



FREEMAN-FRITTS VET CLINIC & SHELTER



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The Animal Welfare Society of Kerr County, Texas is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization and relies heavily on donations and support from the local community. Keep in mind that you can extend your support by remembering Animal Welfare Society in your estate plan. All donations are tax-deductible!

AWS Freeman-Fritts Animal Shelter & Clinic

515 Spur 100, Kerrville TX 78028
830-257-4144

Clinic Hours: Monday - Friday, 7:30 – 12:00 and 1 - 5:30

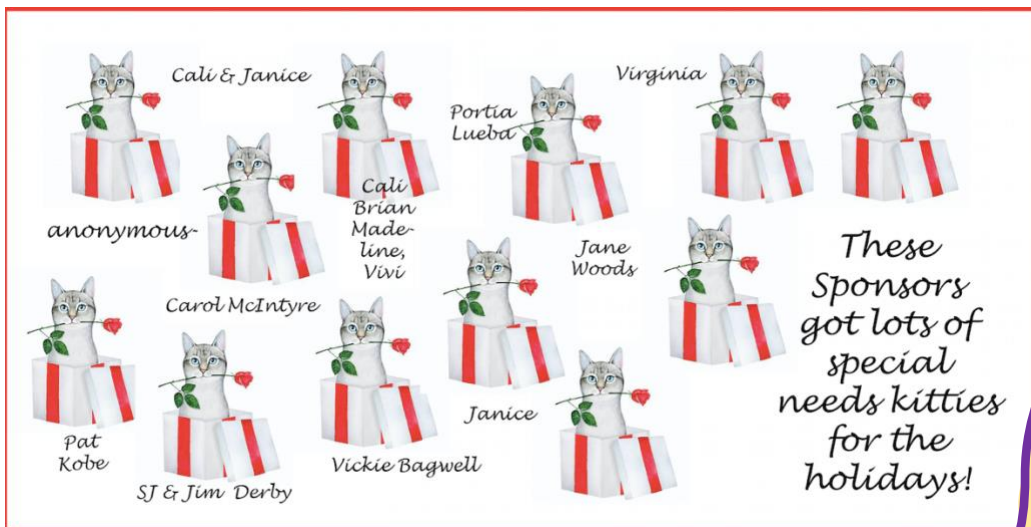
Shelter Hours: Monday - Friday, 10:00 - 11:30 & 1:00 - 4:30

Or by appointment

The **Animal Welfare Society of Kerr County's** mission is to reduce the number of homeless, unwanted animals through spay/neuter programs, to shelter and promote adoption of homeless animals, and to provide education in the responsibilities of pet care and ownership. All donations are tax deductible and are used to provide care and services to our shelter animals while awaiting a forever home.

January 2021 NEWSLETTER

Happy 2021!



Happy New Year to us!

Doggies:

Bay
Buttercup
Calvin
Foxy
Sadie
Valerie
Wesley
Sadie

Kitties:

Ajax
Cheeto
Pip
Sahara
Maya
Lucia

Freeman-Fritts still needs Humans!!!

We still have Full-time and Part-time Positions Available!

Must be reliable and willing to work weekends.

Call us at 830-257-4144 if interested!

COVID-19 Status: We are still limiting foot traffic in the shelter. Walk-ins are still not permitted. Adoptions may take place with approved applications.

COVID Policy reminders: See page 4 of this newsletter

COVID Updates: <https://www.freemanfritts.com/post/covid-19-update-1>

Clinic Services/Question: email info@freemanfritts.com

Current Adoption Process

The shelter remains closed to the general public and walk-ins. If you are interested in adopting a pet, please visit our website (www.freemanfritts.com) to see those available for adoption. You can request an application or ask any questions by emailing info@freemanfritts.com. Please list the name of the fur-baby you wish to adopt in the subject line of your email. We will contact you after your application has been reviewed.

Sponsor Kitty Spotlight

Meet Soho!

Soho is an elderly Siamese. Kind of like Oliver Twist, she is surviving on a gruel concoction, as her teeth are in such bad shape. She is one of our "Scratch and Dent" kitties. She is, however, one of the sweetest old kitties, and because of her age and health she will continue to live her life with us. We are just trying to keep her comfortable in her remaining days.

Soho now needs her own sponsor to help with her daily needs. Soho needs you!



Pooch and Purr of the Month! Looking for Happiness in the New Year!

The shelter is still closed to the general public. If you are interested in adopting, please email us at info@freemanfritts.com for more information and to request an application.

Pooch of the Month: Meet Chupie!



Chupie is a 6 year old ruggedly handsome chihuahua mix. He is the biggest lover, and would love nothing more than to be in your warm lap and get endless belly rubs. ♡♡♡

Chupie was surrendered to us because his owner could no longer care for him or for his roommate, Sadie (who has just been adopted!).

Chupie is ready to find his forever home and be spoiled rotten - that's his number one requirement! If you're ready to spoil him rotten, shoot us an email and let's make a match!

Purr of the Month: Meet Star!



Our shining Star! You have to see her to believe how incredibly beautiful she is - stunning from all angles! At first glance you would think she was some kind of exotic wild cat, like a Bengal, but she is actually a tabby, which is evident by the letter "M" on her forehead.

While Star has a bit of that wild look to her, she is actually super-sweet and very affectionate, although starts off a bit shy. We think she may have had some modeling experience - the camera loves her, and she loves the camera! Star greets everyone she meets and hope that one day that greet-meet will result in her meeting her furrever family!

WINTER SAFETY! Keeping pets warm and safe during chilly-to-freezing winter months!

<https://www.animalhumanesociety.org/news/keeping-pets-safe-cold-weather> - edited

As winter settles in, Animal Humane Society urges pet owners to think twice when letting pets outside for extended periods of time. Temperatures below freezing along with wind chill can prove deadly for our domesticated pets. Keep your pets safe during the blistering cold winter months with these tips.

Indoor pet tips:

- During severe weather, dogs should be let out only to relieve themselves. Cats should be kept indoors at all times.
- Remove ice, salt and caked mud from your pet's paws and coat immediately.
- Before walks, [put Vaseline or doggie shoes on your dogs' paws to protect him/her](#) from sidewalk salt and chemicals; wipe the Vaseline off when back inside.
- Make sure your pet's bed is not on the floor in a cold or drafty area of your home.
- Indoor dogs typically receive less exercise during cold weather and therefore may require fewer calories. Feed smaller portions in order to avoid weight gain. [Keep them busy with indoor brain games.](#)

Outdoor pet tips:

- Several state laws govern all companion animals be provided shelter from the elements. In severe weather, allow your pet to be in your house or garage.
- Outdoor pets typically need more food in cold weather because they must burn more calories to keep warm.
- Check for frostbite, especially on paws and ears.
- Make sure your pet's water is never frozen.
- Keep an eye out for and clean up all antifreeze spills — one lick of the sweet-tasting fluid can be fatal to an animal.
- Cats have been known to climb onto vehicle engines for warmth. Knock on the hood of your car before starting the engine if you suspect your cat could be inside.
- Watch for signs of hypothermia — weak pulse, dilated pupils, decreased heart rate, extreme shivering, pale or blue mucous membranes, body temperature below 95 degrees, stupor and unconsciousness. Consequences of extreme hypothermia may include neurological problems including coma, heart problems and kidney failure.

Mask-Eating Dogs! Beware!!!

Many people have gotten used to wearing a face mask during the pandemic, but some may give little thought to what happens when their masks are lying around the house, or dropped outside. Masks may be left on a table, chair, or countertop, and they may smell like something you've just eaten. They may have been dropped on the sidewalks or streets, or in parking lots, and your dog could easily gobble up a thing or two while you're not looking.



It's really not unusual for dogs to eat things they shouldn't, and, as we know, dogs will play with or chew on just about anything. In most cases, our doggies will be fine, but there are times when the things they've eaten can make them sick. This can certainly happen when a dog eats a face mask.

Face Masks Can Cause Intestinal Blockage in Dogs

As you might expect, eating a mask can lead to very serious medical problems for your dog. If your dog happens to swallow the mask and then vomits it out soon after, they should be OK. But if the mask makes it through and hits the intestines, it can become stuck there and cause an intestinal blockage. This condition is typically a medical emergency, and if not promptly treated it can lead to death. **If you suspect or know that your dog has swallowed a face mask, then be sure to call the vet as soon as possible.**

Symptoms of an Intestinal Block in Dogs

Here are the symptoms your dog may develop with an intestinal blockage:

- Vomiting
- Weakness
- Diarrhea
- Loss of appetite
- Dehydration
- Bloating
- Abdominal pain/swelling

And, hey...
Throwing that mask away?
Please: CUT THOSE STRINGS!

If you notice any of these symptoms, you should call the vet right away. The prognosis is good for dogs that receive prompt medical treatment, but surgery may be required.

ITEMS WE CAN USE!

Reminder that we can ALWAYS use supplies to care for our residents!

Yum

- Meow Mix Dry Cat Food
- Fancy Feast or Friskies Gourmet Canned Pate Cat Food
- Pepperoni Dog Training Treats
- Gerber Stage 2 Chicken Baby Food for kittens
- Fancy Feast Dry Cat Food

Clean as a Whistle

- Fabulosa - any fragrance
- Dawn Dish Soap, Clorox Bleach, Clorox Wipes
- Paper Towels, Hand Towels, Bath Towels
- Large Covered Litter Boxes, Litter Scoops

Other Necessities and Warm Fuzzies

- Dog and Cat Beds
- Baby Blankets
- Bath Rugs with Rubber Backing
- Dog and Cat Toys
- Small and Medium Dog Collars and Leashes
- Breakaway Cat and Kitten Collars

FREEMAN FRITTS

NEW ADOPTION PROCESS

DO YOUR RESEARCH



- If you are interested in adopting, please visit www.freemanfritts.com to see if one of our pets could be the right fit for you

APPLY:

Request an application via email - freemanfritts@yahoo.com



- Email a copy of your drivers license with your application.
- Be sure to include the pet name you are wishing to adopt in the subject line.

ADOPT YOUR PET:



- Adoptions are first come basis.
- Once your application is reviewed, we will then contact you and let you know it's been approved. At that time, we will discuss the next steps in adopting.

WE WILL REQUIRE MASKS BE WORN AT THIS TIME.

COVID-19 POLICY REMINDERS - Until Further Notice

If any of the following apply to you, please reschedule your appointment in order to keep our staff healthy and our clinic open:

- ✘ If you are sick, have a fever, cough, sore throat or flu-like symptoms
- ✘ If you have recently traveled out of the country, to the East or West Coast, or any other areas with high rates of COVID19 infections
- ✘ If you have been in contact with someone that is ill or is in quarantine please

We also ask that you keep the number of family members accompanying your pet to our clinic to a minimum to reduce chances of exposure.

We are offering the following services at this time:

Curbside Care: We ask for you to remain in your car and call the clinic at 257-4144 to check in for any appointments or to drop off pets for boarding. We will come out to your car to get your pet and bring them into the clinic.

- Cats must be in a secure carrier and dogs must be on leashes.
- Credit cards can be taken over the phone and cash can be collected curbside.
- **Telemedicine:** We may be able to provide some medical care via phone/texts/etc. for certain conditions that would alleviate the need for a visit to the clinic. Our regular prices will apply to these services if provided. Please call to see if your pet qualifies for this service.
- **Prescriptions/Refills, Heartworm/Flea Treatments/Prescription Food:** You may pay for your prescription over the phone or at curbside and we will bring it to your car. **Please call ahead for all prescription refills.**

- ♥ **Support Our Shelter While Shopping:** Don't forget that you can support our shelter when shopping at Amazon. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com>, which offers the same selections and prices, and designate Animal Welfare Society of Kerr County Texas as your charity of choice. Amazon will donate a portion of the proceeds to our shelter.
- ♥ **DONATE STUFF!** Visit <https://www.freemanfritts.com/wish-list-donation> to see our Wish List(s)!
- ♥ Make a contribution for a specific shelter need such as the spay/neuter fund, which helps defray the cost of surgery.
- ♥ Remember us in your estate planning!

Want to Volunteer?

If you have some extra time to spare and want to help, please come in and fill out a volunteer application (the application is also available on our website). We'll take all the help we can get!

- ♥ Socialize the dogs and cats
- ♥ Help at off-site adoption or fund-raising events
- ♥ Maintain building and grounds
- ♥ Do you have any special skills or talents that might help us in other ways? Let us know!

Freeman-Fritts Spay & Neuter Program!

The Freeman-Fritts Vet Clinic has a limited dog and cat spay/neuter fund available. This fund allows us to offer FREE spay/neuter surgeries (including Rabies Vaccination) for your cat or dog. Call for an appointment 830-257-4144. Some restrictions may apply.

Surgery Reminders!

- If you are unable to keep your surgery appointment, please call to cancel as soon as possible. This will give us an opportunity to schedule another client.
- NO FOOD after your pet's evening meal, preferably no later than 6 p.m. Water is acceptable.
- Please have your pet on a leash or in a carrier!