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A No-Kill Animal Shelter Peewee's Pet Adoption World & Sanctuary, Inc.



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Peewee's Supporter,

Summertime is always slow regarding news and projects, so I'll be brief.

First and foremost, many of you that have lived in Corpus Christi for any amount of time are probably well aware of Denny Bales and his work with not only the Fallen Horse Rescue but also another local small animal shelter. Well, I am both pleased and ecstatic to welcome Denny as an honorary board or director's member as he has decided to direct his efforts in helping Peewee's to fulfill its mission of helping adopt the many unwanted or homeless pets in our community. His large donation of TV ads on Spectrum will be a Godsend to the many dogs that have been with us for well over a year. In the short time he has been with us, his presence is already paying off as we have adopted several dogs. I might also add that we have picked up new volunteers at our facility because of Denny. We are also hoping that by being associated with us, we will attract future donors to help with our ever-expanding expenses. Welcome aboard, Denny!!



Through July 2023, we have placed 890 pets. That number is down compared to last year, but that seems to be the situation for all animal shelters nationwide. However, we hope that number will change as we try to make it more convenient for pet lovers to adopt one of our pets. Instead of traveling out to Peewee's, just as it was years ago, you can once again adopt one of our animals at Petsmart, at 5214 Blanche Moore Dr. (inside Moore Plaza), on Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 4:00pm. Come see us and adopt a new little family member.

As always, I come hat in hand with the hopes that you will continue to financially help us to defray the cost of payroll, veterinary services for the dogs we take in that are needing our help, and just the enormous expense of the day-to-day operations that never go away and, quite frankly, are forever increasing. I thank you in advance for your generosity.



I remain...

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



FUREVER GRATEFUL



We are furever grateful to Don Stone who has been a donor for over 18 years and has been hosting an annual tennis tournament fundraiser for us all on his own for the last 10 years. This year, his *Volley for the Voiceless* tournament raised \$3,237, which he always matches, for a total of \$6,474 donated to the homeless animals here at Peewee's. Thank you, Don! Thanks to you, all the skinny dogs that come through here get fat on store-bought chicken and weenies.

Thank you to **PETSMART**, at 5214 Blanche Moore Dr. (inside Moore Plaza), for letting us come back to do adoptions with our little cuties on Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 4:00pm. The adoption fee is \$175. If interested in adopting, call us at 361-888-4141 during the week to complete a phone application so you can pick



one out on Saturday. You must have a working knowledge on the care of a dog including their basic medical needs and have a proper place for them to live. Thank you, **PETSMART**!

A huge thanks to Jaxon Sikes, a 12-year-old sixth grader at Tuloso Midway, for collecting and donating pet food and cleaning supplies for his confirmation project at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Thank you, Jaxon!

99¢ of every dollar donated goes directly to the animals

WIN A BEAUTIFUL RING



Our good friend, Benny Ledford, owner of Goldsmiths 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 September will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a beautiful 14k yellow gold ring with 21mm x 11mm pear-shaped opal valued at \$800. 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 found a dog that I plan to keep but he is missing hair and his skin is crusty in some spots. I called the vet and they said he probably has mange. Is it curable?

Yes, it is, so here is how to recognize, treat, and prevent mange in dogs. Mange in dogs is caused by one of two types of microscopic mites, one of which is highly contagious. If your dog is itching like crazy or you notice patches of thinning or missing fur, your pup may have mange. This irritating skin condition is caused by microscopic mites that infest the skin. But there's no need to stress: Mange in dogs is preventable and treatable. The sarcoptic mite most commonly causes mange. This type of mange is called scabies. Your dog can catch these parasites from another animal or from contaminated bedding and give them to you. Highly contagious, but once treated and the pet is isolated for two weeks, everything is over and all will be fine. Demodectic mites, on the other hand, are naturally present in

the roots of your dog's fur (called hair follicles). They're passed from mother to pup during the first few days of life.

Usually, a dog's immune system keeps demodectic mites in check, but mange outbreaks can occur if the mite population grows out of control. Mange caused by demodectic mites isn't contagious and is totally curable. At Peewee's, we just give them one Bravecto pill and it is done 99% of the time. In most severe cases of demodectic mange, you might have to treat longer. While you may be tempted to use a home remedy or over-the-counter product to relieve your dog's itching, it won't help in the long run. Getting rid of the mites is a must to treat mange. Schedule an exam with your local vet for an official diagnosis to find out what kind of mange your dog has and how to best treat it. Mange symptoms are similar to other skin conditions in dogs. Your veterinarian will take a skin scraping or hair sample and look at it under a microscope. The skin scrape may temporarily cause the skin to look more irritated, but it's important to do! It's easy to see demodectic mites under the microscope. To treat, we



use isoxazoline medications—a group of drugs that many once-monthly flea and tick control products contain. We've found that they're very good at treating both types of mites, in addition to their primary use for fleas and ticks. You can expect your pet to feel better within a few days of taking the oral medication. Your dog may also need antibiotics to help clear up any secondary skin infections. When I came to Peewee's, I had mange, but after treatment and loving care, I got my appetite back, my hair back, and I even got this job as a reporter and educator at Peewee's.

In other words, pet insurance is as detailed and complicated as choosing your own health insurance. It was really hard to do the research for this article. I am 17 years old and have cataracts and don't see so good and now have a chronic bone marrow immune disorder which I am on medication for. I hope to continue to be your advisor for some time to come. I don't need pet insurance as vet care is my payment for my services to Peewee's as a reporter. I have excellent vet care from Dr. Garrett, our President, and lots of love from my mommy, Ernie.

NICE LETTERS FROM PEEWEE'S PARENTS

"I adopted the love of my life, Meme, my poodle from Peewee's. She lived to be 18 then crossed the rainbow bridge. After mourning, I was lucky enough to adopt a Westipoo named Mercí. She is amazing and lovable. Peewee peeps, I believe you think you are saving fur babies' lives, but you are also bringing pure joy into our lives. Thank you for blessing us." – Holly R.

"Rio (formerly Garden and then Oreo) enjoying a kayak ride in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada. We are forever grateful to Peewee's for saving our sweet boy." – Beth A.

"I was looking into your rescue the other night wanting to know more about where Lupe (we also call her LuLu, Lupita & Pita) came from. I came across a post from September 29, 2022 and saw the pic of her on the day she was making her way to New York. Attached is the pic I found from your Facebook post along with several pics (I have HUNDREDS to choose from on my phone). She is the sweetest little thing and has blossomed. When she came to us, she would pancake the ground and her tail would be tucked all the way under to her belly. Now, she dances and stands on her back legs waving her arms when I get home from work as she knows lots of puppy cuddles are on the way. Thank you for the work you do and for saving this little munchkin!" – Teresa and Roger P.

"Igni was brought up from a South Texas high-kill shelter by Peewee's. Adopted from Serenity in Michigan." – Leuka G.

"Just adopted Coral in New Jersey on April 22! A HUGE SHOUT OUT to everyone that makes these rescues work!" – Cheryl Lynn M.



RECENT RESCUES



Snowy, a dehydrated skeleton of a husky, was found way past the Botanical Gardens covered in ticks and starving with not a house in sight. Someone tried really hard to get rid of her and cause her death, but she survived and thrived and became a sweetheart. She lives in the forest of Michigan with a wonderful retired couple. **Pete** came to us with cuts all over his body, tortured on purpose by some mean people in the valley. After almost 100 stitches, lots of antibiotics, and wearing a cone for three weeks, he healed nicely and lives in New Jersey with a wonderful family and children. These **3 pups** were taped up in this box and thrown into a ditch on Old Brownsville Road where a Good Samaritan heard their screams. After treatment for mange, allergies, and worms, they survived, were fully vetted, and went to New York to live happily ever after. **Lucky**, who is lucky to be alive, required an eye enucleation for a punched-out eye and a leg amputation for a smashed leg that was not repairable. He came from the valley with no hair but with a heart of gold, even though humans had only shown cruelty towards him. He loves the air-conditioning and his soft bed and now has a family of his own on the East Coast. **Terry** came to us from Corpus Christi Animal Care Services (the dog pound) with two broken legs. The rear leg healed after being cast, but the front one was beyond help and had to be amputated. He was a brave little one, never complained and learned to walk on three legs in no time. He lives in Canada in a resort town north of New England. **Ali** was found wandering around in the west side of town where mean kids threw rocks at him on a regular basis. Thank God a good Samaritan rescuer trapped him and brought him to us. With good medicine and good food he grew friendly, grew hair, and is now living on the east coast with a nice loving family of his own.

Puppy is about a 6-month-old pup that came to us from a kill shelter in the valley after being run over on the streets of Harlingen. He was unable to walk and had both front legs broken. He accepted his casts like a champ and with his Elizabethan cone to keep him from removing them, he is healing quite nicely. Hopefully by the time you get this newsletter, he is out of his casts and on his way to a good life. **Lulu**, our distemper survivor, arrived at four months old from the Valley, and within two weeks, she started twitching and chewing which are neurological signs of distemper. She went to a foster home so she would not expose other dogs to the highly contagious disease, and she survived. After two months in isolation, she quit the teeth chewing, but will have some twitching as residual damage for the rest of her life. She is the sweetest, happiest, most playful girl and still awaits that special home. **Ricky** – same old story, “owner died, can’t afford to take dog to the vet, will you take him?” He has had allergies and demodex mange for so long, we are not sure he will ever grow hair, but we are trying. He is super ugly, but a real sweetheart, and we are trying our best to find him a home that he well deserves. **Sunny** came to us with heartworms and a hopelessly mangled leg from a kill shelter. He never complained and was always glad to receive a hug, a kiss, or a treat. He received treatment and his leg was removed as it was not fixable. He runs on three legs and is now spending time on the beaches of the East Coast. **2 pups** were left loose outside our gate in the middle of the night, covered in mange, itching and starving. Thank God they did not wander onto Saratoga and die under the wheels of the commercial traffic which runs all day and night at 55 mph. After veterinary treatment, good medicine, and good food, they grew happy and healthy and went to live in Michigan where loving families adopted them and are giving them the life they deserve. A good Samaritan found **Kitty** under his truck at an apartment complex. The eye hanging out had been like that for some time. Good food, antibiotics, and Dr. Gunn’s removal of the eye not only saved his life, but made him feel better right away. How about coming and adopting this sweet one-eyed miracle?



Jesus, I pray that you help convert all the mean people in South Texas into better humans to stop the cruelty we see every day done unto your precious pets. Until it stops, we pray that you help us as well as our benefactors and donors in helping God’s little creatures from being abused. Thank you. – Ernie Cochran



Snowy



Pete



3 Pups



Lucky



Terry



Ali



Puppy



Lulu



Ricky



Sunny



2 Pups



Kitty



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Peewee's Wish List

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 - Large Dog Walkers
 - Horse Groomer
- Paper Towels
- Bleach
- Canned Pedigree Dog Food (ground only)



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