



# A No-Kill Animal Shelter Peewee's



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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT / ANNUAL REPORT



Dear Peewee's Supporters,

Ladies and Gentlemen, boys and girls, hold on to your seats! 2018 was a banner year for Peewee's. We found homes for 1,999 pets. The pets that made it to our facility didn't just come from the streets of Corpus Christi, but they also came from kill shelters that were as far away as 100 miles! How blessed these poor abandoned, abused, and unloved pets were to make it through the gates of Peewee's to be given a second chance to enjoy life, to never know hunger again, and to be loved by a caring family. What is really cool is that we placed animals in 40 different communities around the United States where there is a shortage of pets to be adopted and are snatched up by loving families almost the moment they arrive. Corpus Christi apparently is the place these out of state shelters seek when it comes to fulfilling their needs to acquire pets for adoption. I'm glad we are able to help.



Now for some more interesting information. Between those adopted by Peewee's and pets belonging to the public, we spayed and neutered 3,990 cats and dogs last year. It's only a drop in the bucket but it is helping to diminish the ever-present stray and unwanted pet population in our community.

Speaking of the community, here is some exciting news. This Spring, The Cattery will be the recipients of a new shelter being built next door to us at 1237 Saratoga. I believe having two shelters, each specializing in one species, in extremely close proximity to each other will be beneficial to those who are looking to add to their family.

As you know, the cost of everything is increasing. It costs us \$25 for each totally healthy dog we take in for vaccinations, heartworm test, blood test, surgical supplies, and suture, so we can get them ready for adoption. This does not include the spay/neuter surgery itself or an animal that comes in with an illness or injury. So, for each \$25 you donate, you will help us save a dog off the streets and send them to a wonderful future.



Thank you for your continued support. I remain....

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



## FUREVER GRATEFUL

We are eternally grateful to Jacqueline Klein Stroyman for her continued support of Peewee's. She donated \$1,000 which went to outfitting the Harvey Grossman Animal Hospital with puppy pens, dog pens, shelves, exam tables, cleaning supplies, and pet supplies. All of these items were very important to the operation of the new hospital! Jacqueline also donated \$3,000 to help us treat any heartworm positive dogs that we rescued off the streets or from Animal Control. That's enough to cover between 20 large dogs and 60 small dogs! Whenever she is in town, she loves to come visit the animals and give them toys and treats. Thank you, Jacqueline! We couldn't do this without you.



We would like to thank Jim Caldwell, a Board Member for the Corpus Christi Cycle Club, for bringing us a \$500 donation from the club. It will go a long way toward the medical care of our homeless animals. Thank you, Jim!



Thank you to Seth Sulsh for constructing cat towers for our homeless kitties as part of his Eagle Scout Project. The towers even meet the state standards for being able to be properly disinfected. Seth and his family love cats and are long-time donors and adopters of Peewee's.



## ASK JAFAR

**Dear Jafar: I want to share my life with a pet. Should I get a cat or a dog?**

We're a nation of pet lovers, and rightly so! Cats and dogs offer unconditional love, affection and friendship, as well as a host of therapeutic benefits, such as improved general health and wellbeing – after all, who doesn't like a cuddle from a furry friend at the end of a long day? Cats and dogs have different needs and characteristics, so this decision is influenced as much by the type of lifestyle you have as it is your personal favorite. It's less about 'dog vs cat' and more about taking into account your activity levels, the space you have at home, whether you have children or not, and how much time you can give to a pet. One thing you should do is evaluate how busy you are and think about your free time. Dogs love to go places and do things. You want to be able to

provide them with ample outings, exercise, attention, and activities. Another thing to check is your finances. You need to be prepared to spend \$1,000 a year on a pet, if not more when an emergency arises. When deciding if you want a pet, you have to think about the people who live with you. If the people are your family or your significant other, the decision to have a pet will likely be one you make together. You have to figure out everyone's preferences and what they feel about the different kinds of cats and dogs. You also have to check to see if your family members or roommates have any cat or dog allergies. You don't want a roommate or family member to be miserable or to get attached to a pet you can't keep. Cats can be quite affectionate and attentive, but only up to a point. They tend to become bored or overstimulated much more easily than dogs, and at that point they want to escape for a while. So, if you prefer a pet to keep you company but isn't especially needy, consider a cat. If you have limited indoor space, a busy lifestyle or simply want a more independent pet, you might be better suited to a cat rather than a dog. Cats are relatively quiet and are happy to be left alone to sleep and entertain themselves for most of the day. They don't need walking, so cats are often well-suited to less active people. They do enjoy social interaction, though, and love being played with. Regular grooming is important too, especially if you have a long-haired cat. If you choose a cat to fit your lifestyle, carefully consider the length of hair. The longer the hair, the more daily brushing is required. If you choose a dog, carefully consider size, the bigger the dog the more exercise it will need. No matter which species you choose to adopt, with enough love and affection, you will surely find a forever friend, and remember, all pets are like getting a new baby. On the other hand, my mom, Ernie, does not consider any of the above. She picked me because I picked her. I'm cranky, difficult, lift my leg, and generally a pain in the @\$\$, but God sent me to her, and so be it.



## NICE LETTER FROM A PEEWEE'S PARENT

This is Lenora. We adopted her from Lakeland Animal Shelter in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. She is a sweet little dog who loves everyone she meets. Thank you for rescuing her.



Lenora

## RING WINNER

Congratulations to Kim Murphy for being randomly selected to win a beautiful set of heart shaped sterling silver/malachite earrings donated by Benny Ledford of Goldsmith Jewelers. Anyone who donated \$25 or more from the release of the last newsletter until Christmas was entered in the drawing. Kim and her husband, Larry Osswald, have been long-time Peewee's donors since 2009. They have four rescue dogs; Sally (from Peewee's), Sam, Coco, and Sheila. Thank you Kim and Larry for adopting and donating!



## MAGICAL SUCCESS STORIES

Here are some of animals we rescued here locally with their new families in the Northeast. Look how happy they are!



## TO MY DOG

- I will never move and not take you with me. • I will never put you in a shelter and leave.
- I will never let you starve. • I will never let you hurt.
- I will never desert you when you get old, nor will I leave you when you go blind.
- If that time comes, I will be there to hold you.
- **Because I love you and you are FAMILY.**



## RECENT RESCUES

**Allie** is a kitty that was found wandering the streets of Corpus Christi with a broken and bloody tail that had to be amputated. She recovered nicely and was later adopted by the good Samaritan who found her. **Fannie** is a sweet hairless stray who was found wandering the streets and was picked up by Animal Control. Her skin was sticky with infection and had a foul odor. We sprung her from jail, cured her demadectic mange and infection, and put some meat on her bones. She is the sweetest girl and now is awaiting a new warm home. **Sammy**, a basset mix, was hit by a car at Everhart and SPID, picked up by a volunteer, and brought to us scraped up and limping. He was never claimed (why am I not surprised), so we got him well, and he found a wonderful new family to call his own. **Hershey** came to us with a crushed leg which was unable to be repaired. After clearing her infection, she had the leg removed. She is now free from pain, able to walk fine, and was adopted by the lady that found her. **Bugsy** is a pet rabbit whose owners left his cage open and their dog ripped his leg off. Well of course, the owners were not willing to treat Bugsy and they brought him to us. After surviving the shock of the attack and multiple bite wounds, Bugsy needed his leg amputated. After surgery and some time to heal, we found him a wonderful indoor home. **Gary** is an old shih-tzu that came to us blind with bulging, infected, glaucomic, painful eye balls. He felt so much better once they were removed that he stopped pacing and was able to rest pain free. He is now in a wonderful home up north. **Cindi** is a pointer that was brought to us with a broken leg by an owner not willing to treat her. After 6 weeks of wearing a cast, she recuperated well and is living happily ever after in Michigan. **4 dogs** in three cages were found on a cold rainy day next to a dumpster behind Dollar General, thanks to a good Samaritan who heard them barking. She loaded them up and brought them to Peewee's where we got them fixed up, and they all live happily ever after on the East Coast. We got **Lucky**, a dachshund mix, out of animal control. He had a tumor the size of a grapefruit and was therefore doomed. Our vet removed the tumor and he recovered beautifully. He is now playing with a wonderful family in Houston. This **box of kittens** was dumped at a local post office. Jesus, what were they thinking? A customer who was there to mail a package brought the kittens to us. Luckily, we were able to find them great homes. This **box of puppies** was left in a closed box on a sidewalk. Thank God someone saw the box moving and went to find out why. They brought the puppies to us, but they were weak, wormy, and skinny. After two weeks of hospitalization, they all got well and found a new life in Wisconsin. These **4 tiny chihuahuas** were stuffed into a tiny cat crate and left out in the cold in the PetSmart parking lot. We took the poor souls in and they ranged in size from puppy to old age, probably all related. They all were always together and after vetting, they are now looking for a new home. **Lt. Dan** is a yellow lab who was walking on his bare femur. We saved him from the euthanasia list at Animal Control. After his amputation, he felt much better, is now walking on 3 legs, and is awaiting a new family to call his own.

It never ceases to amaze me how cruel, indifferent, and cold humans can be toward God's little creatures. As long as I am on this planet, I will continue to help them, and Peewee's will continue this work long after I'm dead. I want to thank you all for giving us the financial means to accomplish this. Thank you, thank you, thank you! . – Ernie Cochran, Shelter Director

*This is the type of work your donations help fund.*



Allie



Fannie



Sammy



Hershey



Bugsy



Gary



Cindi



4 Dogs



Lucky



Box of Kittens



Box of Puppies



4 tiny Chihuahuas



Lt. Dan

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**Peewee's Wish List**

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

*When planning your estate,  
 please remember  
 Peewee's in your will*

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