



A No-Kill Animal Shelter Peewee's

Pet Adoption World & Sanctuary, Inc.

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Hours of Operation: 10:00am - 5:00pm Daily
1307 Saratoga, Corpus Christi, Texas 78417 (361) 888-4141 Summer 2019



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Peewee's Supporters,

As many of you might remember, when Hurricane Harvey rumbled through this area, it pretty much totaled our special needs building which was a donated trailer. Thanks to large donations from generous donors, we have a new 1200 sq. ft. building in the works. It is already designated as Harley's Special Place and will be used by very tiny, small senior and long-term convalescent dogs. It will also be a primary facility for post heartworm treatment dogs, special need dogs as well as for nursing mother dogs. It should make for an excellent facility for those that are in need of more one-on-one special care. We are extremely excited.



And now for the current update on adoptions. They have been absolutely outstanding for the first four months. Through the end of April, we are at 982 which translated into about 8 per day. We, along with other groups in this town, are chasing the dream of trying to make Corpus Christi a no kill city which would be amazing when you consider that less than 10 years ago we were #1 in the country on a per capita basis in euthanizing animals at our local city and county facilities.

We still have grant money available to offer spay/neuters to people for almost nothing. Please tell people you know about this great opportunity and to call for an appointment at 361-888-4141.

On a more personal note, I would like to thank those of you who continue to support our mission. It's hard to believe but we have been helping the community for 24 years. When you think that it all started with 35 dogs being housed in the backyard of five rental properties, we have come a long way!!!

I remain...

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



FUREVER GRATEFUL



We want to extend a special thanks to Mrs. Jan Duncan from Houston, Texas. She has taken us under her wing and donated \$40,000 to us as of 4-30-2019, paying for our transport costs for shipping God's little creatures to wonderful homes, as well as paying toward the vetting of many of them. Pictured are a few transported animals in their new forever homes. God Bless you, Mrs. Duncan.



We are thrilled to be recognized by the Petco Foundation for our lifesaving work. A \$45,000 investment will help us continue to find loving homes for homeless pets in Corpus Christi and the surrounding area.



ASK JAFAR

Dear Jafar: I'm thinking about getting my cat declawed. What are your thoughts about that?

A part of normal cat behavior is their instinctive need to scratch on surfaces to remove excess claw material and keep the nails clean and in good shape. Cats obviously enjoy this behavior and certainly are not aware that their behavior may be seen as destructive to their owners. Unfortunately, while your cat is happily clawing on your favorite chenille chair furniture, you may

be grimacing and very unhappy with one of your favorite family members. The ideal goal is to guide the behavior of your kitten or cat to use approved surfaces so that everyone can live together in harmony. You can work with your kitty to explore all options for ensuring your cat's scratching is contained only to appropriate surfaces. There are a million suggestions online, and you can consult your local veterinarian. Owners may eventually decide to declaw their cat for reasons such as:

- Protection of property: since even singular instances of a cat scratching furnishings can cause serious damage, declawing a cat protects property.
- Improves bond between cat and owner: since the destruction of property can cause resentment, declawing is seen by many as a way to help cats and their owner get along.
- Medical concerns: a cat may scratch at you for various reasons. Declawing a cat means the cat can still try to take a swipe at you, but will inflict no damage. This can be particularly beneficial to elderly, the sick, and younger people who might incur more physical damage than others.
- Prevents abandonment and euthanasia: scratching can become such a problem for cat owners that it leads to their abandonment in cat shelters. The result is often euthanasia as there are not enough sufficient resources to care for all of these cats.

Some reasons to not declaw your cat include:

- Reduced ability: when a cat is declawed, not only are they unable to scratch your furniture, but they cannot scratch anything or defend itself. Therefore, you need to make a commitment to never let your cat outdoors.
- Declawing a cat goes against its natural behaviors and instincts.
- It is an unpleasant experience for the cat, despite appropriate pain medication.



Here at Peewee's, we do not declaw cats, but I can tell you that my roommate Lilly Luke, our feline office manager, came to us declawed and she is a dominant cat who pretends to claw the furniture and boxes any dog that comes into the office. She is the boss, and if she had claws, I would probably be wearing band-aids all over my body.

NICE LETTER FROM A PEEWEE'S PARENT

"Hi Peewee's Adoption World, I spoke with you today to ask about the dog we just adopted. Tinker is an 8-year-old female dog who was transferred from your shelter to Missaukee Humane Society in Michigan last November. Tinker looks like she is part Corgi although her papers said she is part Dachshund. She is as sweet as can be and totally fearless despite being deaf. She now lives with us in northern Michigan and is not at all deterred by the snow and cold. Despite her short legs she takes us on multiple long walks daily. She is fine with other dogs and with her equine brothers who are quite interested in her. We thought you might enjoy hearing about Tinker's new life and would like to thank you for rescuing her. She has brightened up this long winter for us." - Jo Ann Carlson & Phil Keeling, Lake Leelanau, MI.



NICE LETTER FROM AN ADOPTED DOGGY

"I own 2 humans and have 4 doggie roommates, to whom I am boss. They call me Mini. We have a big yard and chase squirrels. My humans had no idea I could move so fast! LOL! We have agility obstacles such as fun-tunnels, planks, teeter, a-frame. There's long walks and visits to PetSmart. I did obedience class. I have learned not to steal other's food, not to drink anyone's tea/coffee, and to share toys and take turns. I now potty outdoors. Playing in the snow, climbing the woodpile and playing with my roomies is great fun. Someday, I will climb the squirrel's tree. Who do you know that can run, roll, growl, and woof while carrying a tennis ball in their mouth? Me! Me! Me! Who do you know that can scent anything? You cannot hide anything from me! Love to run. Then we snuggle: a pile of pups with their human on a bed in the sun. Heaven. In the morning, I wake my human with a wet nose snuffle near her ear. Then, I sing a bit. She looks in my eyes and my heart just melts. And yes, thank you for giving me a chance. There is no one like you. Respect and Love." - Mini and her Pet Parents, Elkwood, WI



THANK YOU, DON!

We are fur-ever grateful to Don Stone who has been helping us with significant donations for 10 years and has been doing an annual tennis tournament fundraiser for us for 6 years all on his own. This year, the tournament raised \$2,915, which he always matches, for a total of \$5,830 donated to Peewee's. Thanks, Don!



98¢ of every dollar donated goes directly to the animals

RECENT RESCUES

Pancho is a friendly chihuahua that we saved from a kill shelter where he was going to be euthanized because of his broken leg. His femur was broken in two, but thanks to Dr. Garrett's fine skills, he put a pin in his leg. Pancho is now living happily ever after and walking on all 4 legs in Wisconsin. **Hope**, a mixed terrier, came to us with a broken leg after being hit by a car. This never slowed her down. She was into everything and we had a heck of a time keeping a splint on her. She healed wonderfully and was adopted in the East Coast. **Crusty** is a big male kitty from Flour Bluff, who had a very advanced case of sarcoptic mange. After a month of treatment, he is now cured and awaiting a nice home to call his own. **Bandit** is a shepherd we rescued from the CCACS euthanasia list because he had a fractured and healed right front leg that someone had neglected to fix properly. It had nerve damage and was not usable. The only thing we could do was have his leg amputated, after which he was immediately adopted. **Bella** is an adult chiweenie who again came from the CCACS euthanasia list. Her skin was covered with infection and demodex mange. We treated her, and even with most of her hair missing, she was picked

and transported to a wonderful home in Wisconsin. **Torti** is a 5 pound adult kitty that was hit by a car and found lying in someone's front yard. We weren't sure if she would even live. After her wounds and fractured pelvis healed, she became sweet and grateful and found a wonderful home up North. These **12 babies** were stuffed into these two crates and left at our gate at 2:00 am one night. They were scared to death, but after about 3 weeks of socializing, they all live happily ever after in New York. Believe it or not, there are **22 chihuahuas** in these three photos. We saved them from a puppy mill near Houston where they each lived in a wire cage. After vetting them, they all went to a special place on the East Coast where they take difficult cases. They have a behaviorist and will be socialized and adopted out. **Apollo** was found in the Molina area scraped up with a rotting eye hanging out and had obviously been run over some time back. We removed his eye and treated his wounds. He is the sweetest, most grateful dog now and is awaiting a new home. **Gus** is a lab mix that came to us from the euthanasia list at CCACS. He was heartworm positive, a skeleton, and had a mangled leg. After heartworm treatment and a leg amputation, he spent a long time recovering at Peewee's, but finally got a forever home in Michigan. **Sylvester** came to us after a dog attacked him. He was scabby, infected, and angry. After six weeks of antibiotics and love, he healed wonderfully and found a great home in New York.

I am so delighted that we are now able to save so many lives, not only from the streets, but from the kill shelters in the surrounding 100-mile radius. Unfortunately, South Texas is still full of cruel, heartless, ignorant people, so the battle goes on. Thank you for your financial support and with your donations, we will continue to battle until we win the WAR.

– Ernie Cochran, Shelter Director

This is the type of work your donations help fund.



Pancho



Hope



Crusty



Bandit



Bella



Torti



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Peewee's Wish List

- Money, money, money
- Volunteers
 - Large Dog Walkers
 - Small Dog Walkers
 - Clinic/Hospital Helper
 - Horse Groomer
- Paper Towels
- Bleach

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