

### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Peewee's Supporter,

I hope this newsletter finds all of you well. The newsletter this time of year always tends to be the one with the least amount of news to share with you wonderful supporters.

With each passing day, it appears as though Covid is more and more under control, which is good news for all humanity. Unfortunately, due to the politics that seems to run this world, we are now facing other challenges, such as the high gas prices, which leads to higher transport cost. As a result, our number of transports out of the immediate area has been diminished, which unfortunately, has led to less adoptions for these wonderful pets who are waiting for a loving home. So far to date, we have been



able to transport nearly 1,000 dogs to different locations such as New England, Michigan, Wisconsin, and some even to Canada. Those are the lucky ones who will be receiving wonderful new homes.

The campus at Peewees includes Lucky Lodge, Madison's Clinic, Harvey Grossman Animal Hospital, Harley and Harlow's Special Place, the Doug Ragan Recovery Center, and 10 carports. Unfortunately, before each transport, we get to maximum capacity, especially the dog runs for large dogs. Part of that problem stems from the fact that the stray population in Nueces County continues to be the second worst, not just in the state, but in the COUNTRY!! What a sad

statistic to be tattooed to the "Sparkling City by the Sea."

Please! If it all possible, any amount of donation that you can send our way would be most appreciated, so we can continue to do our good work in sending pets to wonderful and caring families.

I wish you all a wonderful summer. I remain...

Sincerely, Alan W. Garett, DVM President, Peewee's P.A.W.S.

# FUREVER GRATEFUL



Thank you to the Bayshore School of Science and Technology for holding a food drive during Character Week to benefit the homeless animals at Peewee's. And thank you as well to Suzan Moore for driving the kids and food to the shelter!

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We are eternally grateful to the Church of the Good Shepherd whose congregation brought us donations on Blessing of Animals Day. It was all much needed and appreciated.

Thank you to Coastal A's and Rods for hosting their annual 3-day car show benefiting 8 different charities on Labor Day weekend at the Holiday Inn on Leopard. Over 220 cars registered for the event! Thank you to Bill Boeker, President, and Reynaldo Pena (pictured) for picking Peewee's for this event.

We are furever grateful to the 6th grade team leadership class at Grant Middle School for holding a fundraiser benefiting Peewee's as their community service project. Thank you!

# WIN A BEAUTIFUL RING!

Our good friend, Benny Ledford, owner of Goldsmith Co. Jewelers 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 \$50 or more in June or July will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a beautiful 14k yellow gold with 3 channel set princess cut rubies .2 total carat weight valued at \$850. 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: How common are bladder stones? My cat just got diagnosed with them and I have a friend that said her dog had them too.

They are more common than you think. We see several cases each year at Peewee's, and Dr. Gunn removes them after x-ray confirmation or if she actually palpates it. My friends then get adopted out on special diets to prevent them. Veterinarians diagnose cases of bladder stones in pets frequently. Bladder stones can form anywhere in the urinary tract of your pet. They can be found in the kidneys, ureters, bladder, or urethra. In most cases, however, the stones are found in the bladder or urethra. Female dogs tend to get bladder infections and stones more often than

male dogs, though, male dogs are more likely to become obstructed when dealing with bladder stones. In cats, however, males are more likely to deal with bladder stones, and are still also more likely to become obstructed. Common symptoms of bladder stones include bloody urine, frequent urination, urinary accidents in the house, and straining to urinate. You may also notice that your pet will urinate frequently, but only go a small amount each time or dribble urine. Bladder stones are painful, especially if the stone(s) have obstructed the urethra (which blocks the bladder and prevents your pet from being able to urinate). Urinary obstruction is an emergency situation and should be treated immediately by a veterinarian. Surgery is the most common treatment for bladder stones in pets. Particularly if your dog has a large number of bladder stones, is obstructed, or is at risk for an obstruction, surgery may be the best option. Surgery is also one of the fastest ways to remove bladder stones, which is critical in emergency situations. In cases where there is a urinary blockage, for example, emergency surgery is often necessary. After surgery, working to prevent bladder stones from forming in the first place can prevent the headache of treating them later. Your vet will tell you which diet your pet should be on for the rest of its life to keep the problem from ever reoccurring. Additionally, pets with chronic bladder stone formation should have their urine monitored frequently by a veterinarian. Even my sister, Candy, a sweet old dachshund that lives at our house, had bladder stones. She had blood in her urine and had to have

surgery to get them removed. She has been on a special diet for nearly two years and is doing just fine.

#### PENDANT WINNER

Congratulations to Sylvia Rendon for being randomly selected to win a beautiful 18k yellow gold 5mm pearl cluster pendant valued at \$450 donated by Benny Ledford of Goldsmith Jewelers. Anyone who



donated \$50 or more in March or April was entered in the drawing. Sylvia has been Peewee's donor ever since she brought us a stray 4 years ago. She has one rescue herself, a 7-year-old dachshund mix named Barbie, and volunteers her time at Spohn Hospital.





# NICE LETTERS FROM PEEWEE'S PARENTS

"Hi Ernie - Thank you so much for your call back today. This is the picture of Cowgirl who we adopted in New York from Pet Rescue. She is a wonderful German Shepard mix and we are very grateful that Peewee's had sheltered her! She is a wonderful addition to our family. Thanks." – *Phoenix* 



"Hello from Nova Scotia. My wife and I were fortunate enough to rescue "Lucas" a 10(ish) year old Min Pin. He is a sweet old man that we loved from the second we met him. Much like our other rescue, we always wished we knew more of his back story. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart. The work you do is amazing,

eternally grateful. We are treating his eyes at the moment as he has ulcers, and he is rocking a cone at the moment. We will be sure to send some pictures of us all in the future. He now has a younger Min Pin brother and they are getting along great. He's not concerned one little bit by snow which surprised us. Having spent a few months in Houston and feeling the heat, we were shocked that he adjusted so well. Look at his smile." – Jason I.

"Peewee's - Thank you for doing what you do. I finally lost Blue, adopted there some 10 years ago. Broke down in the hips. He had a good life between here and my farm in Missouri, where he could roam freely and play in the snow or two before we retreated to Corpus Christi for Winter. As a husky/malamute, that was his favorite part of course. I want another dog, but I'm not quite ready yet. I will visit when I am. I like what you do there and have enclosed a small donation from my mother and I. She enjoyed Blue too. He used to come with me to her assisted living facility where all of the old folks would enjoy him. He was always extra careful around them. He learned to say "I love you" and all the old ladies would line up and take turns! Your facility is also included in my will, so hopefully, someday I can help make some more comfortable space for future homeless pets. Respectfully," – *Craig W.* 

#### MAGICAL SUCCESS STORIES

Here are some of the animals we rescued locally and found homes for all over the

United States. Look how happy they are!

















#### **RECENT RESCUES**

**Skelly** was found under a house in Mathis and came to us as a blind skeleton. He turned out to be diabetic with a blood sugar of 500. After a few weeks, we managed to get the blood sugar under control with insulin twice a day. He is now sweet and looking for a home. Here, we now have 3 insulin dependent diabetics. We check their blood sugar levels regularly and pass out insulin daily at 7am and 7pm. **Sheppie** is a big young boy that came to us with a crushed rear leg from the streets of Robstown. His leg smelled like death, full of infection, he was in terrible

pain, thin, and covered in ticks. After his amputation, he felt much better, put on weight, and is living happily ever after in New York in a beautiful country estate with a retired loving family. **Red** is a nice stray tabby that was found in the streets of Corpus Christi with a badly broken and deformed leg. We had to amputate the leg; it was an old healed problem that was causing pain and there was no fixing it. After amputation, he went to Wisconsin where he is living a luxurious and carefree life. **Blackie** is a skeleton lab that was found roaming on Weber Road. When we fed him, he would vomit. It turned out that he had an obstruction and required surgery to remove it. After surgery and fine care from Dr. Gunn, he gained weight and off he went to New England where he has 2 children to play with and a big lovely home to roam in. **Whitey** is a big white male cat with beautiful blue eyes who came to us from the streets of Corpus Christi covered in mange. Mange makes their skin feel like it is on fire and is highly contagious to humans and pets. He was not eating and hiding under his towel, but after treatment

was started, he put on weight, became friendly, and was adopted to a loving family in Michigan where he now sleeps in bed with a little girl. **Shadow** came to us with ½ of her front leg ripped off and bones sticking out with gangrene setting in. After an amputation, she quickly learned how to walk on 3 legs and is now a faithful companion to a retired lady in Rochester, NY and is living happily ever after. **Harry** is a great Pyrenees, which seems to be a favorite of farmers around here who let them roam. Terrible things happen to them, like they did to Harry. His leg had been fractured in the past. It looked like a pretzel and had been caught on a fence where he was found starving to death. We amputated the leg and nursed him back to health. Harry now lives inside, sleeps on a leather couch, and has a family who loves him and brushes him daily. He won the lottery! Spottie came from Corpus Christi Animal Control death row with a tumor the size of a basketball, which Dr. Gunn successfully removed. He now lives in New Brunswick, Canada where his family takes him boating, with his own life jacket of course. Mary is a teenage pup who came to us with no movement in her back legs. X-rays revealed nothing, but after weeks of laser therapy and a special cart, she started moving her legs and relearning how to walk. She was adopted in New York to a big estate with a wonderful family of her own. These 8 pups were found in a box in a ditch on CR 665 near Petronila. May the evil ones who put them there get struck by the wrath of God. A good Samaritan saw the box and had a bad feeling, so she stopped to investigate. She called and brought them to us, and they all got wonderful homes in New England, living in nice houses with families of their own. Punky came to us from a rural animal control with a rotting eye and in lots of pain. He had been roaming the streets scavenging for food. Maggots were taking over the eyeball, so we quickly did surgery to remove his eye and started him on antibiotics. After surgery, his tail could not stop wagging. He is now a Canadian citizen enjoying the good













life he was denied here in South Texas. Someone left these **5 pups** in this crate with those collars on a street corner in the sun. A passerby stopped and saw that the crate had a note which said, please save me. We took them in, cooled them down from a near heat stroke, and they are now living in wonderful homes in Michigan with loving families who appreciate them as family members.

Nueces county, and South Texas in general, still remains a hell hole for pets, but as long as God lets me be here at Peewee's, I will continue to save as many of them as I can and will continue to send them to wonderful homes in states where they are loved as family members and cared for with love and compassion. It is your financial help that lets me do this and I thank you from the bottom of my heart – *Ernie Cochra*n

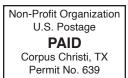


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