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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Peewee's Supporter,

We are saving more animals than ever before at your Peewee's. While we are continuing our local adoptions, the word is out in the rest of the country, where there appears to be a shortage of dogs for adoption, to get them transported from Corpus Christi, where we have a never ending supply of strays from which to adopt. Since January, we have taken in 3,000 animals and either adopted or shipped out 1,561 through October.

While this is a most wonderful thing, it comes at an expense. To give you an idea, one third of the dogs we take in are heartworm positive and need to be treated at an average cost of \$200 each. We then have to spay/neuter, vaccinate, and deworm them as well, which costs us about \$75 each. We want to save as many as we can, but in order to do so, we need your continued financial support for which we have been, continue to be, and always shall be most grateful. I might add that we have saved 66% more pets this year than last, and it is the direct result of your generosity. The euthanasia rate at kill shelters in South Texas has dropped due to our diligence and your contributions!! Let's keep up the fight, effort, and good work!!

The season of celebration is upon us and so, as I am fond of saying, regardless of your faith, please accept from me on behalf of all the people at your Peewee's a happy, safe, and joyous holiday season as well as a prosperous and awesome New Year's. I remain...

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



COMMON DOG MYTHS



- **Dogs should have a litter before they are spayed.** This is not true. Dogs that have a litter before they are spayed are not better for it in any way. In fact, spayed dogs are at lower risk for breast cancer and uterine infections.
- **Dogs are sick when their noses are warm.** The temperature of a dog's nose does not indicate health or illness. It also does not indicate if they have a fever. There is an "old wives tale" that cold wet noses indicate good health and that warm or dry noses indicate a fever or illness. The only accurate method to access a dog's temperature is to take it with a thermometer. Normal dog temperature is 100.5 to 102.5 degrees F.
- **Mixed breeds are always healthier than purebred dogs.** This is not true. Both mixed breed and purebred dogs can be either healthy or unhealthy. However, mixed breeds generally do not have many of the genetic diseases that may be common in purebred lines.
- **All dogs like to be petted on their heads.** Some dogs do like to be petted on their heads but many do NOT.

THE NEW KITTEN

It happens – the senior dog who coexisted peacefully for years with an adult cat unexpectedly goes after the newly adopted kitten. New kitty owners should realize that a kitten's smell, pitiful mewing, and immature behaviors can elicit a dog's latent territorial or prey drive, particularly the latter, because wild canines prey on young vulnerable animals. No matter how good her relationship with your mature cat, give your dog time to adjust to the newcomer. Initially separate the two, but allow your dog into areas where the kitten's been so she becomes accustomed to the scent. Let her hear the kitten in another room and reward her when she relaxes and ignores the sound. Once your dog stays calm despite the kitten's noises, the two can view and sniff each other through a baby gate. As your dog accepts the kitten's presence, gradually and watchfully increase interactions, but never leave them together unattended until the kitten matures to act less kittenish and you feel your dog considers the young cat a family member.





ASK JAFAR

Dear Jafar: My vet suggested laser therapy for my dog with arthritis. What can you tell me about this?



Therapeutic lasers are receiving more attention in both the human and veterinary medical fields. They have been used for years in Europe and, with FDA approval, are now gaining popularity in the United States. Therapeutic lasers are different than surgical lasers, which cut tissue and simultaneously cauterize blood vessels by excess heating. Therapeutic lasers emit specific light waves, which send energy into damaged tissues and create beneficial changes at a cellular level. The laser energy promotes cell metabolism, which leads to improved function, pain relief, and healing. On a biochemical level, the laser causes a decrease



in inflammatory substances, shortens the course of inflammation, and helps deliver the body's own healing factors to treated areas. Therapeutic lasers have many applications, including treatment of ear infections, acute and chronic soft tissue injuries, wound and fracture healing, and chronic arthritis pain. Perhaps the most exciting application for pet patients is pain relief. Therapeutic lasers have no harmful effects when used properly, and treatment sessions are comfortable for patients. The laser therapy is performed in a quiet room and generates a pleasant warming sensation enjoyed by most animals. The number of treatment sessions varies with the individual patient, ailment, and duration of the injury. Acute conditions, such as bite wounds or trauma may need four to six laser treatments, whereas chronic conditions, such as arthritis, might require more treatments to achieve measurable relief. Here at Peewee's, we frequently send injured dogs to Everhart Animal Hospital for laser therapy and it is like magic. Personally, I am healthy as a horse and have not needed it.

SHARING THE BED WITH YOUR DOGS

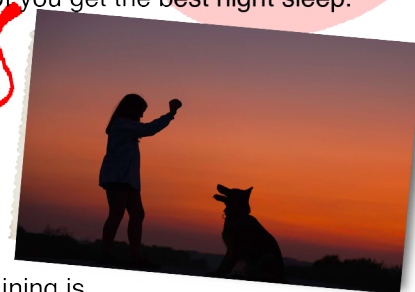


Is having a dog companion in the bedroom helpful or detrimental to an individual's sleep quality? A new Mayo Clinic study says having canine companions could actually help some people sleep better. Today, 40 million American households have canine companions. More than just being pets, many think of their dogs as members of the family. However, people are still divided when it comes to letting their dogs sleep in the bedroom. While others find it comforting, some find that having their dogs in the bedroom is a detriment to their sleep quality. To clear things up a little bit, researchers from Mayo Clinic's Center for Sleep Medicine conducted a study on the effects of having dogs in the bedroom on human sleep. To do this, they enlisted 40 healthy individuals without any sleep

disorders and with dogs of over 5 months old. Both the dogs and the owners were given sleeping trackers to monitor their sleep patterns for seven nights. What researchers found was that the participants who let their dogs sleep in the bedroom actually had good sleep regardless of whether their dogs were small such as Yorkshire Terriers or large such as Great Danes. However, participants who let their dogs actually sleep in the bed with them experienced disrupted sleep. Basically, letting the dogs sleep in the bedroom results in good sleep quality, but having them on the bed results in poorer sleep quality. It's worth noting that the sample size of the study is fairly small at just 40 participants, so perhaps further and larger studies may be needed to confirm the findings. What's more, none of the dogs were below 6 months of age, so the results will likely be different with young and energetic puppies. According to researchers, the relationship between humans and their pets has changed over the years, with more and more people wanting to spend as much time as they can with their pets when they get home from work. This is likely why many pet owners opt to having their pets in the bedroom even while they sleep and perhaps why they unknowingly find comfort in having their pets in the bedroom. Despite the limitations of the study, it may still be comforting for some people to know that having their dogs in the bedroom while they sleep won't cause sleep problems and disruptions — as long as they stay off the bed, that is. Do whatever works for you and your pooch so that both of you get the best night sleep.

AGILITY TIPS

If your dog consistently leaves you during agility practices and refuses to return, she may be saying she's not ready for the level of difficulty presented and needs you to work more on preparation training. You should improve your communication skills because your cues lack the clarity she requires, causing her to feel confused and to want to avoid working. Boredom may have set in due to too long a training session or lack of correctly timed reinforcements. Try shorter sessions and reward your dog immediately after she performs an obstacle or maneuver she finds difficult, even if it falls in the middle of the instructor's sequence. Agility training is a great thing for the fitness of your dog and yourself, give it a try! There are wonderful sites on the internet to get you started.



HURRICANE HARVEY LETTER FROM A PEEWEE'S PARENT

Dear Peewee's Pet Adoption,

Thank you for all your efforts to help animals in need during this difficult time. I put together this collection of supplies from family and friends and my local animal hospital (Fine Animal Hospital, Bedford Hills, NY). Kindness to animals should always be appreciated. This picture is of our dog, Lola, who we adopted in Nyack, NY. Lola came from your rescue agency. She is the love of our lives! Thank you! Best Wishes. — Kelly Guich, Katonah, NY



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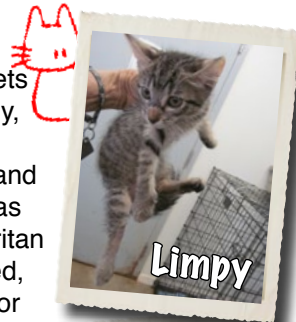
RECENT RESCUES

Tiger is a fat girl kitty. Someone spotted this poor thing wandering on the streets of our city. That is a tumor the size of a plum on the end of her tail. Fortunately, we removed the tumor along with half of her tail and she lives happily ever after. The **Three Amigos** are poodle mixes that someone posted their plight and circumstances on the internet. They were matted, living in a cage, and used as breeders in the valley. We said we would take them, though the Good Samaritan had to pay the owner \$150 to give them up. We had them groomed and fixed, and they were adopted to a loving home in less than a week. **Mattie** is a poor female poodle who had maggots under her hair. She was so matted, it took 4 hours to shave it all off. It was like wearing a fur coat in 100 degree weather, with bugs crawling under it. She was thin and miserable, but again, after being vetted and shaved, she was in a great home within a week. **Charlie**, a sweet beagle mix, came to us with a bone sticking out of his broken leg, the foot just dangling and bone infection setting in. He had been abandoned in a mobile home by renters in Orange Grove. I hope those people pay dearly by the hand of God. After surgery, antibiotics, and TLC, he was in a wonderful home after 3 weeks of treatment. **18 Chihuahuas** were brought to us after being found wandering the streets in Aransas Pass after the Hurricane and were never claimed. We vetted and cared for them, and they were gone to the East Coast in no time. **Spuds** is a 10 year old bull terrier that was found wandering the streets and had grape sized tumors all over, along with a lime sized tumor on her tongue. She was in desperate need of dental care and had hundreds of fleas. She did not want to eat and was very lethargic. Well thank God someone brought her in. After treatment for the mouth infection, a dental, removal of the tumors, and treatment for the skin infection, she was cheerful and thankful and went to a special place in Houston. **Fatty**, a middle aged fat cat, was scraped off the pavement after being run over. Her fat probably saved her life, but she did have a lot of road rash on her back. She was hospitalized, received laser treatment, and her pelvis healed. She had a horrid skin infection that cleaned up with antibiotics, and she now lives with a nice family. **Limpy** is a scared scrawny kitty found on the west side of town dragging a leg. You could feel all his ribs and the leg was badly broken. After 6 weeks at Everhart Animal Hospital, he recuperated and found a wonderful home. **Pirate** is a tiny 4 pound Chihuahua that was found in the back of Mother Earth materials near Petronila. One eye was missing and other was badly damaged. A compassionate employee found him and saved his life. He was brought to Peewee's, and after a few days of meds, food, and treatment, he went to Houston to a place for special needs dogs. **Mommy** is an overbred old Chiweenie with a hernia the size of a potato. She was found wandering around Falfurrias. A nice lady brought her here. Of course, she is a heartworm positive, but after her hernia operation, spay, and some TLC, she traveled to another state where she has a wonderful home. These **5 scared puppies** were set to be euthanized at Duval County Animal Control. They were covered in ringworm. We vetted them, and after a month of treatment for ringworm, they were healthy and went to the west coast. A **Mommy and 5 puppies** were found on the highway between Alice and San Diego by a gentleman who barely had enough money to drive them here. May God bless him for saving them. They all got fixed, vaccinated, and cured of all that ailed them. They were scared to death, that was the hardest thing to conquer. Eventually they came around and went to Maine to be adopted. Someone left this complete family of **7 kitties** in a box at the Stripes in Rockport after Hurricane Harvey. May God bless the compassionate employees that took the time and spent their gas to bring them to us. They all got fixed and went to Fort Worth to find new homes.

It is a wonderful thing that we now can save many more lives, from Beeville all the way to the Valley, and send them all over the US to wonderful homes, since there is a finite availability of good homes in

Corpus Christi. But this costs money, and remember we do not collect an adoption fee for transported dogs, so please open your hearts and help save more of God's helpless little souls. I am in Heaven doing what I'm doing, but I cannot do it without your help. Thank you, God bless, and Happy Holidays. – Ernie Cochran, Shelter Director

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

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