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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Peewee's Supporter,

Things at Peewee's are going extremely well. We are adopting about 100 pets to new loving homes each month, as has been the case for the past several years. We are so proud to maintain this consistent rate of adoption. Unfortunately it seems that as quick as we find homes for these lucky pets, they are rapidly replaced with many of the puppies, kittens, dogs and cats that are forever roaming our streets. We pray for the day that our local community will not be so inundated by all the strays that have existed here for so long.

We are also so proud to announce that our low cost spay/neuter hospital opened up for business on March 17. "Madison's Clinic," as it is called, is open three days a week for low cost spay and neuters. We work by appointment only and there is usually a two week waiting list so please plan ahead. One of the programs at this new facility is known as "Spay's The Way" and is the brain child of our board member, Sheila Lawrence, who made a generous donation to allow us to offer, for those on government assistance, not only FREE spay and neuter, but, if needed, free pick-up and delivery home for your pet if no transportation is available. Hip hip hooray for Sheila!! When you think that an adult dog can produce up to 20 puppies a year and adult cats can have even more kittens, imagine the thousands of unwanted strays that will no longer be a blight to this community. Please spread the word to people you know who might be in need of our services. The cost for male cats is \$30, female cats \$40, male dogs \$50-95 depending on the weight and female dogs \$60-105 for the same reason. For those in need, we have extremely discounted vaccinations for dogs and cats, as well as heartworm tests, but these are only available at the time of spaying/neutering.

And now for a tease: we have something in the early stage of planning that I hope to be able to surprise you with by the next newsletter. I'll let you guess. Until then I remain...

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



FURR-EVER GRATEFUL

Thank you to Sam Hamid from Results Personal Fitness for another fabulous food donation of 1,600 pounds, which was badly needed. This is Sam's second huge donation in less than 4 months!

Thanks to Mike O'Hare at Central Office Equipment for donating a beautiful desk and chair for Madison's Clinic. Mike has been helping us with equipment for many years!

Thank you to Julie Brown for donating funds to purchase a computer and other office equipment for our new clinic. Not only has Julie been a consistent donor, but she also volunteers weekly at the shelter!



Many thanks to the Corpus Christi Ice Rays for making Peewee's the beneficiary of their Hockey and Heels event. They raised hundreds of dollars and it was a total success!

We are forever grateful to Don Stone for holding the 2nd Annual Volley for the Voiceless Tennis Tournament, which raised \$7,152. All proceeds will be used to purchase food for the critters. Yummy yummy!





ASK MAX

Dear Max: I recently got a divorce and my dog seems to be as stressed as I am. Could this be true?

Yes, animals do get stressed, and there are many potential health consequences of chronic canine stress. This is true in human health and seems to be true for companion animals as well. An increase in cortisol levels from chronic stress may cause some of the following health problems in your dog: 1. Decreased immune function - A chronically stressed dog may be more susceptible to infections. 2. Gastrointestinal problems - Stress may trigger bouts of irregular or loose stool. 3. Changes in behavior - such as aggression or depression. Overstimulated dogs may experience a change in their threshold for other behaviors, such as aggression. 4. Skin disorders - Chronic anxiety may increase the incidence or severity of skin problems.

5. Shortened life span - A 2010 study in the journal Applied Veterinary Behavior Science found a correlation between a dog's chronic fear of strangers and a shortened life span. You need to spend more quality time with him. Take him for walks or runs, or even try a doggy day care! Put in a doggie door to the yard so he can have a variety of experiences while you are gone. Do everything you can to enrich his life and he will know that both of you will be alright together. Of course, the first thing you should do is consult your veterinarian. Personally, I was very stressed when I first arrived at Peewee's. I went from a nice family home to a shelter, but the office staff adopted me, and now I am living happily ever after. I even have a job writing this column, as well as greeting all who come to Peewee's.

LONGEST CAT ON RECORD

Stewie, an 8-year-old Maine Coon who passed away from cancer in January, was certified as the record holder for the world's longest domestic cat after measuring 48.5 inches from nose to tail bone, according to the Guinness World Records 2014 Edition. Another fun feline fact: The title of the longest domestic cat was previously held by another Maine Coon who measured 48 inches. It's clear that Maine Coons live up to their nickname of the gentle giants of the cat world.



BUNNY FACTS



- While rabbits and hares are both lagomorphs – a group of mammals known for their hip hops, impressive ears, and fluffy tails – domestic rabbits are born furless with eyes that aren't open, while hares emerge furred and can see not long after birth.
- These rapid racers possess nearly 360 degree vision to spot predators and can reach speeds up to 18 mph as they zig and zag to evade hunters.
- In the spring, when wee little bunnies frolic far from their burrows, they are practicing independence. They may only nurse once or twice a day to get antibodies from the mother rabbit. So let them hop on by – they will likely bounce right back to mom for her magic milk at dusk or dawn.
- The biggest bunny in the world is a Giant Continental Rabbit named Ralph, who tips the scales at nearly 55 pounds. Some

of the tiniest bunny breeds include Netherland Dwarfs and Columbia Basin Pigmy rabbits, which may weigh less than 2 pounds. • Recent research from a social behavior researcher in Germany shows white tails on rabbits may make them harder to catch, possibly because eyeing the fleeing bright white tail may befuddle predators. Normal lifespan of a bunny is 10-12 years. Now you know all about them! If you love bunnies, come adopt one of our many bunnies at Peewee's. They are free!

FUN CAT FACTS



- The famous French female feline, Felicette, became the first cat to fly on the fringes of space. In 1963, this space cat blasted into the sky in a special biological container in the nose cone of a Veronique AG1 rocket. Her cone parachuted back to earth, and this astro-kitty lived to tell the tale. And you thought your cat hated car rides.
- Cats can't see kibble right beneath their noses, but their far sight is quite keen. A layer behind the cat's retina reflects

incoming light and bounces it off the cones in the cat's eye, helping the cat see better at night and creating those flashing green eyes you see when your kitty is carousing in the dark. • House cats sleep up to 18 hours a day. But when your frisky feline decides to dash, she can streak at speeds up to 30 miles per hour. • Each square inch of your cat's body sports roughly 130,000 hairs. Your kitty may spend up to 5 hours a day grooming and consume about 6 ounces of fur a year. Hair-balls form when fur doesn't take the digestive route to the litter box and instead collects in your kitty's stomach – and may end up on your rug later when your kitty coughs it up. • There are more pet cats than pet dogs in the United States – 74 million versus 70 million according to the American Veterinary Medical Association – yet cats

receive less veterinary care than dogs. This is most likely because cats work hard to hide any illness, so cat owners may not recognize that a cat needs veterinary care. And often, both pet owners and cats are stressed about veterinary visits. • At Peewee's, we have over 200 loving cats ranging from 4 months to adult in our cat residence. They are all fixed, vaccinated, and awaiting loving homes. For \$20, you can take one home. So open your heart, and come adopt a kitty!!!



THIS IS WHAT MAKES IT ALL WORTHWHILE!

"To All At Peewee's: We adopted our dog from you 3 years ago and she has turned out to be the best dog ever! Her ID# with you was 8037. Her name now is Libby and she is one happy dog. Thank you so much for the love of our lives. – Dave"

RECENT RESCUES

Mickey, a small mixed terrier, was plucked from Clarkwood Road out in the boonies standing by his two dead siblings near the road, with no houses in sight. May the perpetrators of this crime burn in Hell. We at least got to save Mickey. **Cottonball**, a poodle mix, was dumped in a neighborhood off Greenwood. He was so matted that he could not see. He is heartworm positive, but is a real sweetheart. **Ladybird**, a Ridgeback mix, was found, very pregnant, tied to a pole on the corner of Weber and Saratoga. Thank God a volunteer saw her and brought her in, because she had her pups that night. She is heartworm positive but is sweet as pie. **Hank**, a three legged boxer, was being given away at a corner in Robstown. A Good Samaritan took him so he wouldn't end up chained. He is heartworm positive, but is handsome and faithful, awaiting a home. As always, we pay for the heartworm treatment of any heartworm positive dog adopted from us. **Trina and her puppies** were found wandering the streets of Portland, got picked up by Animal Control, and were brought to Peewee's. Trina is a very sweet and cuddly mix terrier, and her pups are awaiting a forever family. **Eeny, Meeny, Minie, and Moe**, four adorable kittens, are lucky to be with us. They were found in a sealed plastic container at a park. If not rescued, they would have asphyxiated. They are very sweet, and are at Petco waiting for you. This **bunch of bunnies** are the sad result of people getting pets they don't know how to care for. Easter bunnies as pets are the worst idea invented on this planet, because most of them are abandoned in the streets or end up in shelters like ours. So now here they are, hoping for a real home. **10 puppies** were found wandering around Pope Park. Someone dumped them there for sure, there's no way they took a cab there. May the heartless people that did this and did not fix their female end up in Hades. These darlings are the sweetest and need for you to take one home. **Ana and Jana**, two mixed terriers, were taped up in a cardboard box on the corner of Port and Tarlton. They were both pregnant and one had a 102 degree temperature with a severe uterine infection. But after all their trauma, they are now healthy and awaiting a loving home. **Sam**, an older Boston Terrier, was found by a tourist going down Highway 37. One of his front legs was badly mangled and bleeding. We were unable to save it. He adjusted well to only having three legs and is sweet as sugar. He is heartworm positive but is a wonderful dog. **Mack**, a tiny Chihuahua, was picked up by a Good Samaritan at Del Mar College West Campus in the middle of the street. Because he was paralyzed from the waist down, there was no hope for him to walk again, but he adapted well. She now rolls around in a little cart happy and spry. **Larry, Mo, and Curly**, three retriever mix puppies, were found covered in sarcoptic mange in an abandoned house in Molina. They were skinny, covered in fleas, and hungry. Another case of someone not fixing their female dog. We are working hard at trying to halt this irresponsibility with Madison's Clinic. These babies are now healthy, happy, and ready for a home. **Dan and Molly** are two cats that were left in crates in the back of someone's pickup at Lowes. I don't know what people are thinking, but they need to have their head examined and the laws need to be changed. I'm proud to help all these victims of society and hope that someday things get better in our community. I ask of you to help Peewee's with your donation so we can save more of God's little creatures in the future. We receive no government funding; we do it all through your donations. Thank you.



Mickey



Cottonball



Ladybird



Hank



Trina



Eeny,
Meeny,
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& Moe



Bunnies



10 Puppies



Ana & Jana



Sam



Mack



Larry, Mo & Curly



Dan & Molly

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- Money, money, money
- Homes for Pets
- Foster homes
- Volunteers
- Paper towels
- Bleach
- Dry Cat Food

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