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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT/ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Peewee's Supporter,

2015 has come to a close and we are starting the New Year strong. Last year, we found forever homes for 1,143 animals, which include 861 dogs and puppies, 239 cats and kittens, and 43 horses, donkeys, mules, rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets, and hamsters. We are continuing to make an effort to find homes through our mobile adoption sites at Petsmart and Petco, as well as shipping dogs to Washington State, Colorado, New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey.

Madison's Clinic is now completing its first year of operation. We want to thank our veterinarian, Dr. Christina Gunn, for her help in making it a success. In one year, we were open 131 days. During that time we spayed/neutered/treated over 1,000 Peewee's rescues, as well as 600 low cost spay/neuters for the general public. The clinic also completed over 800 free spay/neuters for the low-income public from our \$50,000 grant from our Board Member, Sheila Lawrence. Of course, none of this would be possible without the generosity of Annette and Melvyn Klein, who made the clinic happen.

The construction of Lucky Lodge is 70% complete. Our dogs should be in the luxury of a climate controlled environment very soon. We want to again thank Annette and Melvyn Klein and the other donors for making it all happen. It is a wish, one that we have had for many years, come true. We are planning to use half of our old outdoor kennels to shed the spotlight on the best of our permanent residents and large dogs that have been at the shelter for years. The other half, we will continue to use as isolation kennels to house newcomers, where will they stay for 10 days to make sure they are free from contagious disease. As we expand in size and add new buildings to make better accommodations for the underprivileged stray pet population of our city, the cost of running your Peewee's also grows accordingly. Please, reach deep within your wallets, purses, pocketbooks, piggybanks, and hearts to help us defray the cost of these expansions. I remain....

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



FURR-EVER GRATEFUL

We would like to express our utmost appreciation to the foundations that participated in the 2015 Coastal Bend Day of Giving who chose Peewee's as one of the 46 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: the Coastal Bend Community Foundation, Corpus Christi Claims Association, Estill Foundation, Paul & Mary Haas Foundation Fund, Buddy Herin Legacy Foundation Fund, LaVerne & Thomas Howell Foundation, Dr. & Mrs. Hugh Kennedy Foundation, John G. & Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation, Las Donas donors in honor of court members, Morris L. Lichtenstein, Jr. Foundation, Larry & Pat McNeil Foundation, Blanche Davis Moore Foundation, Nueces Electric Charities, Inc., Prichard Family Foundation, Margaret Sue Rust Foundation, Earl C. Sams Foundation, Susser Family Foundation, Trull Foundation, Vogt Foundation, and the Lawrence Wood Foundation. We could not have made it without this tremendous event. The Day of Giving allowed us to start the New Year strong, without worrying about 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!

Thank you to Whitney Wood, who for her 12th birthday, asked for donations of pet food for Peewee's instead of presents! What thoughtfulness from a child!

Many thanks to Ryan and Nate Nelms who passed out flyers in their neighborhood to collect pet food for Peewee's. They showed up with a big pile!

We are forever grateful to Sam Hamid for continuing to support Peewee's. He recently held two events benefitting us. One was a food drive before Christmas at Results Personal Training, where they collected three truckloads of food. The other was a one-day Coffee and Cars event, where they collected one truckload of food. We cannot thank Sam enough for his unrelenting support in keeping the Peewee's animals fed.



ASK MAX

Dear Max: Have you heard of a new pill for treating demodectic mange?



As a matter of fact, yes I have. There are two pills, one is called Nexgard, which is used monthly for three months, and the other is called Bravecto, which is used once and lasts three months. In most cases, the dog is cured within the three months, though severe cases may require a second dosing. At Peewee's, we have been using Bravecto since early last year, after Hailey Cyr from Heartbeats Rescue told us about it. Research in South Africa, Germany, and France showed how effective it is, though the medication is only labeled in the United States to kill fleas and ticks. The research shows that Bravecto is the more effective treatment, and we can vouch for this. We have treated about 80 dogs at Peewee's with a single dose and only one required a second dose! That dog still had a few localized round spots of hair loss left 3 months after the first treatment, but after the second pill, she is good as new. Please spread the word and tell your veterinarian about it. I had my secretary call 12 vet offices in the area and only 5 are using Nexgard or Bravecto, and the rest were still using the old-timey lengthy treatment. This new treatment is wonderful, it's so much cheaper and easier than dips and shots. My roommate, Jafar, was one of the dogs we treated. He had been dipped constantly for a year with no luck. As soon as the dips stopped, the mange came back.



He had the worst kind of mange, called hemorrhagic demodex. But with one pill he was cured, and now a year later, he is still free of mites. My friend, Chuli, was also disgustingly sick when she got here, but look at her now! Demodex is no longer a curse to my dog friends, thanks to Bravecto. God Bless the Austrians for inventing it. Bravo Bravecto! *** Bravecto has not yet been approved for use in treating demodectic mange by the FDA, but ongoing studies being conducted by the company are encouraging and hopefully in the near future it will be labeled for this use. Until then, using it for this disease is what's known as off-label use. ***

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TOUCHING LETTER FROM A PEEWEE PARENT

"Dear Peewee's,

July 1st, 2000, my daughter, Malini, volunteered at the shelter for several weeks typing names for potential donors and helped in the barn. She was about to leave that night when Ernie told her to take a small 2 ½ lb. white Maltese because there was no place for him in the air-conditioned house, which was for the very sick animals. Despite her protests, Ernie put him in the car telling my daughter it would be alright if she brought him back. That would never be the case.

We had him for almost 16 years; he died just three months ago. The little fella, Oscar, never weighed more than 8 lbs. His personality was bigger than life....he was the light of our lives and ruled us all. There was a cosmic connection between him, my husband, and of course, my daughter, who was "his savior." He was never kenneled as we always found "pet-friendly" hotels and lodges. He walked in the forest preserve almost every day and of course was the alpha to our other 95 lb. dog. We thank you all for saving so many animals. They all would have good stories if the right homes were found. We, however, were particularly blessed to receive this dear soul. Again, thank you for the years of joy we have had." - Cathy Patel



WHY DO CATS DO THAT?

We love our cats but don't always understand their seemingly bizarre behaviors. Sure, some things our cats do are unique to them but other actions are shared by felines the world over. Here are six weird cat behaviors, and what they mean: ● **HEAD BONKS.** Rubbing behavior, which includes the forehead, cheeks, and full-body slams, is called bunting, and it transfers the cat's signature smell onto objects to mark territory. That means head bonks are kitty compliments declaring you to be so important that he's marked you as his personal property. ● **PHONE FRENZY.** Many cats come running when owners talk on the phone and they pester and meow like they want in on the conversation. What gives? Your cat hears you talking and since there is no one else there, thinks that you must be talking to them. Also, without realizing it, you

may be rewarding that behavior by stroking the cat while you are sitting and talking on the phone, which encourages your kitty to come running next time the phone rings. ● **FLIPPING.** Why do cats throw themselves onto the ground at your feet and flip back and forth? Sure, sometimes it is because a cat is under the influence of catnip but more often, rolling back and forth places a cat in a vulnerable position, and is a way for cats to request attention. If you grant the kitty's wish and fuss over it, your cat knows to do this again the next time he wants your love. ● **COVERING POO.** Owners take for granted that all cats naturally choose to cover potty deposits but this isn't the case. Some cats, especially unowned roaming felines, may not cover at all as uncovered feces can announce who owns the territory. Some indoor cats also want their potty graffiti seen and admired by the other cats or humans. Though, if mom-cat is fastidious about covering her mess, her kittens will copy-cat the behavior. ● **KNEADING.** There are many names for this common rhythmic paw-pushing kitty behavior, such as treading, making bread, even "pawtycake." But one thing is clear, the behavior takes hold when felines are very young, as kittens knead against mom-cat's breasts to stimulate milk flow. When adult cats knead, it generally reflects deep contentment, safety, and yes, love.

Cats typically target soft objects such as fuzzy blankets, pillows, or a beloved owner's lap. ● **PRIVACY ISSUES.** Why do some cats immediately seek out their humans the minute they head into the bathroom? First, a closed door is a challenge and an affront to a curious cat which is one reason why you'll see furry paws reaching under the door or cats racing to join their people in the bathroom. More importantly, the bathroom gives cats a captive audience as people glued to the facilities aren't able to move away.



JEWELRY WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the two 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: Dyke Henderson and Laura Murphy! From the bottom of our hearts, thank you to everyone for all your donations.



RECENT RESCUES

Zena is a cute puppy someone found in the street with a fractured femur and both ends of the bone sticking out of her leg. The wound had been open for some time. Amputation was the only cure, but after a few weeks, she ran and played just like a 4 legged normal puppy. **Ally** is a skinny kitty who was found behind a shopping center. She was dehydrated and not eating, had sarcoptic mange and tapeworms, and was laying on the side of the alley. After IV fluids and medical care, she is now ready for adoption. This **box of puppies** was found in a shopping cart at a grocery store in Calallen. They were wormy, but in good spirits. We couldn't say no, and after some TLC, some went to New Jersey and some found homes locally. **Snowball** is a mangy white boxer with a terrible secondary skin infection found in Flour Bluff and never claimed. I wonder why. He was given Bravecto for his demodectic mange and antibiotics for the infection. He will be good as new in about 4 weeks ready to go home with you. **Buzz and Woody** are two Chihuahuas found dumped at a park, skinny, mangy, and scared. Of course they were never claimed, but with love, treatment, and good food, they are now good as new. These **5 crying puppies** were left in a box at a park, covered in feces and fleas, skinny and hungry. They cleaned up nicely and are now sweet and friendly awaiting a home like yours. **Red** is a feral cat that was fixed with a clipped ear and had a bad upper respiratory infection. She had been tied in a trash bag and thrown into a dumpster at an apartment complex. She is now recuperating in our isolation ward. **Trinity** is a beautiful blue eyed Shepherd that was thrown from a truck in front of Peewee's. We heard the dog scream and it took two hours to catch her. She had an injured eye from the fall, but is now ready for a home. She is very loving and sweet, even after the abuse from her last human. **Tilla and Bo** are a mommy/son duo that were found in a dumpster on Yorktown Rd. They were mangy, skinny, and scared. They both recovered and are friendly and looking for a new family to love them. **Star** is a Weimaraner that was found nearby at Texas Molecular at the end of Greenwood Rd. As starved as she was, she remains very sweet. With some TLC and food, she will be ready for you soon. **Possum** is a tiny pup that was found abandoned in a public bathroom at the beach. His rear end and tail were covered with a smelly itchy skin infection and he had a big belly full of worms. He was brought to us by a tourist. He is now sleeping inside on a nice soft bed and recuperating. **Oscar** is an ancient skinny blind male dachshund. He was so weak and I was not sure he would live, but after IV fluids and many weeks on canned food and chicken, his teeth were cleaned and he now lives at our Geriatric Department. **Stripe** is a kitten who was found at Walmart. She was covered in ringworm, suffering from malnutrition, and tried to run into the store. A customer picked her up and brought her to us. She was also skinny and hungry but is now well and loving. **Rita** is a chocolate lab that was found at the beach on Padre Island and brought to Peewee's by park rangers. Rita was limping, thin, and of course heartworm positive, but now greets all visitors at the shelter and wants a home of her own. **Charlie** is a poodle mix who came to us extremely matted and skinny with his eyes crusted over. After some TLC, grooming, and good food, he looks and feels like a million bucks and wants to go home with you.

Every time I write about all these poor animals and the fate they suffered under the neglect and abuse of their owners, I pray to God that humans in Corpus Christi could improve and treat animals as the gifts from God that they are. It is disgusting to know that we live in one of the top counties for animal neglect in our country, and it seems that even though we are trying to change things and educate the public, things do not seem to improve. I hope that the consistent spaying/neutering of animals through our clinic will have an effect on reducing the pet overpopulation in the long run. Meanwhile, we will continue to save them off the streets and pray that the problem will take a turn for the better. As always, we ask for your financial assistance so we can continue saving God's little creatures, and may God bless you for your generosity.



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Peewee's Wish List

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

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