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Peewee's

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Pet Adoption World & Sanctuary, Inc.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Peewee's Supporter,

This will be the last newsletter of the year, and as we have done for the last few years, we are sending it a little bit early. We do this because we want to remind all of our supporters that this year Tuesday, November 12th is the Coastal Bend Day of Giving. It is, by far, our largest fundraising day of the year, which provides much needed food, treatment, and staff for the countless pets we take in. We've always done very well on this day, and we owe it all to you, our dedicated supporters. So, please mark on your calendar or enter a reminder in your smart phone. Contributions made to Peewee's on November 12th through the Coastal Bend Day of Giving website are being matched up to \$24,000! We thank you in advance for your generosity. Please see the enclosed flyer for more details.

I know many of you are always interested as to what progress we are making in terms of adopting and taking the strays off the streets of Corpus Christi. So far through the end of October, our number stands at 1,558. That is actually about 25% ahead of last year for the same time period. We are praying that if this trend continues, it will hopefully take us to the 2,000 number which should be close to the numbers we had back in the pre-Covid pandemic days. A lot of our good fortune currently is the result of having partnered with seven new rescue groups located on the East Coast and in Canada. They have been a Godsend to us, and we are eternally grateful for them. It warms my heart to know that these dogs we are sending north are now living in affectionate, loving, lifelong homes.

For the moment, we have no new building projects on the Peewee's campus. However, we are in the process of trying to hire somebody to be a dedicated dog walker/dog rehab person for those who come with severe anxieties. We imagine this person will have to be paid about \$30,000 per year. We are also in a maintenance phase of tending to the needs of all the buildings constructed with your generosity, such as taking care of the natural wear and tear that has taken its toll, including replacing some AC units. It's projects like these as to why we are always in desperate need of your support. Please remember us so that we can maintain the beauty of our campus.

On a closing note. Even though it's a little bit early, on behalf of the entire Board of Directors and the staff at Peewee's, I wish you a safe and fun-filled upcoming holiday season. Thank you for your years of generosity and continued support. I remain...

Sincerely,

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

FUREVER GRATEFUL

Thank you to Stephanie Almager from the Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas for donating Girl Scout cookies to the staff here at Peewee's. On behalf of their council, they thanked Peewee's and our team for all we do to help our furry friends find forever homes. It is a thankless job. Thank you, Stephanie!



We are furever grateful for our good friends at **H-E-B**. Peewee's was invited to participate in their Fiesta Day, where we presented the RGC Team with a plaque thanking them for helping to feed the 33,000+ animals we have saved since our inception.

We are eternally grateful to Thomas J. Henry for once again thinking of Peewee's by donating \$1,500 from their last Bark in the Park event. The money will help us to care for the many animals we have rescued from the streets of South Texas.

THOMAS J HENRY
INJURY ATTORNEYS



99¢ of every dollar donated goes directly to the animals

ASK LULU

Dear Lulu, why should cats be kept strictly inside? They seem to want to go outside.

Well at first, they will want to go outside because they have no idea of the outside dangers. Here at Peewee's, we get calls daily about missing cats that lived outside for years, never to be found, or found dead. If you love your kitty, keep it inside and it will live to a ripe old age of 20+ years. Outside cats are generally dead at 2-4 years. We have two kitties in the office, "Pretty" and "Blackie", and they never try to get out because they love their environment and love us as their family. You can ask mama Ernie, our pussycats are as smart as dogs, as affectionate as dogs and

they even worry when Ernie isn't feeling well and try to give her extra loving. You can give your cats the experience of being outside by placing furniture with beds by windows with open curtains or other window treatments, and after a while, they will not even try to go outside. My mommy has three kitties at her house. They each have their own window to look out of and they won't go outside even if the door is left open. Here is a list of what your inside cats miss: • being stolen • getting lost • being hit by a car • worms, ticks, and fleas • exposure to FIV, FIP, and FELV • becoming prey for coyotes, raptors, raccoons, and other wildlife • drowning in pools • rain, wind, and extreme temperatures • exposure to ringworm • accidental poisoning • death or injury by seeking shelter in car engine bays • being shot, poisoned, or trapped by intolerant neighbors • stickers that attach to eyes, ears, and nose requiring surgery • fights with other cats or other animals.



NICE LETTERS FROM PEEWEE PARENTS

"Ruby (fka Robby) was a quick foster fail! Thank you, Peewee's Pet Adoption - A Small Dog Breed Rescue and Paw2Love." – Christina M.



"Our sweet girl **Koda** (fka Hubbard) has been with us for three months. We brought her home on January 13th and she has been a joy. We had to say goodbye to our boy Bear right before Christmas, leaving tremendous holes in our hearts and our home. Into our lives ran Koda and she jumped into our hearts. Thank you Matchdog Rescue for helping us find our new love bug." – Mary Ann K.



"You saved our dog 11 years or so ago. He made his way up to Connecticut by way of your dedicated volunteers. We named him **Java**, but I think his previous names were Jagger and Legs. Not sure what he was called down there. I was looking through his paper work and saw your organization. I was curious, so I looked you up. He is now 17 1/2 and is such a big part of our family.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to have him part of our family. And another side note, I was born and raised in Corpus and my sibling is still there. An unbelievable coincidence. Thank you again." – Cris N.



"We just had to say goodbye to our **Junie Girl**. At almost 15 years old, we were blessed to have her so many years. Thank you, Peewee's Pet Adoption – A Small Dog Breed Rescue for letting us adopt her when she was a puppy. We'll save another life in honor of her memory. Go play with Bella, Maisy, and Griffen sweet girl. We'll love you forever." – Anna A.



"**Marco** (6/2023, formerly Andrews) and **Rocket** (7/2024, formerly Benny) have become fast friends, playing and sleeping together when mother and daughter owners visit each other." – Sarah C.



"I can't believe it has been over a month since we welcomed **Lyle** (fka Lyles) into our home. Rosie (Matchdog #1) and I love him so much. He is such a sweet boy. There is a huge heart inside his little body and he shows so much love to every human and four-legged friend he meets. Lyle makes me laugh all day and is keeping Rosie on her toes, and will surely keep her young as she turns 6 this year! So happy to have brought a second Matchdog Rescue into my home." – Jennifer M.



"**Opie** (formerly Travis) has been having a great time. We go for daily walks around the neighborhood after dinner. On Saturdays, we go for a nice long walk early in the morning. He is such a good boy! We love on him all the time. Lots of pets and belly rubs. He gets excited to go for his walks. I can see a difference in him. His eyes are bright and he is just so happy!" – Brandi K.



"Hi! We adopted "Victoria" now named **Xena** near end of May in Ottawa, Canada. I can't believe someone just dumped her off, she is full of love and a great dog. Thank you to Peeweess for taking her in." – Gaby H.



RECENT RESCUES

Annie is a sweet skeleton of a boxer who came to us from the valley weighing only 26 pounds. She was very scared, but after months of care in our hospital and then in our laundry room, she finally came out of her shell and gained weight. She found a wonderful indoor home with a disabled gentleman who she loves and sleeps in bed with. She has a touch of separation anxiety, but since Dad is retired, they make for a wonderful pair. **Patti** is an elderly chocolate lab that was dumped at Memory Gardens Cemetery on Old Brownsville Road and brought to us by a good Samaritan. She was emaciated and had tumors all over her body. We knew she could not make it through surgery, but we gave her a comfortable life in the Ragan Building where she roamed, ate, and made friends with all the employees. We gave her 6 months of happiness until her cancer finally ended her life. People are so cruel, she was old and sick so they just threw her away. **Cloud**, a white male poodle, came off the streets from the West side of Corpus Christi so badly matted that he required emergency shaving. Of course, he had heartworms, rotten teeth, and was a skeleton, but after treatment, eating for three months, and being loved, he finally got to go to the East Coast and live happily ever after. **Taz** was a very sick boy, found wandering the West Side streets of Corpus Christi, matted to the skin with maggots and ticks, who needed an emergency shave and then required a blood transfusion. He spent three months in the hospital recuperating and finally went up to Toronto to a new life with a new family. **Tommy** was a starving dog from the valley with a distended abdomen full of worms that came to us with 16 others from Weslaco Animal Control. He was lethargic and weak, but after treatment for tick diseases and worms, he put on weight and went to the East Coast to live with a new family with children where he sleeps in bed with a little girl. **Teddy** is a lovely sweet lab mix that came from the valley with a gunshot to his shoulder, destroying the bones and leaving us no other choice but to amputate his front leg. You could tell right away that the pain was gone after his surgery. His personality changed from sad to happy and loving, he now runs and plays with other dogs. He is now awaiting you to come adopt him. **Bobby** is an orange kitty that was found in the streets of Corpus Christi covered in sores probably from being attacked by a dog, and you could tell he was in pain. It took 2 months to heal, but this boy would love for you to come adopt him. **Thelmo** is a sweet senior boy who was dumped at Peewee's by the son who did not think enough of his dead dad to take care of his sweet companion. He is 9 years old and had a terrible skin infection and came to us with another dog. The son did not care, all he wanted to do was wash his hands of his father's dogs. How sad. Both dogs healed up, got fixed, had their teeth cleaned, and went to Canada where they are living a great life with a retired couple in Nova Scotia. **Bugs** was one of 27 dogs from a hoarding situation in Victoria, Texas. They were all scared, and most had demodectic mange, but after 2 months of love and treatment, most came around and found homes all over the East Coast. Bugs was the last one to come around and find a home. **Snowball** is a poor kitten with his eyes infected shut, cover in fleas, who appeared in a box at a Circle K. A good Samaritan brought him in. We managed to save his eyes, treat him for anemia and malnutrition. He eventually got fixed and went to South Wisconsin where he found a wonderful new family. **Ursula** is a sweet crippled dog with grade 4 bilateral luxating patellas. After much research, it turns out her back legs could not be fixed. After much searching, a lovely family in Ontario adopted her, and someday when she needs a wheelchair, she will get one. She has a golden heart, is not in any pain, and loves her family. **Billy**



was found in a dumpster at a Circle K, but after much treatment, his eyes had shrunk back up to normal size. He was able to see shadows and not run into walls, and went to Wisconsin where he found a wonderful family of his own.

As you can see, South Texas is full of cruel, shameless people, who treat God's little creatures like stuffed animals from Walmart. But we at Peewee's collect them, take care of all their medical needs, and place them in wonderful homes. With God's help and yours, we will continue to do so for many many years to come. – Ernie Cochran, Shelter Director

This is the type of work your donations help fund.



Annie



Patti



Cloud



Taz



Tommy



Teddy



Bobby



Thelmo



Bugs



Snowball



Ursula



Billy

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



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