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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,

I hope 2025 has started out in a positive manner for each and every one of you. Now for the annual numbers that I'm sure you'll be pleased to hear. For the first time since Covid, we finished ahead of our previous year when it comes to adoptions. We rescued and placed 1,665 dogs and 105 cats for a total of 1,770 pets that have been taken off the street, no doubt destined for starvation, sickness, hit by car, or whatever other calamity would befall them. I might add that the vast, vast majority of these pets have been shipped out of the area, mostly to the East Coast and Canada where people are already waiting for them with close to 90% being pre-adopted before arrival. The other 10% are usually adopted within 30 days. On a personal note, I would like to single out one of our rescue partners back in New York, where they have three locations, and have been established since 1902. I had the honor and pleasure of meeting their adoption coordinator, Ben, on a recent visit while visiting family and friends back home. While visiting the facility, I was in awe of just how impressive and immaculate their facility was. It was almost empty of dogs because they adopt them out so fast! I actually saw three Peewee's dogs that had just arrived a short time before. I can assure you it is quite an honor to be recognized by this shelter. They also have at two of their facilities, pet cemeteries. Some of the headstones, if not most of them, rival that of any headstones that I've seen at any human cemetery. They even have horses and dogs from World War II that served our country buried there. However, my personal favorite was the gravesite of a dog that originally died in California but the owner decided their cemetery was more appropriate. So the body was exhumed and shipped to New York where President Nixon's dog "Checkers" lies in eternal peace.



Ben & Dr. Alan Garrett

Every day, we see our little dogs in the comfort of heating and air-conditioning, all thanks to the Klein family, who we cannot thank enough for the comfort of the animals and the peace of mind all these buildings they have built give us.



As 2025 is upon us, we will continue to save as many of the downtrodden, abused and neglected pets that roam our streets and find their way into our facility with the hopes of finding them loving and caring homes. I urge and kindly ask for you to remember us in your monthly budget to keep our mission and good fortune always moving forward in a positive direction. I remain....

Sincerely,  
Alan W. Garrett, D.V.M.  
President, Peewee's P.A.W.S.



### ASK LULU

**Dear Lulu: Someone mentioned that there is an epidemic of parvo, distemper, and leptospirosis in Corpus Christi. Is this true?**



Yes, we have received notice from some local veterinarians and shelters about this and have beefed up our protocols with daily observations of all our residents. I myself had distemper as a puppy. I have brain damage and have to take seizure medication three times a day, and even then, I still have seizures occasionally. Plus, I also have permanent muscle twitching of my front legs. But I lived and got this good job writing for the Peewee's newsletter. These three diseases are the main killers of all dogs and puppies

and are perfectly preventable with proper vaccinations. Here's the rundown on all three: • **Signs of Parvo:** Loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, severe often bloody diarrhea, fever or hypothermia, lethargy, and depression. • **Signs of Distemper:** Fever, lethargy, loss of appetite, nasal discharge, eye discharge, cough, neurological symptoms which can include head lift, circling, partial or full paralysis, repetitive eye movement, muscle twitching, convulsions, chewing motions, and if they survive, the neurological symptoms are usually permanent nervous system damage. • **Signs of Leptospirosis:** fever, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, lethargy, muscle pain, joint stiffness, cough, difficulty breathing, yellowing of the skins and whites of eyes (jaundice), increased thirst, dehydration which can lead to liver and kidney failure and death. The most at risk for both parvo and distemper are pups under four months, but adults are not immune. If you suspect your dog may have any of these three diseases, it is important to take them to the vet immediately for diagnosis and treatment. All these can kill your dog sooner than you think. Prevention is the key. All dogs should be vaccinated against these 3 killers starting at 6 weeks of age. Pups need 4 sets of these vaccinations 3 weeks apart starting at 6 weeks of age, and unvaccinated adults need 2 sets of shots 2 weeks apart. After that, all dogs need revaccinating every year or every three years according to which vaccine your vet is using on your pet. Please do this so your beloved pet lives a long healthy life and does not end up with permanent damage like me!



# 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 2024 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 2024 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, Puente De Maravillas Foundation, Earl C. Sams 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 four



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. • 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. • We give many thanks to the JCC preschool, who taught about giving back to the community. Tzedakah in Hebrew means charity and justice. The JCC preschool students chose to help out our furry friends and sent \$450! • We are forever grateful to the Church of the Good Shepherd for including Peewee's in the blessing of the animals. They even donated food and supplies they collected!



• Thank you to Coastal A's and Rods for donating \$500 from their annual car show. Check them out on Facebook!

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## NICE LETTERS FROM PEEWEE PARENTS



"Hi, I am reaching out because I had adopted a dog that originally came from you guys almost 9 years ago. You had guessed he was 8 years old at the time. He was the absolute love of my life and I just lost him last Wednesday. I would love to honor him by saving another life. I am in New Jersey, but I would love to work with any rescues that you are partnered with in New York/NJ area. I also want to thank you and all of the volunteers at Peewee's for what you do every day for the animals. You have no idea how much my **Lil' Man** meant to me and how grateful I am to have had 8 beautiful years with him." – *Rachael B.*

"Thank you, Peewee's, for helping our girl, **Pip**, and taking such good care of her. We adopted her 1 year ago today, and it has been a joyful year for all of us! She lives in PA now, where she's with us 24/7, goes on long walks and visits the dog park every day, chases squirrels in her fenced yard, and cuddles up on the furniture. She is wonderful and so are you for working hard to help Pip and so many others. Here are a few pictures of Pip at home with us and Turtle the cat. She is truly a wonderful girl—always excited and joyful. We are so grateful for her." – *Erin & Jack*



"Hi! we're a family who adopted one of your pups who was brought to Canada. Her name is **Tilly**, a lab mix. I was wondering if you'd be interested in an update on her? 😊 She's pretty amazing. She is very loved and spoiled. She loved playing in the leaves this fall and has loved the snow. She is the sweetest girl I've ever met and we are all in love with her." – *Jeannie L.*

"Formerly known as **Chato**, a tiny, 2-year-old little Peewee's Pet Adoption - A Small Dog Breed Rescue dog who captured my heart in July of this year. Adopted through Barking Beauties in Eastern Ontario. 🐾 He lives with a neurological disorder that doesn't slow him down at all. He's a quirky little guy who is loved, unconditionally. ❤️ I can't imagine what his life was like before Ernie and her crew intervened, but I'm grateful that they did. 💕 Now known as Bobby McGee, River Dance and Pineapple. Who doesn't have nicknames for their pets? 😊" – *Laura B.*



"In November 2023 we welcomed **Maks**, our rescue rockstar from A Little At A Time Rescue, into our Canadian adventure. This joyful little troublemaker has seamlessly merged with our family, injecting non-stop laughter and energy - always glued to our sides, snoring with the subtlety of a freight train, and religiously scheduling 6am belly rub appointments and walkies!" – *Anitra S.*



"We adopted **Rowan** back in October through Paw2Love who as dogs come from Peewee's. Yesterday was his one month with us here in Newfoundland Canada. He has settled in very nicely with our family. Still learning basic commands, but has mastered sit, paw, and down. He loves car rides and playing tag in the yard." – *Crystal K.*



## RECENT RESCUES



**Shadow** is a neighborhood cat that was brought to us after a dog attack by which one of his front legs was mauled, crushed, and unfixable, so we had to amputate it. He recovered slowly but nicely, and we found him a wonderful indoor home with a gentleman in the same neighborhood where he came from.

**Mary** is a wirehaired terrier that was brought to us after being hit by a city bus in Pharr, TX two weeks prior. She limped and was in pain. X-rays revealed she needed hip surgery, which we were able to do, and you could see the relief from pain post-surgery. She learned how to get around quickly and went up north to a wonderful new home with a retired lady who had hip surgery herself. **Veronica** was picked up by a volunteer after wandering for two weeks around Leopard and Antelope Street limping. X-rays revealed she had a fractured tibia and fibula of the right rear leg. After a month of cage rest and pain medications, she is now fine and going to Canada soon.

**Cindy** is a tiny chihuahua girl that came to us from Mathis Animal Control. X-rays revealed a badly dislocated femur from the hip joint. The only treatment is what is called a head and neck osteotomy, which allows the dogs to have no pain and walk normally. Cindy looked so happy after surgery, she immediately started walking a lot and got her appetite back. She is scheduled to travel up north to a new home soon. **Bones** was literally found as a bag of bones so matted that we had to have an emergency shave before anything. It took four months to bring this soul to good health, treat for heartworms, intestinal worms, etc.. But Bones finally left for Canada where she is having happily ever after with a little girl as her best friend whom she sleeps with. **Bobby** is a little boy chihuahua from the valley that came to us with two broken front legs. He could not even stand, was a bag of bones, and in pain. He had to be in splints for 6 weeks, after which he was happy, put on weight, and has now been adopted in New York.

**Spottie** is a street cat that had gotten caught between two pickets of a fence and hung there for a day. His leg was not fixable and had to be removed. He was here for awhile but was eventually picked to go to Wisconsin where he found a wonderful home! **Junior** came to us after the owners accidentally ran over him with the car. He suffered a broken leg and they did not want to spend the money to fix it. Wonderful people that had no business having a pet, and we were frank and let them know. After 8 weeks his leg healed. He was a happy camper and is now living with a lovely family in Michigan. **Fluffy** is a poodle mix that was found wandering at a park in Calallen for two months but could not be caught. We sent a friend volunteer who caught her in a trap. Of course, Fluffy had heartworms and it took 2 months to become comfortable with humans. She now wags her tail, comes up to people, and is living in Canada with a retired couple having the best life.

**Harvey** is a sweet dog that was found wandering the streets of San Benito, Texas with a blind eye almost popping out of his face, which I am sure was very painful. He was picked up by a Good Samaritan who drove him here from the Valley. To top it off, he also had heartworms. We removed the bad eye and he became happier and more playful after the pain was gone. We then treated him for heartworms and soon he is going to the East Coast. **Simon** the Siamese cat was found at a mobile home park in Aransas Pass with a badly swollen and necrotic leg that had to be repeatedly debrided and after many antibiotics and 3 surgeries, he got well and found an indoor loving home here in Corpus Christi. **Andre** is a bulldog that came from the Valley with a huge open wound on his side that was badly infected. He was

also coughing with heartworms and it took 2 months for his wound to heal and we successfully treated him for heartworms. He is the sweetest and went to New Jersey to find his new family where he will be much loved.



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We live in the pit of Texas. The Valley is the #1 place in the US for animal neglect, and here in Corpus Christi, we are #2. Texas in general is the worst state for pets in the US, that's why we do what we do. We might not be able to fix the problem because it is such a huge problem, but we made a difference to those nearly 1,800 animals we saved last year. We hope for your help to save at least 2,000 this year!!! So, with God's help and your help we will continue our mission. Thank you.

– Ernie Cochran, Shelter Director

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