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Pet Adoption World & Sanctuary, Inc.



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT/ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Peewee's Supporter,

The first newsletter of the year usually focuses in detail on the success of our previous year. This newsletter will be a little different in that this section of the newsletter shall be brief. I would like to share with you the fact that in 2025, we were able to find homes all around the nation for a total of 2,187 abandoned, neglected and unloved animals. By far, one of our best years ever. We pray that 2026 will be just as successful.

Two years ago, we lost one of our most ardent supporters, Jacqueline Klein. One year ago, on the same day we lost her father, Mel Klein, another long time Peewee's benefactor. On January 24 of this year, we lost our founder and longtime volunteer Shelter Director, Ernestina "Ernie" Cochran, after a three-year battle with stage four lung cancer.

It was 1988 when I received a phone call from Linda, a receptionist at another animal hospital in Corpus Christi, that knew me very well. She told me of a woman who was trying to save as many strays in Corpus Christi as she could and needed a veterinarian that would help her by giving her a break on veterinary fees. Being a sucker for hard luck stories, I told Linda to send her over. The next day this woman showed up with her first stray. Ernie and I had a wonderful first conversation. She did not have to convince me that there was a need for all the strays in Corpus Christi that were running the streets and were being euthanized at an alarming rate at the animal control services. From that point on and for the next almost four decades, Ernie and I worked hand in hand to do what we could to find, treat, and adopt these forgotten, abandoned, and abused four-legged fur angels.

Actually, she did all the finding!! She was appreciative as she received a 40% discount on all services and many times I didn't even charge.

At the beginning she started with only 30 dogs. A lot of people don't know, but she had six little rental properties in the Del Mar neighborhood and she bribed her tenants by telling them that if she could put stray dogs in the backyard, she would provide the dog food as well as lower their rent. All six tenants agreed. Needless to say, word got around about what she was doing. We quickly realized we were going to need a bigger place. Ernie was fortunate enough to know somebody at the old Parkdale Bank Trust Department and she purchased the old Morris Lichtenstein property at the present location on Saratoga. Apparently, Morris had a small building on that property where he used to breed Chihuahuas. That building is still there to this day although it is only used for storage.

Ernie quickly partitioned the property and had several yards where we would put all the pets. We had dozens of camper shells that acted as shelter for these strays. We also had a cat house for the cats that we had. Ernie and her husband Steve lived on the property in a trailer. She worked tirelessly seven days a week to ensure these pets were well taken care of. The adoptions grew and through word of mouth we attracted wonderful benefactors and patrons that over the years contributed greatly to our success. How successful, you ask? Not only did we abandon the camper shells years ago, we now have several buildings in which to house all these wonderful animals that make it to our campus. And here's a little tidbit of information; I did a little investigative research and came to the realization that from the time we started in 1988, before we were a nonprofit, up until now, there are 40,000 families, not only in Corpus Christi but around the country, that owe a debt of gratitude to Ernie Cochran for making it possible for them to adopt dogs, cats, rabbits, horses and a handful of other four legged creatures that she made available to bring each family love, joy and happiness to their home. 40,000!!! Let that number sink in!! Ernie Cochran was truly a one-of-a-kind. Headstrong, fierce, devoted, driven, but, most of all, compassionate when it came to all the animals that passed through the gates of Peewee's and thus making it into heaven. As the only President of Peewee's since inception, I certainly never forgot who was REALLY in charge. It was Ernie, haha! Ernie is no longer with us but her legacy lives on and I certainly hope that each and every one of you will continue to support and contribute to us to keep the memory of Ernie alive. With Ernie's passing, a smile has disappeared from the lips of animal lovers everywhere. Rest in peace my dear friend. I shall always miss you.

I remain...

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



*Donations are
welcomed to honor
Ernie and her legacy.*

ERNIE'S ANGELS



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Our beloved founder, Ernie Cochran



QUILT WINNER

Congratulations to Janice Gennaway, who was randomly selected to win this beautiful handmade quilt donated by volunteer Marjorie Seip to encourage people to donate to Peewee's. Janice has been a Peewee's supporter for over 10 years now! She also adopted a dog from Peewee's 7 years ago named Coco, whom she loves dearly. Congratulations Janice!

WIN A BEAUTIFUL PAINTING!

Anyone who donates \$25 or more in February or March will be entered in a drawing to win this beautiful original watercolor by Texas artist, Buster Manley. The painting measures 13" by 17" and features a gorgeous

bunting. Buster's works reflect the South Texas area from the brush country to the Texas Gulf Coast. Although he makes his home in Corpus Christi, he has had many one man shows in Austin, Houston, Dallas, and San Antonio. Thank you, Buster, for your generosity and help!



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 2025 event. We want to thank all the donor organizations which were as follows: Coastal Bend Community Foundation, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, Coastal Bend Community Foundation, Buddy Herin Legacy Foundation Fund, LaVerne & Thomas Howell Foundation, John G. & Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation, Dr. & Mrs. Hugh Kennedy Foundation, Las Donas

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Thank you to the Church of the Good Shepherd for collecting pet food, treats, and money during their Blessing of the Animals event. Our pets here were so appreciative of the goodies!

We are so thankful for the Harte Research Institute for holding their annual animal donation drive to benefit the homeless animals at Peewee's.

Donations like this are always helpful to us!

Peewee's is very grateful to Ms. Garza's 8th grade English class at the School of Science and Technology Corpus Christi College Preparatory. In just two weeks, they were able to collect a really nice haul of paper towels, dog food, bleach, and old towels. We are in constant need of these items, so we really appreciate this!

Thank you to Marcus Lozano, owner of Feathered Friends & Co. at 4209 S. Alameda, for collecting and donating 600 pounds of pet food to the homeless animals here at Peewee's. It was desperately needed!

NICE LETTERS FROM PEEWEE PARENTS

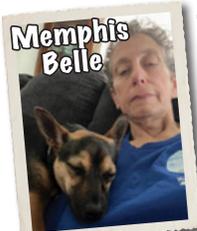
"Hi from Dexter! Dexter (chi-weenie) was adopted from Peewee's in April 2008 (originally named: Mr. Herman), he will be celebrating his 18th birthday with us in January, and he's still going strong! He loves sleeping in mom and dad's bed, going for short walks in the sunshine, and his morning yum-yums of canned food. He now has two younger (human) brothers ages 7 and 4 which does his best to navigate around while fully deaf and mostly blind, but it seems to keep him young. Peewee's is the best! Keep it up!" – Jessica M.

"Happy Gotcha Day to our Memphis Belle (fka Versailles). One year ago, today, you arrived and we fell instantly in love." – Joann B.

"I wanted to send a note to thank Peewee's for providing a safe haven for a little guy who made his way from your rescue into my home and my heart. Not knowing what he was called in his early years, I named him Finn. Finn, at 8 to 9 years old, has had to adjust to a whole new environment in New York City after spending much if not all of his prior life in Texas, and almost 4 months in shelters. He is very sweet and gentle with people, leaving me to believe that he was cared for

in his past. He is also good with most of his canine neighbors. I am attaching a few photos of Finn getting to know his new neighborhood. To you and all the rescue groups that work to care for our special animal friends, thanks again. I hope the attached donation helps a little." – Joanne G.

"Happy 3-year Gotcha Day to our Woody (Ames). Our lives are so blessed to have you. We just adore you little man." – Lo D.



RECENT RESCUES



Poppy



Diana



Trapper



Pippy



Captain



Niña & Niño

Poppy is a healer mix with the cutest short legs, and a terrible eye injury. He was brought in to us by a nice man that saw him raiding the cat food bowls for a meal. Unfortunately, his eye could not be saved; it required an enucleation. He is now living his best life in Canada with a very active family that takes him on all of their adventures. **Diana** is a cute little Yorkie mix who arrived at Peewee's because her previous family could not keep the schedule required to manage her treatment for diabetes. Since they could not find a way to provide her with proper care she came to us. She gets her medication and testing like clockwork now, and we are happy to report that she is doing fabulous. Diana is currently waiting for the perfect adopter. **Trapper**, a medium size white terrier really gave his rescuers a run for their money. He had been living in the grocery store parking lot and it took a couple of weeks for a dedicated volunteer to finally trap him. He was extremely frightened at first but he gradually calmed down and realized that he was being helped. Trapper ended up being Heartworm positive and after he was vaccinated, fixed and treated for heartworms he made his way to his forever home in New Jersey where his new family says that he is in training to be a service dog. **Pippy**, a tiny chihuahua, was found dumped in a box on our property on the verge of death. The employee that discovered her had tears in their eyes as they brought her to the clinic. Pippy was so weak, dehydrated, and emaciated we could see her spine and rib bones. After receiving fluids and regular nutrition Pippy slowly regained her strength and is now a healthy weight. Pippy has an approved adopter and will be going to her new home very soon! **Captain** a friendly blonde lab mix was found on the side of a highway with a nearly severed front leg. Luckily for him, one of our clinic patrons brought him in and he was able to have surgery right away. He is all healed up now and gets around great as a tripod and loves to play fetch with his new family in Michigan. **Niña and Niño**, two mangy and shy little terrier mixes, came to us from a kill shelter in the valley. The staff was nice enough to bring them to Peewee's so that they did not have to be euthanized. After their mange treatment and some TLC, the siblings really came out of their shells. They are beautiful now! Currently they are waiting for transport to their adopters in Maryland. **Doc** is a sweet white and orange kitty who was brought to Peewee's by a volunteer who found him while she was trapping feral cats for a trapping program that fixes the kitties and returns them to their colonies. Doc had the bad luck to acquire a bad infection while he was on the streets and needed additional care. Our wonderful vet was able to treat him for the infection and remove his bad eye. He healed up just fine!! He is currently awaiting transport to his adopter in Wisconsin. **Jammy**, a small shepherd mix, was brought in with a badly injured tail by a young college student. He had been living in the student housing parking lot living off of scraps. We are thankful that the student was able to bring him to us as his tail was very infected and required amputation. Thankfully he healed up fine and is now wagging his little stump like crazy in Wisconsin in his new home with his two doggy siblings. **Marky** is an extremely friendly, skinny, mangy black and white cat that was trapped as part of a local trap neuter and release project. He was so skinny that the lady that trapped him figured he would not survive on his own so she brought him to Peewee's for some major rehab. Luckily, there was nothing wrong with him that some mange medicine and good high-quality food could not fix. Marky will soon be ready to find a home of his own. **Leggo** was found trapped in debris in an abandoned building. A demolition crew member found him and rushed him to us. Unfortunately, the leg was injured beyond repair and had to be removed. He also received treatment for two infected ears. Leggo was recently adopted



Doc



Jammy



Marky



Leggo



Rocky



Taylor

and lives with his new parents and two feline brothers in Missouri. Mom and Dad say he is the fastest cat in the house.

Rocky is a sad mangy Shih-tzu that was brought to us by a landlord that found him abandoned in one of his rental properties. Rocky was red and itchy and missing a lot of fur. Luckily, mange is super easy to treat and we had Rocky feeling better in no time at all. All of his fur came in soft and silky! All he needed was a little TLC and to see the dentist, and he was a whole new dog. Rocky went to his new home in Canada where he has been adopted by a retired librarian. He has his very own bed, but he is happier to sleep with his new mom. **Taylor** was brought to us by an employee of a rural kill shelter. This adorable puppy was listed as not adoptable due to her non contagious skin condition. Our vet was able to cure her with one dose of a very common flea and tick treatment. Within weeks she was feeling beautiful and confident and ready for her next adventure. Taylor is currently waiting to

find her forever family.



Each and every one of these poor innocent creatures was saved thanks to your support. We could not do what we do without your generous help. – Bobby G.

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