



A No-Kill Animal Shelter Peewee's

Pet Adoption World & Sanctuary, Inc.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT/ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Peewee's Supporter,

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have had our ribbon cutting on our new spay/neuter clinic. It will not only serve to take care of all the strays we adopt out but also serve to help the needy citizens of this community. There will be free spaying/neuterings referred through child/adult protective services. Please spread the word about our services. Our price list will be on our facebook page. Hopefully our clinic will reduce the stray population.

For those of you that are interested, the number of adoptions for 2014 were almost identical to those of 2013. Our total number was 1,227 and the breakdown is as follows: We did 729 dogs, 214 puppies, 51 cats, 207 kittens, 7 rabbits, 5 ferrets, 4 horses, 2 Guinea pigs, 2 chickens, 1 snake, 1 prairie dog, 1 Iguana, 1 potbelly pig, 1 pony, and 1 donkey. We did more adoptions than any other shelter in Corpus Christi, and we are very proud of that fact. Maybe the day will come when there will not be so many abandoned and homeless pets out there that need adopting.

Last but not least, I would like to thank several anonymous donors who contributed large amounts for the building of the road and parking lot, purchasing the rest of the surgical and office equipment, and the initial consumables needed for the first month of operation. Even with the discounted prices that we received for our project, it was indeed very expensive and we hope that our endeavor will be successful with the support of the people of Corpus Christi and surrounding area. Again we want to thank from the bottom of hearts all who helped us accomplish our hospital dream to further help our community.

Here's to a great 2015!!

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



FURR-EVER GRATEFUL

We would like to express our utmost appreciation for the foundations that participated in the 2014 Coastal Bend Day of Giving and chose Peewee's as one of the 35 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, Corpus Christi Claims Association, Paul & Mary Haas Foundation, Estill Foundation, 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, Nueces Charities, Prichard Family Foundation, Margaret Sue Rust Foundation, Earl C. Sams Foundation, Trull Foundation, Lawrence Wood Foundation, and the Buddy Herin Legacy Foundation. We could not have made it without this tremendous event. 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!

God bless Results Personal Training for bringing us a huge trailerload of dog and cat food over the holiday season, when we needed it the most!

Thanks to Carrie Jo Mellinger, who instead of getting presents for her 50th birthday party at Gators, asked for dog food to feed the homeless animals at Peewee's.

We are forever grateful to Tary Tarlton for doing another dog run to New York for us. Tary and Bobby, our Assistant Director, drove 46 dogs to Nyack and Pomona, New York, where they all found their forever homes within just a few weeks.

Thank you to Don Stone for donating the \$1,200 needed for the gazebo waiting area in front of the new clinic!





JEWELRY WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the three items of jewelry donated by *Goldsmith Jewelers* to help us increase donations. Anyone who donated \$50 or more from Thanksgiving to New Year's was entered in the drawing. The winners are: Robert Reed II, Valerie Hebert, and Elizabeth Lancaster, who graciously donated her ring back for a future drawing. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you to everyone for all your donations.



ASK MAX

Dear Max: Is a smaller dog a bigger housetraining problem? I heard that the smaller the dog, the harder she is to housetrain. Is that true?

Most canine experts disagree and instead point to other variables, such as the dog's age, background, breed characteristics, interest in learning, and desire to please. Owners remain an equally important factor. A consistent, positive-minded owner will achieve success faster, regardless of the dog's size. Most important is to set a regular schedule. For a puppy between 8 weeks and 4 months of age, start out by visiting the potty area every hour, as well as shortly after she eats, plays, and sleeps. Gradually reduce the frequency to three or four times a day until she reaches 6 months of age. Personally, I was an outside dog when I was brought to Peewee's, and in 3 days I learned that you only go to the bathroom outside. But of course, I'm really smart, or I would not be writing this column.



SOMETHING YOU CAN DO TO HELP PEEWEE'S

Do you often say you would like to help, but you don't have any money? You can help our animals (and your family) by doing some Spring cleaning and having a garage/rummage/yard sale to benefit Peewee's. If you get rid of all the stuff you don't need, not only will you declutter your home, you will help the home of 700 orphans. You could even get your friends involved and have one giant sale at a single location. Think about having one this Spring!



ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Abraham Lincoln, our sixteenth President, loved cats and could play with them for hours. When asked if her husband had a hobby, Mary Todd Lincoln replied, "cats." President Lincoln visited General Grant at City Point, Virginia, in March of 1865. The civil war was drawing to a close and the enormous task of reuniting the country lay ahead, yet the President made time to care for three orphaned kittens found in a telegraph hut. When he learned that the kittens' mother was dead, he made sure the kittens would be fed and a good home found for them.



FEEDING YOUR CAT

Cats are carnivores. That's the most important thing to keep in mind when considering what to feed yours. "Cats are... different from us and from dogs," says Louise Murray, DVM, vice president of the ASPCA's Bergh Memorial Animal Hospital in New York. "When it comes to nutrition, they are very inflexible, and owners must realize that." Compared to what their owners should be eating, cats need to eat a lot of meat for protein and for fat. "If we ate like cats, we'd have heart disease by age 20," Murray says. "They are not at all the same as humans and they are not little dogs."



She's explicit about this because it's not uncommon for owners to treat their cats

the same way they treat dogs, which can eat a variety of foods and remain healthy. In fact, Murray notes that dog food can be fatal to cats over time because it doesn't meet their nutritional needs and it's often loaded with carbohydrates, which cats can't process well. "Cats get severe obesity problems from carbs, which can lead to diabetes," Murray says. "A cat's system is not designed for carbs. They are to be avoided." You can ask your vet what name brand food (wet or dry) they recommend for your cat. Once you've made your choice, let your cat do a taste test. If your cat likes the food and doesn't have any gastrointestinal upsets (such as diarrhea) afterward, you've chosen well. However, if your cat doesn't like the food, you need to be prepared to offer options. Cats often will go on hunger strikes rather than eat something they don't like, and such strikes are dangerous. "A cat that won't eat can suffer from liver failure and get fatally ill," she says. "They can get themselves into big trouble." If you do need to switch from one food to another, introduce the new food gradually, in small amounts over a week. This helps prevent your cat from rejecting the new food outright and lessens the risk of upsetting your kitty's stomach. Cats like to eat small meals throughout the day, so plan to leave food out so your cat can come and graze when they feel the need to nibble. At Peewee's, we have over 200 loving cats ranging from 4 months to adult in our cat building. They are all fixed, vaccinated, and awaiting loving homes. For \$20, you can take one home.



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

RECENT RESCUES

These **4 older Chihuahuas** were dumped in a ditch on Violet Rd. in the middle of nowhere. A nice man spent hours trying to catch them and finally did. Their nails were extremely long, they were poorly socialized, and they were apparently never loved. One was full of dead puppies, another pregnant, and none of the males were fixed. They are all ok now and slowly learning to trust humans again. **Sparkles**, a big fluffy cat, was brought to us with a broken front leg. She was found dangling off a wooden fence, her foot stuck in between two pickets. A good Samaritan put posters up, and did all the right things in an attempt to find her owner, but nobody ever claimed her. Our vet managed to save her leg and she is now awaiting a home. **Pip** is a sickly mangy pup that was found in a nearby ditch at the end of Greenwood. He was covered with red mange, fleas, and ticks, and was lethargic and dehydrated. We rushed him to the hospital, and after three days, he was eating and feeling better. He now has all his hair back and needs a family. **Lori** is an old Rottweiler who came to us just skin and bones. She was a chained dog at a business, left out in the cold in the dead of winter. We gave her a warm soft bed and she now lives in the hospital feeling safe and loved. A gentleman who lives off Snowgoose brought us **4 kittens** that someone threw over his back fence in a crate. They were scared, hungry, and cold, but after a few days they were healthy and ready for adoption. **Toby** had just been run over by a bus. A good Samaritan scraped him off the pavement and brought him to us. He had a fractured pelvis and ringworm, but after four weeks, he was fine. These **2 poodles** were left behind at an apartment after the tenants were evicted. They were left without food or water for a week and their condition was deplorable. They felt much better after grooming, but were heartworm positive of course, which we are treating. These **11 puppies** were found under an abandoned house in Molina. We had to teach them how to eat, and a few did not make it due to the flea anemia they arrived here with. They also had sarcoptic mange, but after about a month, they were well and were put up for adoption at Petsmart. **Jasper** was found injured at Port and Tarlton, probably run over by a car. People just kept walking by him, not caring. A good Samaritan went back 6 hours after seeing him in the gutter and picked him up. His rear leg was severely damaged with a fractured femur. After surgery to put a pin in place and a long recovery, he is now looking for a new home. These **3 puppies** were found covered in fleas and demodectic mange out in a field in Petronila, where some heartless person dumped them. They would have starved if not for a good Samaritan. They are now under treatment for mange and becoming healthy. **Ziggy**, a tricolored rat terrier, was found with multiple rotting flesh wounds, probably from being attacked by another dog. A passerby spotted her off Port and Leopard and brought her here. After antibiotics and surgery, she is healing well and is a real sweetheart. **Marcel** is a Cocker Spaniel who came to us with ears so heavily caked with muck, it was a wonder he could hold his head up. One of his eyes was so badly damaged that it had to be removed, and he is heartworm positive. He is now safe and awaiting a new home. **Mommy**, who was found wandering the streets of Flour Bluff, was brought to us with a belly full of dead puppies. After surgery to remove them and antibiotics, she recovered from the infection. She is now happy and healthy awaiting her forever family. These **3 Schnauzer mixes** were dumped near the water treatment plant on Saratoga. They had demodectic mange, and were scared to death, but we finally caught them. After a few months at the shelter, their skin is now clear. They are well socialized and want a new home. These **3 cats** were found on CR 35 inside tied pillow cases by a trucker who brought them to us. I hope the wrath of God will catch up to them. As you can see, this city never runs out of 4 legged friends in dire straits, and we hope you will help all those that come to our doors with your donations.



4 Chihuahuas



Sparkles



Pip



Lori



4 Kittens



Toby



2 Poodles



11 Puppies



Jasper



3 Puppies



Ziggy



Marcel



Mommy



3 Schnauzer Mixes



3 Cats



"You may never know what results come of your actions. But if you do nothing, there will be no results." Mahatma Gandhi

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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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