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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Peewee's Supporters,

Well I hope this letter finds you enjoying summer with your families as well as safe vacations.



Our new "Harley's Special Place" building has already begun to take shape. The base to the foundation is in place and we hope to occupy it by winter. The idea of Harley's was the result of Chela Storm, Jacqueline Klein Stroyman, and Annette Klein while visiting our facility soon after Hurricane Harvey. Our double wide trailer was severely damaged and had to be condemned as it was no longer a safe environment to house dogs. They immediately saw the need for a new building in which to put those dogs with special needs and long-term convalescing. Jacqueline was very gung-ho for the idea and suggested the name "Harley" in honor of her most beloved Maltese.



So thanks to the generosity of Annette Klein, Jacqueline Klein Stroyman, Chela Storm, Gloria Hicks, Donny Kasiri, Jessica and Farhood Kasiri, and an anonymous couple, the necessary funds to make this special needs building a reality came to fruition. Thanks to each and every one of you!! Another bit of good news regarding this new venture is that we are fortunate enough to have D.R. Meyers be our contractor. He did an outstanding job on our Harvey Grossman Animal Hospital and we are hoping for the same good results with this endeavor.

Adoptions continue to set records for us. Through July, we have completed 1,678 placements. I'll save you math wizards the time, that averages about nine per day. Admittedly so, they are not all being adopted locally. Most of them are being done through the internet. These strays from the heartless streets of Corpus Christi are getting loving/caring homes all over the United States!! Some are even finding their way to Canada!!

We are always looking for more supporters. Here is a number that is not too large: 50. That's right, for only \$50 dollars you will be sponsoring a dog for adoption. That will help cover the cost for them being vaccinated, neutered, and being transported to a forever home. Please consider us. It will give you a warm feeling inside knowing that you helped a dog that could not help itself.



Enjoy the rest of your summer. I remain....

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



MAGICAL SUCCESS STORIES

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



WARNING: SHORT FACED DOGS WILL MAKE FOR LONG MEDICAL BILLS

Bred to have exaggerated features, these dogs can have breathing problems and a roster of other health issues. There are many costs to the cuteness. Eye problems, ear problems, skin problems.

Heavy wrinkles – Excessive skin folds can become infected if not cleaned regularly. **Smushed face** – Narrowed air passages can cause breathing problems, exercise and heat intolerance, vomiting, and even difficult eating. **Disproportionately large head** – Birthing difficulties are common due to head size; a 2010 study found that more than 80% of bulldogs, French bulldogs, and Boston terriers were born through cesarean section. The technical term for these breeds is brachycephalic, meaning short-headed. The structure of their bodies means that dogs of these breeds often suffer from health issues ranging from breathing problems to heatstroke. Many of them can't exercise for long without collapsing. Without a longer snout, their capacity to breath properly and move air is very limited. Knowing that the flat, babylike faces are appealing to potential buyers though, breeders have selectively bred the nose out of these dogs to make them cuter. The consequence of this selective breeding is that these dogs are now becoming less healthy, and less and less able to function and breathe properly. Pet lovers need to know what to expect when they adopt one of these breeds and to be prepared for likely medical costs. So if you buy or adopt one, you better have deep pockets. Here at Peewee's, we see many of them turned in to us due to health problems, or owners who want to adopt a new pet because their short-faced dog passed away prematurely. **Bobo**, an English Bulldog at our shelter, has multiple health problems, eye problems, skin problems, breathing problems, and heartworms, which we are working on to try to find him a new home.



ASK JAFAR

Dear Jafar: What can you tell me about the mysteries of feline purring?

What a fascinating subject. I did some research and here are my findings. A purr is a vibration of the vocal folds, composed of sound bursts that occur some 25 times per second. Cats are thought to purr in order to maintain contact with other cats or humans. Female cats purr when nursing their young; kittens purr while nursing. Some situations appear to "turn off" purring, including aggressive or sexual interactions; while hunting, in the presence of prey, and upon first exposure to catnip. Purring may also occur just prior to sleep or, surprisingly, when in pain. When veterinarians

examine a cat presented for emergency treatment after having been hit by a car, they may note that it is purring. Purring is triggered by a signal from the central nervous system. As the cat inhales and exhales, the vocal fold muscles in the larynx vibrate to produce sound bursts. These sound bursts occur every 30 to 40 milliseconds (or approximately 25 times a second) and result in the familiar purring sound. Purr frequency is independent of cat age, size, weight, or sex, and is easily audible to a nearby person or cat. One hypothesis is that the purr is a powerful healing action. It's thought that the vibrations from the activity are physically rejuvenating – a way for the cat to 'heal' itself after stress. The frequency of those vibrations – which range from 20Hz up to 150Hz – is thought to promote bone growth, as bones harden in response to the pressure. Other frequencies may do something similar to tissue. Purrs at a frequency of 25-100Hz correspond with established healing frequencies in therapeutic medicine for humans. Bone responds to 25-50Hz and skin and soft tissues to around 100Hz according to researchers. Cats often purr when they're grooming each other. This is why we see cats purring in apparent contentment while dozing. In reality, it's a form of self-repair. Cats may have adapted their normal behavior, which now involves spending a lot of the day resting, as a way of avoiding injury through over-exertion. The purr has developed as a low-energy way to keep bones and tissues in good condition while they rest. And the purr may not just be of benefit to the cats themselves. Petting a cat has long been seen as a form of stress relief. Cat ownership could cut the risk of stroke or heart disease by as much one-third. Those same frequencies cats purr at might also be doing good to us as well. All this stuff makes me wish I could purr, but I'm a dog, and I'm jealous. Thank God I'm loved by all at Peewee's even though I can't purr.



CHAGAS DISEASE



Whether your dog stays outside for hours at a time or is primarily an inside dog, all dogs are at risk for Chagas disease, a potentially fatal disease that affects the heart and other organ systems. Chagas disease is caused by the protozoan parasite *Trypanosoma cruzi*, which is spread to dogs through insects in the Reduviidae family, also commonly known as cone-nose or kissing bugs, which are blood-sucking insects. Many dogs can be infected with the Chagas parasite and show no signs of disease, while others may develop life-threatening heart complications. Chagas symptoms can appear within weeks of infection (acute) or months to years later (chronic). Typically, dogs that are younger than 2 years old are more likely to develop acute disease, with possible symptoms of diarrhea, lethargy, seizures,

swollen lymph nodes, fluid retention, and heart failure. Symptoms that occur during chronic disease are those of congestive heart failure, including lethargy, fainting, increased heart rate or abnormal heart rhythm, and fluid buildup in the abdomen or lungs. There is no vaccine or cure for Chagas disease. Testing is available though the only course of action is symptomatic treatment. The best thing you can do is protect your pets through insect control. People can prevent kissing bug infestation by placing outdoor lights away from dwellings. Homeowners should also remove trash, wood, and rock piles from around the home and chimney flues should be tightly closed when they are not in use. A licensed pest control operator can help recommend a pest control plan to combat the bugs. This bug has been found in 27 southern United States, mostly in Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico, and this year it was found as far north as Delaware. Here at Peewee's, we regularly spray for bugs around all the kennels, frequently inspect for the presence of kissing bugs, and take all the necessary precautions.

RECENT RESCUES

Christi, a little senior chihuahua, came to us from a rural kill shelter with a skin infection, an injured eye which had to be removed, and rotten teeth. After all was fixed and cured, she found a wonderful home up East with a nice retired couple. **Annie**, a little chihuahua, came to us in a coma. We gave her IV fluids and she woke up a couple days later. We had to use welding gloves to force feed her because she was so mean. After two weeks of treatment, she was strong enough to leave. We found a special shelter who did not care how mean she was because they have a behavior department with people who specialize in mental health of abused dogs. Two months later, she finally came around and found a heavenly home. **Sammy** was found by a good Samaritan in obvious pain due to wounds and nerve damage on his rear leg. After he received his desperately needed amputation, he became a happy, pain-free pup and found a new home! **Anya** is a young chihuahua that was brought to us with bilateral cherry eyes as well as an eye infection. She was surrendered by her owners who stated they did not want her anymore. We don't ask questions, we took her in, cleared her infections, repaired the cherry eyes, vetted her, and now she is living happily ever after in a loving home. These **2 kittens** were left at our gate in an insulated shopping tote during the night. Thank God they did not escape and they were unharmed. They were quickly vetted and found wonderful homes. What were those people thinking? They could have just called and brought them. **Thor** is a puppy who came to us miserable from being covered in sarcoptic mange, his skin feeling like it was on fire. After 3 weeks of treatment he looked much better, and even with some hair missing, his charming personality earned him a wonderful family to call his own. These **tiny puppies** were found in this box next to a dumpster at a Stripes store. A worker taking the trash out heard them crying in the heat and brought them to us. They were covered with fleas, dehydrated, and had flea anemia. With some IV fluids, iron tonic, A/C, and good food, they responded well and got adopted to live happily ever after. **Crusty** is a 6-week-old pup that was taken to the city pound covered in sarcoptic mange. He was miserable, so we took him out of there and brought him to Peewee's to get him well. A beautiful long-haired chihuahua bloomed and he was cheery, sweet, and happy. It took no time for him to find a new loving home. **Blondie** was a starving, sick, hurt dog we got out of Nueces County Animal Control. She was heartworm positive and had ehrlichia and anemia from being covered in ticks. After three months of treatment and hospitalization, her sweet personality came out and she went to the East Coast. **Cora** wandered the streets of the west side for weeks. We kept seeing her on Facebook rescue sites, and we kept telling people to bring her here, until finally someone did. She was emaciated, heartworm positive, and very depressed, but after three weeks, she became friendly. After treatment for all ailments, she made it into a wonderful home in the East Coast. **Momma Kitty and her babies** were all headed to the euthanasia room at Bishop Animal Control. Instead, they were brought to Peewee's where they are thriving. All calicos are girls. They are all healthy now and so sweet. By the time you get this newsletter, they will be up for adoption. **Fred** was abandoned here by his owner for no good reason. After vetting and repairing his cherry eyes, he was still depressed. Fortunately, he was picked for adoption in Canada fairly quickly, and within three weeks he had a wonderful home, a soft couch, and a loving family. **Shiloh** is a wonderful dog that we got from CCACS the day before it was supposed to be put to sleep because he had a bad rear leg. He seemed shy, but come to find out, he was in pain because as soon as we removed his leg, he perked up and was playful and happy. Come adopt him, he is the best. **Jenny** is a dog that was found with a crushed leg that was totally unreparable. We removed the leg and she immediately found a new home on the East Coast.



Christi



Annie



Sammy



Anya



2 Kittens



Thor



Tiny Puppies



Crusty



Blondie



Cora



Mama Kitty & Babies



Fred



Shiloh



Jenny

As you all can see, the battle continues. The situation continues to be horrific, and we continue to save all the ones we can. Hopefully someday we will win this war with your help! – Ernie Cochran, Shelter Director

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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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