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# Peewee's

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Peewee's Supporter,

Hello everyone. I am pleased to share with you the numbers from last year. Even though COVID was not as much of an issue as it was the last couple of years, it still affected us a little. Of course, even if you do not watch the news, it's obvious that inflation and the economy has affected all of us. Despite all the aforementioned, we still managed to place 1,604 dogs, 63 cats and 3 other animals to loving homes. So, in 2022, we adopted out 1,670 plus the 375 which were in the shelter on 12-31-22, so altogether we saved 2,045 lives in 2022. While that number is a little less than last year, considering all those factors, we are proud of what we accomplished in 2022. We are optimistic for 2023 as we have found another rescue group on the east coast that has offered to help us with our larger dogs. Fingers crossed!!



On a personal note, I would like to acknowledge that our success is due to the hard work of the board of directors with whom I work. Their ideas, support and steadfast commitment to helping Peewee's succeed with its mission is and always has been invaluable. And as is always due, we are most appreciative to the entire Klein family, (Annette, Jacqueline, Jenna and Mel) for being there for our needs as well as directing their friends to also help us to be successful.



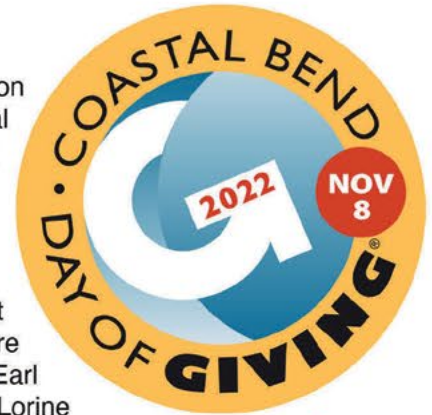
In closing, I hope and pray that each of you will find it your heart to donate whatever you can comfortably afford. While our projects this year are small, the day-to-day upkeep of the buildings, utilities, insurance, etc., are enormous. Our payroll this past year alone, which includes that of our staff veterinarian, was close to \$350,000. Please help in any way possible and let's keep our mission successful by finding homes for dogs and cats that are hoping for a better life. I thank you in advance of your generosity and remain....

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



## FOREVER GRATEFUL

We would like to express our extreme appreciation to the Coastal Bend Community Foundation for the creation of the annual campaign that helps so many non-profits, known as the Coastal Bend Day of Giving. It was a privilege and an honor, and we are eternally grateful for having been chosen once again to be one of the beneficiaries in the November 2022 event. We want to thank all the donor organizations which were as follows: Coastal Bend Community Foundation, Buddy Herin Legacy Foundation Fund, LaVerne & Thomas Howell Foundation, Dr. & Mrs. Hugh Kennedy Foundation, John G. & Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation, Las Doñas donors in honoring 2022 Court, Morris L. Lichtenstein, Jr. Foundation, Larry & Pat McNeil Foundation, Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc., Blanche Davis Moore Foundation, Nueces Electric Charities, Inc., Oxbow Advisors, Prichard Family Foundation, Earl C. Sams Foundation, Susser Family Foundation, TND Family Foundation, William T. Vogt & Lorine E. Vogt Charitable Foundation, Bill and Katie Weaver Charitable Trust, Gil & Dody Weaver Foundation,



Lawrence Wood Foundation, and five anonymous donors. The Day of Giving allows us to start the New Year strong, without worrying about being short of funds. We want to give a heartfelt thanks to every single person who contributed money to Peewee's on that magical day! All of you have helped our community strays get saved and have a wonderful life, and we hope with your help to continue this for many years to come.



*99¢ of every dollar donated goes directly to the animals*



## NICE LETTERS FROM PEEWEE'S PARENTS



"Yang (*your name for him*) has been spoiled in New Jersey for a week (*via Match Dog Rescue as Rozum*). He loves running in our backyard with our kids, going on walks, and snuggling with us. Thank you for taking such great care of him and to whomever rescued him. He's fitting in perfectly." – Sandra B.

"My Stella Girl, aka Princess, when we got her in June. She is the sweetest little goofball! She's living her best life now in Wisconsin! Curious how she'll do with the snow soon! She loves her "babies" (*little stuffed animals*) and her brother Bruno who we also adopted in the Spring! She loves to chase and play with our cat Taco as well! We love her SO much! Thank you to her rescuers." – Janelle L.



## ASK JAFAR

**Dear Jafar: I'm thinking of getting my first dog, but how long does a dog live?**



Good question, and I cringe every time I hear people who come to Peewee's bragging their dog lived to the ripe old age of 8 years. I could bite them, but mommy Ernie would not approve. The larger the breed, the shorter the lifespan, but I have known Great Danes who lived to be 18 human years, a Lab also, and lots of little dogs like me who make it to 20. I am 17 years old and still quite active, very alert, and still work for a living writing this column and as an office secretary on a daily basis. I can run, walk a mile, and bite people when necessary. I have become a little hard of hearing and have started not to come when called (which I have to admit is not entirely due to lack of hearing). So mom has purchased a Jobit pet tracker which I wear around my neck. I have my own phone line and she can see me in real time on the phone or computer exactly where I am. A microchip would be useless in my case unless I was found dead, since I do not let any other humans handle me. She takes my tracker off once a week and recharges it while I'm asleep in the office. So, a tracker would be an excellent device for all senior dogs.



I think I will make it to 20 years old easily. Mom's last little dog made it to 22 when she finally had a stroke. So remember, dogs can live much longer than statistics show if cared for properly, and that means regular vaccinations, heartworm prevention, flea/tick prevention, and taken to the vet as soon as any abnormal symptoms occur. Also make sure to give them a good diet and proper exercise. We are just like people, but more like babies that never grow up, and we can get all the same diseases people get – diabetes, heart disease, kidney, and liver disease, bladder stones, seizure disorders, and anything else you can think of. I have a sister, Sugar Cookie, who takes insulin twice daily, a brother, Oscar, who is 20 years old with bad Alzheimer's and a seizure disorder. And I needed surgery a couple years ago when I developed a hernia. Oh, and as we get older, check our teeth yearly. We need to have them professionally cleaned at the vets almost yearly when we are older. It is done under general anesthesia. So now you know if you take real good care of us we can live a very long time.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Brooke Wauson 10-year-old 4th grader at Flour Bluff Elementary School who, for Christmas, collected cleaners, bleach, paper towels, blankets, and soap with the help of social media and her friends. Her mom is the school nurse there as well.

Carmen Osier with Harte Research Institute doing Gulf Coast Marine Studies held a drive and picked Peewee's to be the recipient of their quarterly fundraiser and donated dry dog food, canned dog food, and paper towels. Thanks to all!

Thank you to Texas Molecular for presenting Peewee's with a \$5,000 check on behalf of the McDaniel Charitable Foundation, whose family owns Texas Molecular. Texas Molecular has been a long-time neighbor and supporter of Peewee's, and we were excited to receive this donation which will help us with the rescue, rehabilitation, and care of the homeless animals in Corpus Christi.

We are thankful for Mi Casita Montessori School for donating pet food, supplies, and handmade beds. Everything was much appreciated!



## 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



Porto



Blue



Steel



Angel



Holly



Elvis

**Porto**, a skeleton husky running 105 fever who could not even stand without falling, was found at the Port of Corpus Christi. He had a microchip but the owners never came forward. After meds to get the fever down, antibiotics, good food, and love, he is now happy, fat, healthy, and awaiting a home. **Blue** is an already neutered feral cat that came to us with a skin infection from hell. But after 3 months of meds, tests, and trials, he finally got well and made it all the way to Wisconsin where he lives happily ever after. **Steel** is a grey kitten that came to us half dead. He was a skeleton with pneumonia and eye infections. He required IV fluids, force feeding, many rounds of antibiotics, and ended up losing one eye. But, he had a will of steel. He survived, he loved, he purred, and found happiness up North. **Angel** is a chihuahua that was brought from the west side of town who looked like death. We immediately noticed her incredible thirst and urinating which led us to check her blood sugar. Sure enough, 550 blood glucose, insulin dependent diabetic. After bringing her back to reasonably good health, she went to live with a lady who herself was also an insulin dependent diabetic. **Holly**, the sweetest girl, came to us found on the streets dragging a grapefruit size tumor, which ended up being a hernia filled with her intestines. She survived the operation to repair the hernia and then, of course, had to be treated for heartworms. She now lives in Canada with a lovely family. **Elvis** came to us after being run over by a city bus on Morgan. He could not get up due to having his pelvis fractured in several places. After 3 months, he started getting up, moving, and getting over the pneumonia he got from not moving. He is a wonderful boy and will be headed up North soon. **Doty** is a very sweet puppy that came to us with one eye swollen and useless. After antibiotics, surgical removal, shots, and other treatments, she went to New York where she sleeps in bed with a little girl. **Annie** is a black older chihuahua who was found crossing Horne and picked up by a Good Samaritan. She came with several mammary tumors (*which is what happens when you don't spay females*). After spaying her, removing tumors, and doing a dental, she will be headed to a new life far away from South Texas, to be loved and cared for properly. **12 kittens** were left at our door on Christmas Day all stacked on top of each other in a small crate. They had fleas, ear mites, tapeworms, and suffered from malnutrition, but all the little troopers made it and went to live in Wisconsin after they got well, put on weight, and were fixed. **Snowy**, a chihuahua mix, was found one cold day in a park almost unable to stand. She arrived at Peewee's dehydrated and was more than just emaciated. She had a bowel obstruction, and, after emergency surgery and 3 months of care and treatment, she made it and is now living in Canada. **Poodle** came to us found in Mathis as a skeleton with an exploded mammary tumor and so matted we did not know if all 4 legs were viable. After grooming, she required force feeding to get her strong enough to eat on her own, and she went to a hospice home in Michigan where they will love her and take care of her. **Blackie** is a mangy puppy with swollen limbs and open sores who came to us after being found in Taft, TX. He had intestinal worms and parasites, but after 2 months he cleared up and became playful and beautiful. He went to New York to live with a wonderful retired couple.



Nope, things are no better in Corpus Christi or our surrounding counties for dogs or cats, but we now have a new tool in our parking lot. Star Group Rescue has a low-cost mobile surgery clinic right next to our office and they are spaying and neutering 130 animals each week! I cannot save all the dogs, but we did make a difference to the 2,000+ we took in last year and the 30,000+ lives we have taken in since 1995! So, I will keep trying until my last breath. Thank you for your help, I could not do this without you! – *Ernie Cochran, Shelter Director*



Doty



Annie



12 Kittens



Snowy



Poodle



Blackie



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



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