



A No-Kill Animal Shelter **Peewee's**

Pet Adoption World & Sanctuary, Inc.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Peewee's Supporter,

As I am so fond of saying, the dog days of summer are upon us. What this means, as I'm sure you know, is that the heat has been soaring and makes for uncomfortable dogs. NOT so for most of our dogs, who are enjoying air-conditioned comfort at our Lucky Lodge. I can never say thank you enough to Annette and Mel Klein for making this wonderful facility possible for us.

We are continuing our free spay/neuter program for people below the poverty level. As of this printing, we have already sterilized 600 animals this year. Please spread the word to those who might wish to take advantage of this gift. And don't forget, even if you do not qualify, our spay/neuter prices are still very affordable and might be one of the cheapest in town.

For my statistician friends, you should know that we have adopted 810 animals through July. This includes 436 that were transported for adoption out of state. That's right; your Peewee's has been discovered by other no-kill shelters around the country as the place to go for quality adoptable pets. Apparently, stray dogs are not an issue around other parts of the country, so as a result, they look to Corpus Christi to meet the demands of their citizens, who want only to adopt a forever friend without spending a great deal of money. Probably greater than 85% of these dogs are pre-adopted before they even arrive at their destination. The other 15% are usually adopted within two weeks. I think that's incredible, and it helps us save more dogs off our streets. Of course, taking in more dogs adds to our overhead, so help us save more dogs by donating. For each \$50 you donate, one more dog is vetted and ready to go on transport.

Thank you from the entire board of directors for all that you do to keep your Peewee's successful. I remain...

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



PEEWEE'S SUCCESS STORY

"Diamond, a long-haired, miniature dachshund mix, had lived at Peewee's for five long months, half of her young life. Like many Peewee's dogs, Diamond had been sent to Petsmart adoptions to find a forever home. But she thought the humans, who only wanted to hold her, really wanted to hurt her, so she nipped at them and was banned from adoption events. Meanwhile, I was living in Fort Worth. I gave away my possessions and moved to the Island in Corpus Christi. Successfully crafting a new life, I knew that everything was coming along wonderfully. Something was wrong, though, and I couldn't figure it out. One evening, I drove my shiny new golf cart to the beach, watched the sunset, and prayed for an answer. The realization came - I was lonely. After a while, the answer to my prayer came; I needed a dog! So I went to Peewee's, where Ernie gave me a history of the shelter. I liked everything about it. After looking at all 34 kennels, which included about 150 dogs, I made it all the way to the very last kennel. There, I saw Diamond and took her picture, because I thought a tiny dog might fit well into a tiny condo. I asked to hold her, so Ernie wrapped Diamond in a blanket because she did not want me to get one of Diamond's sharp nips. But when I took her into my arms, she somehow knew that I would not hurt her. Ernie watched as Diamond gazed deeply into my eyes with her own liquid, wide, adoring, brown eyes. "This dog needs you," Ernie said. That was all I needed to learn about Diamond, so I took her home. Since Diamond did not know her name, I changed it to Lou Lou. Today, we go for rides together in the golf cart. She gets comforted when there is thunder and lightning. At the bank, she gets a milk bone, and at the chicken place, she gets a chicken tender. Every time Lou Lou uses the puppy pads, she gets a chew stick. She has lots of toys, but her favorite is her very first toy - a stuffed lion. Every morning, while we have coffee together, Lou Lou sits in my lap and gazes adoringly up at me with large brown eyes. Together, we continue to live happily ever after." – Diamond/Lou Lou's Mom





ASK JAFAR

Dear Jafar: I'm thinking of adopting a pet; of course, I would like to save one from a shelter. Do you have any advice?

Chances are, you'd never dream of going on a first date and getting married the same day. But isn't that a bit like adopting a shelter dog? You go to the shelter, pick out the perfect pup, then head home... together. Trouble is, while you're eagerly anticipating a future filled with unconditional love, countless tail wags, and constant companionship, the new dog doesn't have a clue what's going on. Luckily, there are a number of ways you can prepare your pet for his new life. • Schedule the adoption for a time when you can spend a few days at home. Eventually start working in a few brief absences (*a quick jaunt to the grocery store perhaps*) in order to help the dog get used to your comings and goings. Try to keep

arrivals and departures low-key. • While you are gone, give the new dog a quiet place to relax. • Establish a routine. Be clear about when and where the dog will eat, sleep, and go to the bathroom. Even if he's already housebroken, he may have a few "accidents" during this transition period. • Avoid getting touchy-feely too soon, as the newest member of your family may not enjoy being touched. If he doesn't, he may show signs of discomfort, such as lip licking, yawning, panting, and turning away from you. • Introduce the dog to new people and new experiences slowly. Don't rush off to the dog park right away. Give him a chance to get acclimated to his new surroundings. When loved ones visit, let him decide when he's ready to be petted. • Above all, be patient, and remember that your dog will need time to adjust to his forever home. For a general timeline, think in terms of "three days, three weeks, three months." During his first three days with you, the new dog will likely be stressed and may not reveal much of his true personality. After three weeks, he should start fitting into your routine and in three months, he should feel right at home. It could take as long as a year for him to fully adjust. Of course, some dogs make themselves at home the very first day! Personally, it took me almost a year, and even then, they had to put me on Prozac due to the awful childhood and adulthood I had prior to coming to Peewee's. Thanks to my medication, I now love everyone!



ENVIRONMENTAL ENRICHMENT FOR YOUR KITTY

Enriching a kitty's surroundings is about creating minimally stressful living quarters and reducing or eliminating unusual external events that cause anxiety. Any change to her daily routine is experienced by your cat as a stress-inducing unusual external event. The goal is to minimize change and maximize the amount of control kitty feels over her situation. There are several components to a cat's environment, and each should be considered from the viewpoint of a feline, including: • A safe, secure food and water

station, and a safe, secure litter box location. In the wild, cats not only hunt prey, they are prey for other animals. They feel most vulnerable while eating, drinking or eliminating. This vulnerability is what causes a fearful response when a cat's food dish or litter box is in a noisy or high traffic area. The basics of your kitty's life – food, water, and his bathroom, should be located away from any area that is noisy enough to startle him or make him feel trapped and unable to escape. • An approved place to climb and to scratch and places to rest and hide. Cats are climbers and scratchers. It's what nature compels them to do, and those urges don't disappear because kitty lives indoors. Your cat also needs her own resting place and a hiding place (sometimes these are the same spot) where she feels untouchable. In case you hadn't noticed, your favorite feline prefers to deal with the other creatures in her life on her terms, and according to her schedule. Happy captive kitties are given the opportunity to feel in control of their environment. • Appropriate sensory stimulation. Some cats love to look out the window. Others are mesmerized by fish in an aquarium. Some even enjoy kitty videos.



Also provide auditory stimulation similar to the ambient sounds your cat hears when you're home – music, a TV on in the background, etc. You can stimulate your pet's keen olfactory senses with cat-safe herbs or synthetic feline pheromones. If you happen to have a safe, fully enclosed porch or patio area that prevents your cat from getting out and other animals from getting in, your kitty might enjoy spending time outside in good weather. So, if you want a new kitty family member,

visit our kittens at **PETCO**, located in the Kohl's Shopping Center at Saratoga and Staples. Hopefully, you will fall in love and adopt one.

FUREVER GRATEFUL

We want to thank God for bringing Kay Wlodarek, owner of Tall Tails Transport, into our lives. Thank you, Kay, for your valiant efforts of traveling thousands of miles yearly through snow, rain, and heat to the extreme northwest and northeast. We are shipping hundreds of unwanted little creatures to wonderful loving homes. God has a special place in Heaven for Kay.

HOORAY!!!

Athena spent three years at Peewee's, continually going to **PETSMART** adoptions every weekend. We never even had an application on her. She was eventually transported to New Jersey a few months ago where she quickly found a loving home! We are so glad she found her happily ever after.

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



RECENT RESCUES



Lunch is a baby kitten brought here after being found mauled by a dog in the street. He was badly hurt, with open wounds and a broken rear leg. After a month of hospitalization and surgery, he is walking and loving life. **Mattie** roamed around the west side of town as a dirty grey mat. No one could touch her. A good Samaritan borrowed a trap from us, captured her, and brought her to Peewee's. After a good grooming, cleaning, and medical treatment for fleas, ticks, worms and an eye infection,



she is now friendly and awaiting a home. **Sally** is a sweet old lab who was overbred and underfed. She was found roaming Padre Island, where someone must have dumped her. She was skinny and, of course, full of heartworms. She is living as a loose dog up at our "nursing home" and is undergoing treatment for her heartworm infection. **Pomi** is a very old female Pomeranian mix found in the middle of Morgan and Staples unable to walk. Her rescuer thought she had been hit by a car, but it turned out to be severe anemia due to an infestation of fleas. She could barely breathe and definitely couldn't walk. After a blood transfusion and 10 days in the hospital, she got her teeth cleaned and is now one of our many seniors awaiting adoption. **Nellie** is an ancient pit bull mix found stumbling down the streets of Hillcrest, a neighborhood by the Harbor Bridge. She was picked up and brought to Peewee's by a tourist. She was nothing but skin and bones and, of course, she is heartworm positive. But good food and love have made her into one of our favorites here. Her smile brightens our day. **Georgie** is an old ferret with Cushing's syndrome who was found starving in a neighborhood near Ray High School. Someone threw him in the streets because he was sick, but after treatment and good food, he is growing hair, gaining weight, and is available for adoption. **Shepi** is an old German Shepherd who was found in Kingsville covered in sores and skinny. Of course, he is heartworm positive, but after a month of treatment for his skin condition, he put on weight and is awaiting a home. **Bandit** is a half-grown kitten who had been run over in a southside neighborhood with a broken, infected leg that needed surgery and a long recuperation. He eventually started walking and is looking for a home. **Rocky** made national news. Two guys working for Shoreline Plumbing discovered him bound and gagged with duct tape and plastic tubing in a ditch out in the countryside near Halo Flight. They brought him here where we gave him some fluids, vetted him, and found him a great home. **Pretzel** is a matted poodle rescued out of an animal control in South Texas. She had a broken leg that healed twisted up like a pretzel, which interfered with



her walking. She was also matted, covered in fleas, and so skinny you could see all her ribs. She put on weight, so we had her leg removed and she was quickly adopted. **Peki** was found in a gutter on Kostoryz after a car hit her. She was paralyzed from the waist down due to a spinal injury and will never walk again. But with a special wheelchair and physical therapy, she became whole again. She is happy and gets around like a champ. **Elephant Man**, found roaming in Ingleside, was the worst case of matting we have ever seen. It took four hours to shave him, and eight pounds of hair came off. He is the sweetest senior dog. He was so happy after a teeth cleaning and a bath and quickly found a new home.



As you can see, even though the situation has improved over the years, it is still appalling in this area. Animal abuse and neglect are rampant here, so I ask, please continue your support, and remember Peewee's is your grassroots shelter. We can make miracles happen with your help.



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