

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Peewee's Supporter,

I'd like to start this President's letter with the prayer and hope that all of you are staying safe and healthy during this horrific coronavirus pandemic that has affected most every aspect of our day-to-day lives.

For whatever reason despite this ongoing health issue, Peewee's has been going strong. We were awarded the title of being essential to the community and as a result our spay/neuter/ wellness clinic has maintained a steady flow of traffic by the community of pet loving clients. We are also proud to proclaim that we have also placed 1,269 pets in new homes this year through the end of July.

For those of you who have not been to our campus in a while, I would like to take this time to invite you to do so. We are very proud of its physical beauty and feel that because of the

way in which the facility was built that it also provides for the mental wellbeing of the pets that make it to us for adoption. The input of the Klein family as well as other friends of Peewee's has made this place a dream come true for us.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your continued support and ask that you continue to do so. We receive grants to help run our facility, but we also need financial support from the community so that we can continue to pursue our mission for our community.

Stay safe!!

I remain.....

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



Zeus & Mindy

FUREVER GRATEFUL

We are furever grateful to Jacqueline Klein who has been behind recent efforts such as Madison's Clinic, Lucky Lodge, and Harley's Special Place. She has now donated \$5,000 to spay/neuter 150 dogs and cats for underprivileged citizens who have public assistance. This effort will help not only the animals, but their families as well. Jacqueline loves Peewee's, Peewee's animals, and Peewee's workers, and encourages people to come tour Peewee's and check out what it has become.

We are furever grateful to Don Stone who has been a donor for over 11 years and has been hosting an annual tennis tournament fundraiser for us for 7 years all on his own. This year, his Volley for the Voiceless tournament raised \$3,690, which he always matches, for a total of \$7,380 donated to the homeless animals here at Peewee's. Thank you, Don!

A NICE LETTER FROM A PEEWEE'S PARENT

"I adopted Zeus, the little boy, from Peewee's a couple of months ago. I wasn't sure how he and Mindy would get along especially with the size difference. I came home for lunch one day and saw this...Any concerns ceased immediately." – *Mathew Albright*

WIN A BEAUTIFUL PENDANT!

Our good friend, Benny Ledford, owner of Goldsmith Jewelers *Goldsmith Co* located at 3816 S. Alameda in the Lamar Park Center, was kind enough to donate a gorgeous piece of jewelry in an effort to encourage your donations. Anyone who donates \$25 or more between now and September 2020 will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a beautiful carved jade rectangular pendant with fish motif and 14k yellow gold bail valued at \$300. Benny loves animals and has a Yorkshire Terrier named Lucky who goes to work with him every day! Thank you, Benny, we appreciate your help!







ASK JAFAR

Dear Jafar: I am a widow and all my friends want me to get a pet, but I'm just not sure about having one. Can you give me some guidance?

Here are some reasons you should have a pet in your life. • A pet's love never fails. No matter what, the animal that you have bonded with will always love you and remember you. Even if you cannot return that unconditional love, just knowing that it is there will make your life better. • Caring for something other than yourself is emotionally healthy. Giving and getting a little love, even if you have to say "off the couch" 270 times a day, can take your mind off your troubles and help you to see what's really real. • It is also physically healthy. If you have a dog, you need to take it (and you) on walks. Cesar Millan says that dogs are happiest when they are walking. And it is common knowledge that taking regular walks is also good for your heart

and brain health. • An animal in your life will help ease your suffering. If you are dealing with depression, trauma, or anxiety, having a pet will make things better. The relationship is pure healing. There is even a reality show about how dogs can help Veterans dealing with PTSD and parolees trying to work their way back into society. • Just the act of petting a creature lowers your blood pressure and helps you relax. Next time you are feeling out of sorts, I recommend going to your local shelter and giving some love to an animal there. You won't have to take it home, but notice how you feel when the two of you are exchanging emotional energy. And don't be surprised if you do adopt! • Saving a life will make yours better. Some people prefer their new puppy to be from a pet store or bred brand new on a farm, but what about the used ones? All my animals have been rescues, and they are as sweet as can be. All of them have been young, 1 or 2 years old at most, so I've gotten to have them for a long time. Besides, if you've ever raised a puppy, you know how hard that can be!

Having a pet is like having a best friend who will never stab you in the back, who will think you are a god till the day it dies. What can be better than that? I think Ernie, my mom at Peewee's, hung the moon, and I would follow her to the end of the Earth faithfully until I die. When I see her for the first time every day, it feels like Christmas morning and my birthday all rolled into one joyous emotion. Wouldn't you like to share your life with someone who feels that way about you? Think about it, and then run out and get yourself a pet!

RING WINNER

Congratulations to Eileen Tallas for being randomly selected to win a beautiful flower pinky ring with a diamond and sapphires set in gold, donated by Benny Ledford of Goldsmith Jewelers. Anyone who donated \$50 or more during June and July was entered in the drawing. Eileen adopted a dog from Peewee's almost 9 years ago and has been a supporter ever since.





ANOTHER NICE LETTER FROM PEEWEE PARENTS

"Our names are Kris and Brad Schoenberg and as of the end of February, we are the adopted parents of Sienna. We wanted to send a heartfelt thank you to all involved in the rescue of Sienna. We adopted her from Serenity Animal Hospital in Sterling Heights, Michigan and had a very pleasant experience with them as they made the process as

smooth as possible. We renamed our little girl Molly. She is an absolute sweetheart and delight to have in our family. Molly stole our hearts almost instantly and is quite fun to watch as she seems to discover a lot of things for the first time. She really enjoys laying in the hot sun now that it has finally gotten warm here in Michigan along with running in the grass in her big back yard. Please accept the enclosed donation as

a token of our appreciation and again, thank you for all you do!" - Kris Schoenberg

7 REASONS WHY PUSSYCATS MAY BE A BETTER MATCH FOR YOU

When deciding to get a pet, it may be a difficult decision about whether to choose a cat or a dog. Although they are both furry friends, the two types of animals are very different from each other. Cats have many favorable traits, including their ease of care, cleanliness, and adorable antics, making them a wonderful pet for any family.



• Cats Don't Take Up Much Space – Dogs are larger in size, need lots of room to play and exercise, and love stretching out into everyone's personal space. Cats, however, don't need a lot of space to thrive. As long as you can fit their essentials, such as litter boxes, you can pretty much guarantee your kitty will be happy. • Cats Are Perfectly Content Indoors - It's virtually impossible for dogs to have an indoors-only lifestyle; most need a lot of exercise, plenty of walks, and time spent outdoors to live happy and healthy lives. Not only are cats much safer indoors, but they're perfectly happy perched next to a window or curled up in a sunny spot on the couch. Your cat will be totally content watching birds and bugs all day long. • Cats Are Quieter - Even the biggest dog lovers have to admit: Whether your dog is barking at a passerby, another animal, or simply because its favorite toy is stuck under the couch, there can be quite a bit of bark-ing. While cats certainly do make some noise—especially at night, when many cats are most active—meows and

purrs tend to be pretty quiet. • Kittens Require Less Work Than Puppies – Puppies need ongoing training (especially for potty training), but once kittens are weaned from their mothers and have learned the basics of using the litter box, they can be left at home unsupervised during the day. • Cleaning the Litter Box Is Easier Than Constant Walks - Cleaning out a litter box is far easier than having to take walks late at night, during scorching summer days, or through freezing snow, all while scooping up

dog poop with a plastic bag over your hand. • Cats Clean Themselves - Dogs require routine bathing and grooming, which can get very expensive if you take your dog to the groomer. Cats are essentially self-cleaning machines. You may want to groom it with a brush every once in a while, and definitely clip its nails as needed, but otherwise, cats do a very good job of keeping themselves clean. • Cats Understand Personal Space - Sometimes after a long, stressful day at work, you may not be in the mood to have a dog at your heels, following you around the house, nudging you to play fetch. While cats may get a bad rap for being cold or distant, they really just understand (and appreciate) the concept of personal space. Cats don't require your constant attention or energy, which will give you plenty of opportunities to sit and relax after a long work week. All this being said, if you are a very needy person, a dog would probably be a better choice.





RECENT RESCUES

Buddy is a lab mix who was roaming on Leopard Street as a hairless skinny scared soul. He was finally caught with a trap and brought in. It took two months for him to grow his hair back and get over his paranoia of humans. All it took was loving care and he now has his own home and a loving family to live with happily ever after. Peter, Paul, and Mary were three dirty, stinky, hungry guinea pigs. A man brought them to Peewee's with the excuse that he was moving and his kids didn't want them anymore. They were scared and skinny, but after 3 months of good food and loving care, all 3 found a good home. I wanted to educate the man, but was afraid he would not give them to me and throw them out in the street if he got angry at my advice. Unfortunately, we get a lot of people like that. Sammy, a giant Great Pyrenees pup, lived loose without a fence in Orange Grove and was hit by a car. He had bones sticking out for days before the owner surrendered him to us. We had to amputate the leg which was in pieces and badly infected. He got over his infection and learned how to walk with three legs in just a week. He soon found a wonderful indoor home in Michigan. Sparky is a happy kitty that was found with one eye exploded and a bad upper respiratory infection. He survived pneumonia, then we removed his eye. He purred through the entire ordeal. He was also lucky enough to go up north and find a wonderful new life. Johnny is a skinny mangy pup that was found wandering around in Robstown, too weak to run. He was scared and would not eat, but after treating his mange, giving him IV fluids, and feeding him chicken that we cook for the sick animals, he perked up, started feeling better, and lives happily ever after in New York. Freeway is a 10-week-old white kitten that someone saw throw out a car window on the freeway. Lots of people stopped to help catch him. He was scraped up but didn't have any broken bones. He came to Peewee's and about 2 weeks later found his way into a wonderful home in Wisconsin. Rosco was an emaciated poodle that was covered in open wounds. He came to us from Mathis Animal Control very close to death. It took 3 months for him to get well and gain weight and is now living happily ever after in Michigan with a wonderful family with loving children to sleep with. Sandy is a big dog that was found on the freeway after being hit by a car. She had a crushed front leg and was badly bruised all over. She had an incredible will to live and a tail that never stopped wagging. We had to amputate her leg and she was up and walking within a week. She healed beautifully and now lives with a wonderful couple up north. Her favorite bed is the leather couch. Willie is a dehydrated starving puppy that was found in a ditch with his dead brother out in the countryside. Someone had just dumped them in a wooden box. After treatment for a lung infection, IV fluids, and good food, he thrived and within 3 weeks went to a wonderful family in New York. Candy is a very skinny 12-year-old dachshund that was found wandering the streets in Corpus Christi. She had heartworms and 2 large painful bladder stones that were causing her not to eat. After the surgery to remove them, she thrived and was ready to be treated for heartworms. She is now living happily ever after in a home with a senior couple. Maggie is an old black mangy dachshund with heartworms. Her owner had passed away and she was brought to us emaciated with horrible dirty teeth and breath that



would knock you out. After a dental and cleaning up of her skin, she was treated for heartworms and is now sleeping in bed with a lovely couple in Michigan. Macy was abandoned on North Beach mangy and covered in fleas and ticks. We took her in, cured her ailments, treated her for heartworms, and she is now living in Wisconsin with a lovely widow who loves her to death.

It is a never-ending line of suffering for animals in Corpus Christi. We are trying to turn the tide, but it is a slow and painful process. In the meantime, we take in all that are the worst cases suffering in the streets and like magic, thanks to your donations, they are on the way to their happily ever after. We thank you for your support, and I will continue to be at Peewee's for as long as God allows me. I love saving the animals and I love you for helping me do so. - Ernie Cochran



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