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

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT/ANNUAL REPORT

Hello Peewee's Supporter,

Well, 2024 is upon us and, as is usually the case, I would like to share with you the final numbers for the previous year. For the year 2023, we adopted out a total of 1,516 pets with 1,481 being dogs and 35 cats. We've had some cats at the facility for a long time and little by little we are almost down to zero. We have pretty much relegated ourselves to being a small dog rescue although we still get some larger dogs, that through our contacts around the country, are able to get adopted out to loving and caring homes. I would like to add that although that number is down from last year, I can honestly tell you that we did better than probably 95% of all the shelters around the country as their numbers were way down compared to ours. I think it has to do with the fact that each and every one of our dogs are fully vetted and in very good health when we ship them out, not to mention the fact that we have so many strays here in Corpus Christi, compared to the number of strays in other cities.

At the moment, we have no immediate projects for 2024 on our campus. We will probably spruce up the place and do some repairs to maintain the high standard of excellence for an animal shelter.

I always thank you in advance for your continued support and hope that you will continue to remember us financially in 2024. We are always hoping to make the current year better than the previous one and, with your help, I'm sure we will accomplish that task.

I remain...
Sincerely,

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

FUREVER 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 2023 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 Donas donors in honoring 2023 Court, Morris L. Lichtenstein, Jr. Foundation, Larry & Pat McNeil Foundation, Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc., Blanche

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We are extremely grateful to Texas Molecular, a company of VLS Environmental Solutions LLC, for donating \$5,000 to help the homeless animals at Peewee's. They have been our wonderful neighbors for many years and we are glad to have their support for the homeless animals in Corpus Christi.



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QUILT WINNERS

Hooray for Amanda Contreras, the winner of our large quilt giveaway! Amanda started donating to Peewee's in honor of Betty White and accepts the quilt in memory of her dog Fred, a border collie, who recently passed away. Amanda was out of town for the drawing, so pictured is her sister Sue who came by to pick the quilt up for her. Also, congratulations to Deborah Isaacs, the winner of the small quilt from our giveaway. She has been a Peewee's donor for over 5 years and currently has four cats who she loves very much.



ASK LULU

Dear Lulu, My Mom passed away and I am trying to find a home for her dog. It is hard because the dog seems to hate everyone. Why is this?

This is something we run into every day, fearful mean little dogs. All dogs need to learn socialization with humans, and unfortunately, so many people fail to do this for their animals because they never stop to think, what will happen to my pet if I can no longer care for it? This should be one of the most important things you can do for your pet just like you do for your children. You want your children to fit in and thrive in society, and folks should want this for their pets as well. So in a sense, treat your dogs like you would a child, preparing them for dog life out in the world. Sometimes dogs can be our best friends, but are not always fans of the people who come around us. Dogs can get stressed out, have anxiety attacks, or become aggressive. The only way to fix these issues is through social training. We don't mean bringing your dog to a trainer, we mean bringing them into social situations that involve more than just yourself. Here are some tips on how to make your dog the neighbor's favorite good boy. **Expose them.** Let your dog around men, women, children, etc. to mix it up so that they can get used to being around people of all sizes, which are bigger than your pet. Don't reward or praise your dog for being scared of people—this encourages skittish behavior. Ensure people pet your dog where their hands can be seen like their chest or chin. A dog who is confident with their training and routine makes for a well-rounded pooch. **Don't Lock them Up.** Let your pets run free, your friends will understand. Let him get to know the people you are close to so that each time they come around, they are more and more comfortable. Don't crate them when you have people over, it will make them afraid or have a bad sense of visitors. **Walk Your Dog Daily** around your neighborhood a couple times a week if you can. Dog walks are great opportunities for your pet to be exposed to people in different environments that are not their own. Walks will create less pent-up energy due to the exercise, therefore, making your dog calmer and more submissive. Remember not to pull back on the leash or yell at your dog if they bark or otherwise act up, because this increases their excitement level, makes the experience negative, and makes them associate that feeling with other dogs. **Start Them Young.** It's important to be timely with your socialization. Habits learned at a young age will stick with them throughout their life. Between 3 and 12 weeks of age is the sweet spot for socializing a puppy. Beyond 4 months of age, it becomes a lot more difficult to socialize a dog. Another great tip is to research places that allow non-service animals and consider going there for coffee dates or brunch! There are so many dog parks and opportunities out there that help a dog become more social! Take advantage of them all while the pups are young and it will help your dog develop into a well-rounded pet that will do well in many different situations. We hope this list helped and encourages you to spend a little more time with your pup on a daily basis.



I came to Peewee's as a puppy, but never got adopted because I have seizures and some brain damage that causes twitching, but Ernie and Bobby adopted me and made sure I was well socialized so I could help customers in the office and also hold this new job as a newsletter reporter.



NICE LETTERS FROM PEEWEE PARENTS

"Tillamook loves running in his new yard with brother, Finley, and sleeping in bed. I can't believe what a perfect match. He's a boy that plays as hard as Fin with same energy level but also loves relaxing with the family. We just love this guy already!" – *Anonymous*

"She's the gift above all gifts!!! She's been with us 5 months now and has become the joy of our lives. Abigail Marie (alias Titonka), we love you!! You are the sunshine of our lives!!" - *Bonnie M.*

"Enzo (Pima 11/4/2023) and Ella (Tribeca 12/9/2023) have added so much love to our home, and they are best buddies! 🥰💕🐾" – *Candace V.*

"Today's Darla Darcy's #GotchaDay anniversary. FKA...Hoyt, Darla is the sweetest girl around and lives a Princess Life here down the Shore! First 2 pictures are this AM before church...Last picture was 1-7-23. What a difference a year makes!" - *Ann M.*

"I just can't get over this good boy we adopted on 1/6/24!! Crane has made himself at home 🐾💕💕 I don't know who is more happy, our daughter or Crane 💕." - *Jordana C.*

"Meeko (formerly Tumalo - 1/6/24 transport) is settling in just fine. He is the cuddliest dog we've ever met and is so quick to learn. He already seems to be picking up on our routine. We're so in love with him and our other dog has warmed up to him faster than we expected. 💕" – *Kristina B.*



Tillamook



Pima & Tribeca



Crane



Titonka



Darla



Tumalo



RECENT RESCUES

Aggie came to us from Brownsville, Texas with a crushed leg totally unsalvageable and painful, but after her amputation, she became relaxed, happy, and sweet. She now runs and plays with a little girl at her new home. These **quintuplets** were left in this cage at the corner of Baldwin and Staples, mom, dad, and 3 pups at a bus stop. Thank God a college student from Del Mar called us and brought them in. Whoever did this needs a brain transplant. **Angel**, a miniature horse with health problems, namely, very bad asthma, Cushing's Disease, and a bad front leg, was brought here because the owner could no longer afford to take care of him. He could not breathe and was a skeleton. But with proper medication, feed, and a good farrier to treat his club foot, Angel has thrived and is looking for a new home. **Mr. Grey**, a street pussycat who was very friendly but homeless, came to us a skeleton with an upper respiratory infection and an eye that was rotting in the socket. After eye removal, medications, and good food, he traveled to a new home up East! **Blackie** came to us from death row at a kill shelter in the valley with a mangled rear leg folded like a pretzel. He was thin and in pain, but as soon as he got some weight and we did an amputation, he looked happy and became bouncy and friendly. He was transported north where he found a loving home, has his own couch, and loves to watch TV with his new mom. **Blue** is a sweet cat that came from a rural kill shelter after being mauled by a big dog in the streets. The leg could not be saved, but we saved the sweet cat! He is now awaiting a new wonderful family to come adopt him here at Peewee's. **Chico** was brought to us by a super irresponsible owner who always let him run loose in the neighborhood until he finally got hit by a city bus. He tried to dump the injured dog off at Animal Control, but thank God they sent him over to us. He was in shock, but after a few days, he was stable. His leg was crushed beyond repair, but he does not even miss it. He runs, plays, makes lots of friends, and is now sleeping in bed with a lovely lady in the East Coast. People kept posting **Red**, an injured cat, on the Facebook lost pet pages, but no one would take him, so we did. He was a big unneutered male who probably ended up like this fighting with other street males. His eye is scratched but salvageable and we debrided and treated his nose under general anesthesia while getting neutered. He is improving and needs a good home. **Sparky**, a mangy heartworm positive skeleton riddled with injuries, came to us from death row at a kill shelter. After a long recovery, he became friendly, sweet, playful, and healthy. He landed a beautiful family on the east coast with children who he sleeps in bed with. **Puggie** is a sweet pup that was rescued from a pipe in Port Aransas. He came to us full of worms with cuts on his rear legs. He had been rescued from a culvert during a storm where he nearly drowned. He also had pneumonia, but recovered nicely and now lives in Michigan. **Harry** came to us from a kill shelter with no hair and a severe case of demodex mange. He was starving, weak, and feeling defeated but after 2 months, he turned out to have beautiful red hair and a most thankful personality, which won him a wonderful new family in Canada. **Princess** was dumped in our parking lot. Her skin reeked from a bad skin infection and demodex mange, plus she had a terrible eye infection. After two months of treatment, she is loving, kind, and sweet. After some time, she grew hair and we got to see what color she was; brindle! She left to an amazing home in the East Coast.

No, Texas is not getting any better, but Peewee's saves nearly 2,000 souls a year, which is a drop in the bucket. We get

them from a 150-mile radius from kill shelters, the streets, and those we save make that many families happy, and they live outstanding long lives and that is what makes all this worthwhile. So I will continue to do this with your gracious help until God calls me. Thank you. — Ernie Cochran, Shelter Director

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Peewee's Wish List

- Money, money, money
- Volunteers:
 - Large Dog Walkers
 - Horse Groomer
- Paper Towels
- Bleach
- Canned Pedigree Dog Food (ground only)

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