cats. Another tip: Provide at least one litter box per cat in the household. ● Provide a place to scratch. Punishing cats on those few occasions when you actually catch them scratching your furniture won’t be effective if they can scratch all they want when you’re gone. Instead, offer alternatives. Different cats have different preferences, so try a variety of scratching surfaces, such as carpeted or sisal-covered posts and corrugated cardboard scratchers, and see which ones your cat uses most. Then apply catnip to the surface to encourage your cat. When you are not at home, confine your kitty to a room where there are no surfaces likely to be scratched, other than those you provide. ● Exercise your cat’s mind and body. Obesity is an increasingly common problem in cats and can lead to a variety of disease conditions that will shorten the life of your beloved feline friend. Many feline problem behaviors also arise due to the fact that the typical indoor pet cat has very limited opportunities for exercise and the expression of its normal behavior patterns. In addition to the play that you engage in with your cat, you can also encourage your cat to forage for its food, as it would if it were hunting. Do this by feeding dry kibble in a food puzzle or foraging toys. Come to Peewee’s Harley’s Cat Sanctuary to visit our cats. They live loose in a 2000 sq. ft. cage free sanctuary and need you to come play with them. Maybe you can take one home. The adoption fee for cats is only $20, and they are all fixed. We even have some declawed ones. Come see the kitties at Peewee’s, you will love them.
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Obesity is an increasingly common problem in cats and can lead to a variety of health issues. It is important to keep your cat's mind and body engaged to prevent obesity. To keep your cat fit and healthy, you can:

- Exercise your cat's mind by keeping them engaged and entertained.
- Exercise your cat's body by providing toys that encourage physical activity.
- Exercise your cat's surroundings by providing scratching posts or scratching pads in different areas of the house.

**ROAD DAWG RESCUE**

Tary Tarlton, a prominent contractor and married father of a beautiful baby, Liliana, continues to be our hero. He made his first trip of the year down from Connecticut in May and saved 45 dogs from spending the rest of their lives at our shelter. These were dogs that had been with us about two years and were never adopted. Tary, with the help of his good friend, Don Quaintance, took the group to shelters in New York and Connecticut where they found wonderful homes and will live happily ever after. Tary will be back in September and we can't wait! The next 45 will think they went to heaven when they get there. Thank you Tary, you are heaven sent. Thank you to Don Quaintance for taking time off your busy schedule to come down with Tary. And thank you to Lynne (Tary's wife) for letting them come!

**RECENT RESCUES**

Andy and Sandy, two helpless Chihuahuas, were dumped at a park very skinny with a severe skin infection. Though they were unwanted, they were still cheerful. After antibiotics and skin treatment, they are now well fed, loved, and looking for you to adopt them. Mindi, a sweet kitty, arrived with a gangrenous tail, abandoned at an apartment complex. After amputation of the tail and fattening up, she now thinks she is a Manx and is ready to go home with you. Petey, a pit bull pup, was left in a crate on the side of the road on the west side of town in sweltering heat. He had parvo, but with hospitalization, he made it and is now ready for a home. I hope whoever abandoned him will be spending an eternity in Hell. Chuli is a small mixed canine who was found in a ditch downtown covered in mange, her skin infected, her eyes oozing pus, dehydrated, and just skin and bones. She was brought to us by a good Samaritan just in time. She is undergoing treatment and should be good as new by the time you get this newsletter. Even as neglected as she was, she was still giving kisses and wagging her tail. This Donkey and this Horse are two victims of the Eagle Ford Shale downturn. Their dad lost his job and could no longer afford to keep them. They are healthy, sweet, and looking for a good home. We would like to adopt them out together, and remember, all of our rescue equine are FREE to adopt. Willa is a beautiful Doberman found on a hot day lying in the middle of IH37. A tourist stopped and brought her to the shelter. We immediately sent her to Dr. Garett at Everhart Animal Hospital where she required a long hospitalization due to a spinal injury, but her life was saved and she is now awaiting adoption. Ana is a sweet kitten with a rotting tumor on her side found by a wonderful lady. After antibiotics and surgery, she made a speedy recovery and is now in our cat sanctuary awaiting a home. Jack is a beautiful adult kitty whose human dad died and had no living relatives. A neighbor called and asked us to pick him up, or the landlord was going to call animal control. We did and now Jack would love a new home. Fannie is a skinny hairless Chihuahua found in Flour Bluff. She was starving, had ear mites, was hairless, and had a terrible skin infection. After medical treatment, a dental treatment, and TLC she found a wonderful home. Midnight is a gorgeous kitty who was abandoned in an apartment. The manager found him a week later. He was hungry and scared, but recuperated nicely, and is grateful to be alive. Mommy, a small mixed terrier with 5 pups, was left in a crate at a park. Of course Mommy is heartworm positive but is under treatment. She and all of her puppies made it back from heat stroke and are now awaiting a new home. Sheppie was born without a rear foot, left unwanted on a county road outside of Orange Grove. A truck driver brought him to us. He walks fine on his stub and is waiting for you to come adopt him. Tic, Tac, and Toe are three puppies with mange and ringworm that were dumped on our porch in a blue tub, hungry, skinny, itchy, anemic, and covered in fleas, but after treatment, they became happy and friendly and are looking for a loving home. Wally was found so matted he had urine burns on all over his legs and belly as well as maggots in the fur. After a good groom and treatment he is doing well and is looking to go home with you. Pooky is a 3 month old wirehaired terrier puppy that was found paralyzed, crawling along on a hot sidewalk. He was brought to us by a good Samaritan after being turned down by all the other shelters. He is now undergoing treatment and will hopefully find a forever home. Rose is a beautiful dachshund who was found on a 100 degree day by a delivery driver on the highway between Freer and Alice. She was incredibly pregnant and 5 minutes away from a heat stroke. She needed a C-section as she had been impregnated by a much larger dog and was unable to deliver the puppies. The operation was successful and 8 puppies were delivered. Everyone will be up for adoption by the time you read this. It never ceases to amaze us how cruel humans can be, and I hope that all those who were guilty of all the above abuse and neglect end up in the everlasting torment of Hades. We do what we can, but I'm sure there are many other victims of abuse who are never found or saved. All the surgeries and treatments to save these 33 animals cost us over $3,000, so I do ask that you open your hearts and donate to Peewee's to help us continue to save more of those abandoned pets in our community.
I need a home. Please come adopt me.

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**Peewee’s Wish List**
- Money, money, money
- Homes for Pets
- Foster homes
- Volunteers
- Paper towels
- Bleach
- Dry Cat Food

*When planning your estate, please remember Peewee’s in your will*

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