



# A No-Kill Animal Shelter Peewee's

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Peewee's Supporter,

By the time this newsletter will be in your mailbox, the waning days of summer will be upon us, and no doubt you will be getting ready to send the children back to start the new school year.

I am pleased to announce that the construction of the Harvey Grossman Animal Hospital is indeed underway. We are hoping that it should be completed and operational before the end of September, weather permitting. Thank you, Harvey Grossman, for remembering God's little animals! We sure could use your help with donations so that we can purchase equipment for the new hospital. One of the most important items is a laser therapy unit to aid in the healing of wounds and pain relief. Brand new, this item costs about \$21,000. We will be able to buy one fully refurbished to factory specs for only \$8,000. This includes shipping and training. Unfortunately, so far, we've only raised \$1,000 for this piece of equipment, so please open your wallets, checkbooks, and purses as we could really use your help on this one.

An update on the adoptions is pretty impressive. We are placing an average of 7 dogs per day all over the U.S. We utilize the services of transporters to ship our dogs to their new forever homes. Through July we have placed 1,375 dogs. Once again this is not a cheap endeavor. For a \$50 donation, you can sponsor a dog to help get it transported so that it may live happily ever after.

As you can read from the above, it seems we are forever growing and with this expansion we continue to need your never-ending support. So please, do so by continuing to donate so that you can help those who cannot help themselves. Thank you. I remain....

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

## FUREVER GRATEFUL


Thanks to Don Stone for putting on for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row the Volley for the Voiceless Tennis Tournament in which he raised \$5,620 for the shelter dogs at Peewee's. May God Bless you, Don Stone! He not only does all the work, but also matches the proceeds out of this own pocket!!! Peewee's Assistant Director, Bobby George, and his brother, Jason George, got 1<sup>st</sup> place in their division!

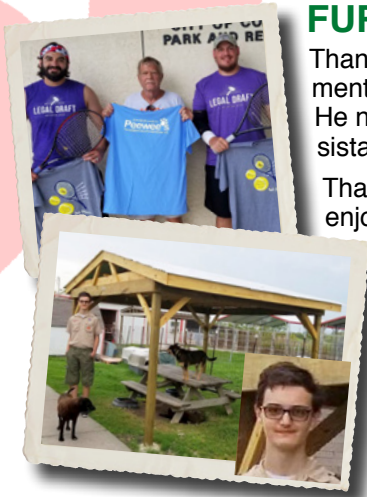
Thank you to Noah Major for building a wonderful new pavilion for our people and animals to enjoy at our large dog area. It was especially difficult to do this in the heat of July. He also donated the remaining \$356 he raised that was left over from construction.

Thank you to Kim Rezk from Kanines and Kitties for helping us all summer while off from teaching school. She saved us a lot of money by providing us with her labor and fostered many animals for us while waiting to be transported out of state. God Bless you, Kim.

We are forever grateful to Margaret Jean "Peg" Owens for thinking of Peewee's when making her will. She passed away and left a lot of her estate to benefit the homeless animals in San Patricio County and us at Peewee's.

## RING WINNER

Congratulations to Julie Volz for being randomly selected to win a beautiful ring donated by Benny Ledford of Goldsmith Jewelers. Julie has been donating to Peewee's since 2009 after she adopted a beagle named Ruby from our mobile adoption site at . Julie stated, "I remember the day so vividly. When we were at Petco, she seemed so docile and kind of sad. Well, that behavior quickly changed once we brought her home! She ran around the yard - she was so happy!!! She was finally at her forever home. Our sweet Ruby is now 10 years old, and she has continued to be such a joyful part of our lives. We are forever grateful to Peewee's for bringing us together." Thank you, Julie, for adopting and donating!



## ASK JAFAR

**Dear Jafar: I think my pet is lonely while I'm gone. Is this possible?**

Yes, and this is more common than you think. Pets go through many of the same emotions we experience. Because most pets are social creatures, they tend to thrive in the company of humans or other animals. Here are eight ways to help your pet feel less blue while you're gone: **1. Let her look outside.** Pets are super visual creatures. They like to look out the window and watch squirrels, birds, and rabbits run around, even if they can't go after them themselves. Install a doggy door so he can go out in the yard and play. **2. Keep him occupied.** Make sure he has plenty of toys to stay busy and distracted while you're away. If you have a cat, make sure he has plenty of scratching posts around the house. **3. Play music or put on the television.**

Sights and sounds are comforting and distracting for pets, as long as the volume is at a reasonable level.

And what music is best to calm and relax your pet? Classical music. Cats specifically enjoy the violins in classical music while dogs prefer it mixed with a little ambient noise like dogs barking or people talking. Bach on! **4. Get him a sibling.** But do it the right way and for the right reasons. Make sure it's for his physical or mental well-being and not for your guilt. If your veterinarian deems your pet healthy enough to have a household companion and if you have the financial means and available time to appropriately care for multiple pets, then the process of pursuing an additional pet can be pursued. And take your pet along for the adoption process. **5. Socialize her.** If you think she needs socialization, set up a play date, take her to the park, or consider enrolling her in daycare. It will help you decide if she needs a constant playmate (like a sibling) or just a friend from time to time. **6. Exercise her before you leave.** Take her for an early run or walk or play a game with her in the house. If she exerts a lot of energy early in the day, she will be tired and less anxious that you're leaving. **7. Talk to your vet.** If her depression and anxiety doesn't improve – especially after weeks or months of trying various techniques – talk to your vet about behavioral drugs as another option. Personally, I required one year of Prozac to get over my aggressive behavior toward strangers due to being tortured and abused as a young pup. But it worked, and now I love everyone, except those who are mean to my mom, Ernie.

## HOW TO STOP YOUR KITTY FROM RUINING YOUR FURNITURE

You love your cat, but you love your leather sofa as well. Here's how to stop your cat from scratching up the furniture in your home. Cats and kittens all around the world scratch things, particularly objects with certain textures. That's because, for your cat, it's an instinctual form of exercise. It's a way of stretching muscles in the legs and back and sharpening claws. Scratching is also a scent marking action. Cats have glands in their paws, the scent of which many not be obvious to humans but is distinguishable by other cats, dogs, and animals roaming around. When a cat scratches, it's also marking their territory. So, from the perspective of a cat, scratching is normal. What you can

do, however, is teach them to redirect their behavior to the appropriate place. When it comes to training cats, patience and praise are important. Rather than try to force them to go against their instincts, it's better to redirect those habits into something more appropriate, such as a scratching post, which can be purchased on their own or as part of a cat tree. The perfect scratch post is: At least as tall as your cat is when standing on their hind legs, well balanced so it won't topple over, and not too heavy or tall that it would crush your cat if it fell. Some cats like to scratch vertically on the post, while some prefer a horizontal action. You can orientate the scratch post either way to suit your kitty. Some folks recoil at the thought of turning their home into a cat scratching paradise, but if you care about your furniture (and your cat's well-being) then too many scratch posts is better than not enough. Start with one in the cat's favorite room and expand from there. There are a few ways you can mark certain areas of the house off limits to your cat and encourage use of scratching posts and trees. Purchase a catnip spray or use some dried catnip and rub it on the scratching post. This will attract your cat to it and encourage them to use it. Cats like a good scratch after waking up from a nap. By placing the post near their sleeping spot, you're giving your kitty the perfect spot to sharpen their claws without having to roam around the house. If your cat has been living with you (and scratching) for a while, they might already have a favorite piece of furniture or two to sink their claws into. You can protect your furniture by placing a sheet over it. If that doesn't work, try aluminum foil or double-sided tape. You already know that cats have scent glands in their paws. You can mimic this scent by using a product like Feliway, an artificial pheromone you spray on furniture to make your cat think they have already scratched that area. It can also help to spray the area being scratched with Febreze or another odor removing spray. Cats also tend to dislike citrus scents, so a natural orange or lemon air freshener sprayed on the furniture can be quite effective. If the favored scratching spot smells odd and the new scratching post smells like catnip, it won't be a tough choice. Training your cat to use a scratch post might only take a few days. For others, it can take weeks or even months. Every day is different, so stay on the course, even if you don't see results right away. It's well worth the effort for peace of mind when it comes to your favorite furniture.

## A NICE LETTER FROM A PEEWEE'S PARENT

"Greetings from Virginia! I called yesterday to inquire about adoptable dogs y'all may have and mentioned how much we love our pup, Margarita, whom my husband Mike and I adopted when we were stationed in Corpus. I stumbled upon Margarita (who went by the name 'Mommy Chow') in May of 2007. She was nursing her puppies who were up for adoption at Petco. I was in Petco with my then 5-year-old dog, Quinn (who also was an adopted pup but from New York and also a chow mix). I was informed Margarita was not up for adoption but her puppies were. I was told she was part of the sanctuary and considered "unadoptable." Luckily, it was love at first sight and all of you saw it as well. I visited her with Quinn at the sanctuary a few times before making her a part of our family. She was 2 or 3 at the time and now is 12 or 13. Margarita is just the best girl in the world and we love her attitude. She is just an awesome size, 30lbs, and is full of personality. Thank you for all that you do for the dogs and community in Corpus and everywhere."

- Duffy, Michael, Eddie, & Margarita Danish



## RECENT RESCUES



May

**May** is a chocolate lab pup that we rescued from the CCACS euthanasia list. She had a fractured pelvis and an infection in her bones. She was hospitalized at Everhart Animal Hospital and received long-term antibiotics and laser therapy treatments. She limps, but so do a lot of people. She is waiting for a home. **Luke, Leia, and Han** are a trio that were on the brink of death on death row at CCACS for being heartworm positive. They have been treated and are now awaiting transport out of state or a place in your own. They are sweet, friendly, and grateful to be alive. **Kirk, Spock, and McCoy** were found by Crosstown and Saratoga in this cardboard box taped shut. A passerby stopped when they thought they saw the box moving. It was almost 95 degrees and the pups were very hot and panting. They were also covered in fleas and ticks, but they all managed to survive. Come adopt them! **Lungs** is a kitten that was heard screaming from inside a dumpster at an apartment complex. When a tenant went to throw out their trash, they found a box taped shut with the kitten meowing for help. The person saved the kitten's life and brought her to Peeweewees. **Tilly** is a mixed terrier that was hit by a car and was possibly going to be put to sleep by animal control. A good Samaritan called us and brought her to us. She needed hip surgery after recuperating from a fractured pelvis, but she is now ready for a family of her own. **Bubblehead** is a little chocolate happy dog with some mental slowness due to an abnormally large skull. The owners said that they couldn't houstrain him, so they "had to get rid of him." Well, Bubblehead thrived in the company of this baby and is now living happily ever after in Maine. **Poo** is a poodle mix that



Annie



Luke, Leia, & Han



Blackie



Kirk, Spock & McCoy



Prissy



Lungs

came to us scrawny and malnourished with a skin infection from hell. He was on the euthanasia list at CCACS. After grooming, lots of good meals, antibiotics, and lots of therapeutic baths, he looked beautiful and was adopted. **Annie** is a Boxer pup that was found roaming the streets emaciated and brought to us by a good Samaritan. She had flea anemia, ear mites, and was deaf, which is probably why the owners threw her in the ditch. But after treatments and groceries, she is now awaiting a loving home. **Blackie** is an old skinny black lab that was found by a disabled vet who took the time to befriend and catch this scared soul. He brought him to us and Blackie is now comfortably in AC and undergoing heartworm treatment and eating all he wants. So, if you are looking for a grateful senior dog, this guy is for you.



Kimmy



Tilly

**Prissy** is a homeless cat that was spotted with a rotting tail. After antibiotics and a tail amputation, Prissy was healthy and got adopted. **Kimmy** is a hairless Boston Terrier that came to us with a bad case of demodectic mange, which I'm sure was why the owners dumped her. She was found wandering the streets scrounging for her next meal. She is now safe, healthy, and happy in a new home. **Limpy** is a precious kitten that was found in a ditch dragging a crushed broken leg. After hospitalization for starvation, he survived and was finally healthy enough for an amputation. He did wonderful on three legs and is living in Dallas. **Rin Tin Tin** is a beautiful German Shepherd that arrived from a kill shelter with a crushed rear leg. He was set to die the next day. He was thin, obviously hit by a vehicle, and had bones sticking out. After surgery, he needed some therapy and to put on some weight, but was quickly picked for transport and is living happy ever after in Michigan.



Limpy



Bubblehead



Rin Tin Tin



Poo



Even though I try to always assume "positive intent" by all humans, may God forgive the awful people who have thrown away all these wonderful souls. All these stories are why I started Peeweewees and what makes me proceed with this work. Saving these precious lives is not cheap. Not only do we have the costs associated with a shelter, but we also have our own veterinarian and on-site clinic to spay/neuter/treat all the animals we take in before adopting them out. Vetting all the dogs we placed through July cost us over \$100,000. Once again, I thank you for your support, for without your donations we could not continue to do this.

— Ernie Cochran, Shelter Director

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**Peewee's Wish List**

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

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