



A No-Kill Animal Shelter Peewee's

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Peewee's Supporter,

Well, we are in the last stretch of 2015, and I am pleased to announce that although it is a tough road to travel at times, things at Peewee's are going well. I'm happy to welcome Lori Carey, a long-time donor, to our Board of Directors as a new Officer. We are very excited to have her onboard.

Adoptions throughout the year have been steady and through the end of October stand at 925. Unfortunately this is a little behind last year, but we are hopeful that those numbers will pick up as families choose to embrace a new pet as a member of their family during this holiday season.

The new building affectionately known as "Lucky Lodge" is about 50% complete. It will have air conditioning and heating and will house 175 small and medium dogs. We are hoping to move some of the dogs to their new "digs" before the weather gets too cold. Again, I would like to thank Annette and Mel Klein for spearheading the fundraising that made this building possible. Our new expansion will bring new challenges. It will need a new parking lot close to the new kennels, new fencing, storage, sidewalks, and ramps up to the new building, which will cost around \$15,000. This holiday season, we hope you will remember Peewee's by making a generous contribution to help minimize this financial strain, as well as helping to cover the ever increasing costs of the day-to-day operations that are inevitable to keep us up and running.

On behalf of the Board of Directors as well as the hard working staff, I would like to personally wish each and every one of you, no matter what your faith, a festive, joyous, and healthy holiday season and that 2016 be a happy one for all of us. I remain.....

Sincerely,

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



FURR-EVER GRATEFUL

Thank you to the Del Mar Biology Club for holding a collection to benefit the homeless animals at Peewee's! They brought us a whole trunk full of food and supplies! • Thank you to Tim Clark with Stellar Energy Solutions and *Nspire Magazine* for holding a mixer benefitting Peewee's. They presented us with a check for \$600! • Many thanks to Ryan Wood, who requested dog food donations for Peewee's instead of presents at his 9th birthday party, and brought us \$220 worth of food and supplies! • Thank you to the Church of Reconciliation and Rev. Bruce Wilson for coming out to Peewee's and blessing the animals on the Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi! • Thank you to Eunjin Lee, who for his 10th birthday, requested pet food and supplies for the animals at Peewee's, collecting \$250 worth of items! • Thank you to Elysheva Barnett, who held a collection at her church, Congregation Beth Israel, while celebrating her Bat Mitzvah, and donated a truck bed full of pet food to Peewee's! • We are forever grateful to Valero for once again picking Peewee's as the recipient of their Doggone Days of Summer food drive. They collected over 4,500 pounds of dog and cat food for the animals at Peewee's! Thank you so much!



WIN A BEAUTIFUL PIECE OF JEWELRY



Our friend, Benny Ledford, a long time Peewee's supporter and owner of Goldsmith Jewelers, located at 3816 S. Alameda in the Lamar Park Shopping Center, was kind enough to donate two pieces of jewelry in an effort to encourage your donations.

There is a beautiful 14k yellow gold ring with sapphire and opal size $5\frac{1}{4}$ worth \$500, and a 14k yellow gold ring with a blue topaz marquis and 2.00 ct. diamonds size $7\frac{1}{2}$ worth \$200. Anyone who donates \$50 or more between Thanksgiving

and New Year's will be entered in a drawing for one of the two items. Benny loves animals and has a Yorkshire terrier named Lucky, who goes to work with him every day! Thank you Benny, we really appreciate your help.



ASK MAX



Dear Max: Is it true that 1 human year equals 7 dog years?



We get this question at the shelter all the time, and I generally like this myth. It gets across the fact that pets age much faster than people do. The calculation, however, isn't exactly accurate. There is great variation in average life span among breeds, especially with different body sizes. More than 40 percent of small breed dogs live 10 years or longer, while only 13 percent of giant breed dogs achieve this lifespan. In short, different breeds move through life at different speeds. So, does this mean that you should all research your pet breeds and begin treating them differently when they enter the last quarter of their breed's "average life expectancy"? Absolutely not. Age is simply a number for your pets. Functional age is what counts. That's how old our pet feels and what kind of shape he or she is in. At least weekly, our President, Dr. Alan Garrett DVM, discusses with pet owners whether or not they should pursue a particular treatment option with a pet, and the age of the patient often comes into discussion. Let's say you have two 12-year old Golden Retrievers. One may be fit, active, and happy, the other obese and lethargic, with poorly controlled diabetes. These two pets may have similar birthdays, but their functional ages are quite different. Age isn't the sole determining factor in the health of senior pets, so each pet must be assessed as an individual, not as an age multiplied by 7. I myself am 10 years old, but I can still chase a tractor or trailer around the ranch and I don't feel like a senior.



TOUCHING LETTER FROM A PEEWEE PARENT

"I just came across an address given to me by Hopeful Tails, a pet rescue in Nyack, NY, where I adopted my dear Lily almost three years ago. She is the sweetest animal I have ever had the privilege of sharing a life with, over a lifetime of pet ownership. You guys pulled her out of a kill shelter as a puppy. I am extremely grateful to you and thankful for the work you do. I am attaching a puppy photo of dear Lily and one of her from a cross-country trip we took with her. Best wishes, - Sharon"



MEDICINAL PUSSYCATS

If you get a warm, fuzzy feeling after watching cute cat videos online, the effect may be more profound than you think. The Internet phenomenon of watching cat videos, from Lil Bub to Grumpy Cat, does more than simply entertain; it boosts viewers' energy and positive emotions and decreases negative feelings, according to a new study by an Indiana University Media School researcher. The study, by assistant professor Jessica Gall Myrick, surveyed almost 7,000 people about their viewing of cat videos and how it affects their moods. Internet data show there were more than 2 million cat videos posted on YouTube in 2014, with almost 26 billion views. Cat videos had more views per video than any other category of YouTube content. Of the participants in the study, about 36 percent described themselves as a "cat person," while about 60 percent said they liked both cats and dogs. Participants in Myrick's study reported:

- They were more energetic and felt more positive after watching cat-related online media than before.
- They had fewer negative emotions, such as anxiety, annoyance and sadness, after watching cat-related online media than before.
- The pleasure they got from watching cat videos outweighed any guilt they felt about procrastinating.
- Cat owners and people with certain personality traits, such as agreeableness and shyness, were more likely to watch cat videos.

 Overall, the response to watching cat videos was largely positive. It is also known that watching cat videos increased serotonin, the chemical associated with well-being that reduces cortisol, a stress-inducing hormone. Another chemical released is oxytocin, also known as the love hormone, which causes us to engage in helping animals or people. The results also suggest that future work could explore how online cat videos might be used as a form of low-cost pet therapy, she said. So you don't have to spend all your time watching cat videos, come to Peewee's and adopt one of our many pussycats for the same benefits! The adoption fee is only \$20 and they are all spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and ready for new loving homes.



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

ROAD DAWG RESCUE

Tary Tarlton and his family (wife, Lynne, and daughter, Liliana) from Ridgefield, CT continue to be our heroes. Tary, the owner of Kenosia Construction in Danbury, CT, made his second trip of the year down from the northeast coast in September and saved 36 more dogs from spending the rest of their lives at our shelter. Some were dogs that had been with us over two years and were never adopted. Tary, having already made the long trip down by himself, took the group back 2,000 miles across 12 states to shelters in New York and Connecticut with the help of our Assistant Director, Bobby. All the dogs quickly found wonderful homes and will live happily ever after. Tary will hopefully be back in January and we can't wait! Thank you to Tary and Lynne, and thank you to Gerry Tartaglione from Hopeful Tails and Allyson Dotson from ROAR. We couldn't do this without you!



Rambo



Gus & Gidgit



Malina



Flapper



Morris



Dingo



Spot



RECENT RESCUES

Rambo is a puppy who came to us with a maimed rear leg. The damage to the leg was irreparable, so it had to be amputated. He quickly learned to get around on three legs and is happy and loving. **Gus** and **Gidgit**, two older Lhasa mixes, were brought to us by a lady whose neighbor had passed away, and they were just set loose in the streets. After a bath, groom, and getting their teeth cleaned, they are now ready for adoption, and may those mean people get what they deserve. **Malina** is a dachshund mix who was found living loose at a public housing complex on Ayers St. with a litter of puppies. Animal Control was called, but we got there just in time. She is heartworm positive but is under treatment, and her pups are all looking for homes. **Flapper** is a tiny Chihuahua puppy who was apparently born without front legs that was found in a box next to a dumpster. He was only 6 weeks old, full of worms and weak. He is now learning to walk on his two rear legs and is a happy dog. **Morris** is an orange tabby that came to us with a broken pelvis and an abdominal hernia from being hit by a car. After a long treatment and surgery, he is fine and now looking for you. **Dingo** is a Basset mix that was fished out of a canal in Flour Bluff by a good Samaritan. He was scummy and exhausted from his ordeal, was full of worms, and had skin and ear infections. His owner never showed up to claim him, and he is now healthy and awaiting a home. **Spot** is a Dalmatian mix brought to us anemic from flea infestation and emaciated. He had ehrlichia and was near death, but after a few weeks of antibiotics, he started eating hardy, and his affectionate personality came out! He is now cured and fine and wants a family of his own. **Popeye** is a Chihuahua brought to us with a swollen, infected left eye. Our vet determined that it could not be salvaged and was probably causing a lot of pain, so she removed it. He is all healed up and free of pain now and ready to be adopted! **Baxter** is a black teenage kitten that had a large abdominal hernia the size of a lemon where his intestines were coming through. After our vet repaired it, he is now healthy and awaiting a loving family. **Dulce**, **O'Brian**, and **Jet** were brought to us by an active duty military lady who was transferred suddenly. She was supposed to have help driving the animals cross-country, but everybody bailed on her the day of the move. She drove them here on her way out of town in her 25 foot UHaul Rental, and we were glad to be able to help her out. These **3 puppies** were found in a box at an elementary school. Animal Control was called, but a volunteer rescued them before they got there. They were covered in fleas and ticks, but after they received treatment, they quickly perked up and are ready for adoption. **Kix** is a little kitten brought to us with a mangled tail. It was so infected and gangrenous that the tail had to be amputated. The now pseudo-Manx is all healed up and awaiting a new home. **Trapper** is a Chihuahua that was seen being attacked by a large dog on Ayers. He had deep lacerations around most of his neck as well as on his underside. Our vet stitched him up nicely and installed 3 drain tubes. X-rays revealed he had a broken tibia and femoral head which required surgery. The little trooper survived and wants a loving family to call his own. **Mushu** is a Pyrenees mix that was rescued from a kill shelter in Kingsville a few days before her appointment with death. She was introverted and scared, but after a couple of weeks of patient love, she came around and seeks a new beginning with you.

All the above animals were abandoned, neglected, and ignored, but I'm sure God will make the abusers pay for their miserable and repulsive acts against His innocent little creatures. Every month we take in about 100 new needy dogs all in dire straits, and with your generous donations, they all live happy lives instead of dying alone out in the streets. I thank all of you for your financial support to help me do this work that I love to do. Peewee's is your shelter, and without your donations, it would not exist.

May God bless you all. – Ernie Cochran, Shelter Director.

This is the type of work your donations help fund.



Popeye



Baxter



Dulce,
O'Brian
Jet



3 Puppies



Kix



Trapper



Mushu





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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,
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