



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

Pet Adoption World & Sanctuary, Inc.

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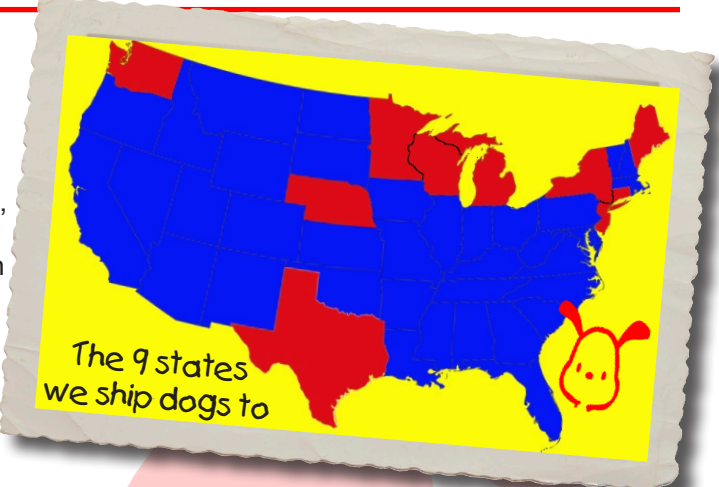


Spring 2018

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT/ ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Peewee's Supporter,

Well, the numbers for 2017 are in, and we here at Peewee's are as proud as a peacock!! We placed 1,843 pets with new owners, which was 743 or a 67.5% increase over 2016. As a result of this increase, we have started pulling animals from kill shelters in Kleberg, Refugio, Aransas, San Patricio and Jim Wells counties. Many of these wonderful pets were on the euthanasia list to be destroyed the next day!! Talk about a last second phone call of reprieve from the "governor!" It fills our hearts with satisfaction and contentment to give these pets a second chance, as well as bringing joy to families who will give these pets a loving home.



Our "Lucky Lodge" has done so much to make these pets feel safe as well as making it easier to socialize most of them. Elevated bedding and the ability to go indoor/outdoor at will helps to promote mental stability to some of these pets who have been abused and/or neglected in life. They also have the luxury of air conditioning in the summer and heat in the winter. The latter really came in handy with the recent cold weather that invaded South Texas. I should point out that plucking these pets from the surrounding counties while not costing us to do so, does cost us to spay/neuter, vaccinate, treat for illnesses, grooming, etc. to the tune of about \$100 per pet. Then there is the expense of getting them transferred to wonderful homes all over the United States. We do not glean any adoption fees for our efforts, so please help us continue our mission to save more this year by continuing your generous donations. We cannot make a difference without YOU!!

As always, on behalf of all of us at Peewee's, I want to thank all of you for your past and continuing support to make not only our dreams, but also for those of unwanted pets, a reality. I remain...

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



FUREVER GRATEFUL



• Don Stone came through again! In December, he put together the fourth annual "Volley for the Voiceless" Tennis Tournament at the Al Kruse Tennis Center to benefit the homeless animals at Peewee's. He raised \$1,640 from entry fees and donations, which he personally matched, for a total donation of \$3,280! The event also brought in lots of pet food! Peewee's Assistant Director, Bobby, plays in Don's tournament every year and finally got first place in his flight. Thank you, Don, we couldn't do this without you! And a big thanks to all those who contributed the expenses involved with production of the tournament. • Thank you to the Grainger, located at 430 Sunbelt in Corpus Christi, as well as the Grainger Foundation for a monetary donation of \$3,000, 4 industrial fans, and a 4-wheeled industrial

cart. The money will allow us to spay/neuter 100 dogs and cats, the fans will help us decrease our electric bill, and the cart will help us with food organization. Thank you, thank you, thank you, Grainger! • Boy Scout Troop 87 held a food drive and collected lots of food for the homeless animals at Peewee's, as well as bleach and paper towels. We always need these items! • Many thanks to Jacob Olivares of Boy Scout Troop 451 in Beeville, Texas, for building a whole bunch of dog cots for his Eagle Scout project. The dogs really love them! • Thank you to Lillie Hazen,



who for her 10th birthday, asked for money for veterinary expenses at Peewee's instead of birthday gifts. She brought us \$146, which will help save many animals.



WIN A BEAUTIFUL PIECE OF JEWELRY

Our good friend, Benny Ledford, owner of Goldsmith Jewelers located at 3816 S. Alameda in the Lamar Park Center, was kind enough to donate a gold ring in an effort to encourage your donations. Anyone who donates \$50 or more between now and May 1st, 2018 will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a 14k gold flower ring with a .50 carat diamond valued at \$700. Benny loves animals and has a Yorkshire Terrier named Lucky who goes to work with him every day! Thank you Benny, we appreciate your help!



Goldsmith

ASK JAFAR



Dear Jafar: I want a yard dog, but my wife is against it. What are your thoughts on this?

We've all experienced it, and in many neighborhoods you can hear more than one: the continuous, barking of a dog ignored and left in the backyard. Does he want out? Does he want food? It's likely he just wants to be a part of his family. It's unfortunate, but it happens. Some dog-owners think the best place for their dogs is outside, all the time. Why? Reasons vary, but in my opinion none of them are really all that good. Some dogs are left outside because they shed and their owners want to keep their houses clean. Other dogs are locked out because of destructive behavior or other bad behavior. And yet other dogs are left out in the cold because someone in the household is allergic to them. Sadly, often dogs are left outside by dog-owners that aren't putting enough effort into their pets. Whether they're unwilling or unable to train and socialize their dogs, or whether they have unrealistic expectations of their dog's behavior, some people find it



easier to just keep their dogs outside. But leaving a dog in the backyard can lead to a number of bad habits in dogs that might force the owner to want to give the dog away. Endless barking, destructive digging, chewing furniture, hoses, sprinklers, and shrubs are some possibilities. Some dogs left outside extensively become aggressive or hostile. Dogs are pack animals, and once they are welcomed into a family, humans become their pack. We urge all pet-owners and would-be pet-owners to choose a dog that's right for their lifestyle and can fit into their "pack." If you want your house to be spick and span, for example, it's not a good idea to get a German Shepherd or other dog that sheds heavily. If you don't have time to train and exercise a big, energetic dog, look for a smaller, mellower breed. Most of all, if you're not willing to welcome a dog into your family with open arms and open doors, it's probably best to consider another pet. It's not fair to the dog, and it's not fair for you. After all, we love dogs most of all for their companionship. You're not going to get much joy out of a dog that spends all its time away from you. If you currently have a dog that you've been keeping outside because of behavior problems, talk to your veterinarian or a behaviorist. If you're keeping a dog outside because a member of your household is allergic, talk with an allergist. The best and happiest dogs are dogs that are a part of family. If all you want is to keep a dog outside, buy a garden gnome instead. This subject is a sore spot for me. I was kept outside and abused until I came to Peewee's, and now me, Ernie, and Bobby are a family and a team, and I am living happily ever after. Of course, I am on Prozac and under constant training because I am a bad dog from being left outside and neglected the first five years of my life.

5 THINGS YOU SHOULDN'T DO TO YOUR CAT

• **Skip Flea Treatment** - Your cat stays indoors and rarely comes in contact with other animals. Why bother with a flea preventive for an indoor cat? Believe it or not, fleas can easily enter your home and cause big problems for cats. You may walk fleas into your home after visiting a friend with a dog or cat. With plenty of products available, keeping your cat free of fleas has never been easier. • **Put Your Cat Outdoors Unsupervised** - Think your cat longs to explore all of springtime's splendors on her own? Hey, she knows where she lives and she'd never wander off, right? Wrong. Your indoor kitty's reaction to the great outdoors might be curiosity, confusion, or fright. She may dart away into traffic or cower under a bush when a strange dog approaches. Keep Kitty safely harnessed, leashed, and reassured by your presence when outdoors, for her peace of mind and yours. • **Leave Windows Open** - Loosely screened windows can pose a hazard to curious cats. Excitement over a robin's fly-by may cause your mellow tabby to accidentally dislodge that screen and plummet to the ground. If you're at work when the incident happens, hours could pass before you realize your cat is hurt or missing. Ensure that your window screens are sturdy and limit window openings to an inch or two when you're not around to keep Kitty safely indoors. • **Hold Your Cat On Your Lap While Driving** - Most cats dislike traveling and resent being cooped up in their carriers, but a free-range cat in a moving vehicle can become a terrified, furry missile. An unconfined cat is distracting to the driver, and vulnerable to injury or escape. With your cat on the loose, ping-ponging around the car, your final destination is disaster. Buckle your cat's carrier in place for a safe road trip. • **Ignore Those Hairballs** - Felines are self-grooming and their constantly busy tongues capture loose fur, which is then swallowed. When your cat hacks up a hairball, you probably just sigh in annoyance—that's how cats are, right?—and clean up the mess. But lending a hand in grooming can greatly reduce the amount of hair your cat ingests, which means there's less to be processed or spewed up. Cats don't enjoy hurling those hairballs any more than we enjoy removing them from the living room carpet. Frequent hairballs can also be a sign of gastrointestinal disease. Talk to your veterinarian if you have to clean up more than one or two a month. Don't forget, if you want a new kitty, go to Petco at Saratoga and Staples to adopt one from Peewee's!



A NICE LETTER FROM A PEEWEE'S PARENT

"Dear Peewee's, in 2006, we adopted this sweet boy from you. We named him Pepper, and for ten years he brought great joy and many laughs to our lives. Sadly, a year ago today, we had to say goodbye to him. Pepper was a fighter – he fought hard to beat diabetes and other health issues. Through it all, he never lost his smile or "peppiness". Thank you for the work you do to unite people with pets who bless our lives truly. Please use this donation in Pepper's memory to continue uniting people with pets." – Mark, Christian, & Bella



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



RECENT RESCUES

What kind of degenerate would dump these **3 pups** out at the Joe Fulton Corridor? They were hungry and scared, but thanks to a Good Samaritan, their lives were spared. They were brought to Peewee's, and after some TLC and treatment, they all went to their forever homes in another state. **Buddy**, a lab mix pup, was found at a Dairy Queen on Ayers with a homemade splint. It was too tight, which caused an infection that he could have died from. Thank God he got here in time. After hospitalization and surgery, his leg was saved. Like many others, he traveled up north to his new loving home. **Blue** is a deaf Heeler mix that was found abandoned in a metal cage at the corner of Port and Morgan. People kept driving by, but a lady on her way to work saw her and decided to see if she was still there at lunch. Hours later, she was still there. The cage bottom was metal and very hot. The dog was in the sun all day and covered in poop. She and a stranger loaded the cage and brought her to Peewee's. Thank God for Good Samaritans. Blue is safe, vetted, and awaiting a special home. **Teddy** is a boxer mix that was found wandering Rodd Field road very skinny, weighing only 40 pounds. All he needed was groceries. Someone apparently starved him, then threw him out on the streets covered in fleas and ticks. He now weighs a healthy 75 pounds and is waiting for a home. **Bones** is a kitty that was found limping in Flour Bluff. One of its rear legs dried up with only the bones still there. Thank God, with antibiotics and the leg amputated, he survived and went to Houston to a good home. **Mamacita** was a chained Chihuahua in Robstown who got pregnant by a much bigger dog. She could not deliver her babies. When the owner of the dog called and asked for help, we knew a C-section would be her only salvation. We agreed to help on the condition that we keep the dog and find it a better home. Why would we give the dog back to an animal abuser? Though all of the puppies were dead and rotting inside, Mamacita made a full recovery and lives happily ever after. **Crusty** is a poor puppy that we saved from a rural kill shelter the day before he was set to be euthanized. He was painfully uncomfortable with mange that made his skin feel like it was on fire. With treatment, he came out of his shell, got well, and was shipped off to a wonderful home. A **box full of puppies** was left on Saratoga by our mailbox by some coward that could have just called. We would have not only taken the pups, but offered to spay their mother for free so this wouldn't happen again. &*&^#*&%^@#*!!!!, it makes me furious, they could have all been killed on Saratoga. They all were nursed back to health and found good homes. **2 giant pups** were left in a crate on our porch, again, what asses! The people could have called and we would have not only saved them, but gotten the mom fixed too to prevent this from happening again. **Curly** – someone found this mop in the 78415 zip code. More animal cruelty. Thank God, under this was a dog that was saved, with meds for an eye infection, skin infection and a good teeth cleaning along with spaying and shots. This baby found a home in Houston in no time after all that. **Limpy** came from a kill shelter the day before euthanasia. She was in pain and very afraid, but Dr. Garrett at Everhart Animal Hospital pinned her broken femur. She is still there coming out of her shell. A **box of kitties** suffering from dehydration, eye infections, and ringworm were found by a dumpster at Stripes. May God forgive the person that did this. As far as the babies, they got well and went to Petco to find forever homes.



Well, I keep fooling myself thinking that people are getting better, but now that we are able to dig deeper into the barrel of the unwanted and abused, the reality is that we have many hurdles and years of work to go to improve and hopefully cure the problem of abuse and neglect of pets in Corpus Christi. With your help, we can keep on keeping on. I will continue to fight for and save God's little creatures with every breath I take, until I take my last one. – Ernie Cochran, Shelter Director

This is the type of work your donations help fund.



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- Volunteers
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