

# FREEMAN FRITTS



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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.

## October 2020 NEWSLETTER



**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 Update visit <https://www.freemanfritts.com/covid-19-update/>

Clinic Services/Question: email [info@freemanfritts.com](mailto: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](http://www.freemanfritts.com)) to see those available for adoption. You can request an application or ask any questions by emailing [info@freemanfritts.com](mailto: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.



A huge THANK YOU to our donors that contributed to our Big Give Fundraising effort for our Elsa Fund. Because of your generosity we were able to raise over \$5,000! These donations will let us continue to help the many unfortunate animals that come through our door. We couldn't help them without this kind of generous support! You are all the REAL heroes!



# Your Annual Halloween Pet Safety Reminders!

<https://www.upnorthparent.com/7-halloween-pet-safety-tips-for-our-pooches/> Edited

## Tip 1: Save the pumpkin

Keep carved and lit pumpkins out of reach so curious pets aren't tempted to take a bite. Pieces of **raw\*** pumpkin - both large and small - can cause serious intestinal issues for your pets if swallowed. A lit pumpkin, if knocked over by a happily-wagging tail, can singe fur and start a house fire. Not a very Happy Halloween!

**\*BOO!**

Did you know that **canned, or prepared**, pumpkin is actually good for pets (and humans)!

## Tip 2: Keep your pets inside

Don't let your pet be the victim of Halloween mischief. Keep Rover and Mittens safely inside, to guard the treats. And speaking of treats...

## Tip 3: Safeguard the treats!

They can guard the treats, but they cannot eat the treats! Chocolate and artificial sweeteners can be fatal to pets. Other side-effects from chocolate and sweeteners include vomiting, diarrhea, and seizures. Wrappers and pieces of rubber are detrimental as well. Be careful!

## Tip 4: Zen time

Don't let your pet get overexcited or overstimulated by all the bright-colored, loud festivities of the season. Put them in a relatively quiet space, designated the 'safe room.' You could also consider using a **pet anxiety jacket** or vest to help keep your pet calm. Also, seriously consider if you want to leave your pet at home when you go out trick-or-treating. That decision is relative to your pets' temperaments. If they tend to be high-strung, leave them in the comfort of your house. If they enjoy the excitement (and are well-behaved), by all means, take them along. They stay happy, you stay happy, and everything is good.

## Tip 5: Decorations are for enjoying, not chewing

Keep an eye on the decorations and any wires and extension cords! Try to put the decorations like pumpkins, lanterns, and other battery-operated ornamentations out of reach. As well you should put the cords and wires out of the way, if at all possible. Destroyed Halloween decorations and chewed-up cords will definitely put a damper on the Halloween spirit and potentially and seriously hurt your pets.

## Tip 6: S.H.P.C. (Scary Halloween Pet Costumes)

Pet costumes can be scary for several reasons. One of which is **the fit of the costume**. If your pet's Halloween rig is too tight-fitting, it could lead to much discomfort and possibly to strangulation. Another fear is the complexity of the costume. If there are too many bells and whistles to the costume, your pet might fall and seriously hurt itself. It's best to keep the costumes simple and loose-fitting.

## Tip 7: No mistaken identity

If you want to take your pet with you for trick-or-treat, or on a Halloween nightly stroll, **be sure to update your pets' I.D. tag**. Just in case Rover frolics off into the night, he can be safely returned.

With these seven Halloween pet safety tips, you can make this a safe and fun Halloween for the whole family, including the family pets!



## Wanted and Adopted!

### Doggies:

Jamie	Cinnamon
Candy	Caramel
Cappuccino	Coconut
Cheesecake	Cricket
Jaskier	

### Kitty: (That's right – only one! Come. Get. Us!)

Comet

## Pooch and Purr of the Month! We're Waiting For YOU!

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

### Pooch of the Month: Meet Custard!



Custard loves people and all dogs! This brindle beauty is a 5 year old dachshund mix that came to us with 7 others from a well-meaning family that simply became overwhelmed with too many dogs. Custard is eager to please and easy to love! She is just now learning to play with toys from her roommate, Caramel - something she seems to have never learned. Can you imagine how much fun it would be to teach her that??

Custard may have missed some of the great family experiences that other pets have had, but she now would love to be spoiled to the max! She needs to have a doggy friend because she is used to being with the others and is a little anxious on her own.

### Purr of the Month: Meet Fargo!



Fargo has a stunning white fur coat that is soft as snow! And the prettiest sky blue eyes, to boot! This handsome boy, only 4 months old, is ready to take on the world with you!

Fargo is cool, calm and collected, but not at all from the frozen north. His current schedule involves sleeping, eating, playing, and, guess what's next? Repeat! Fargo will make for a loyal playmate and companion, and help keep you on schedule for the rest of 2020!

### October 2020 Pet Holidays!

#### Month-Long Pet Observances

- Adopt-A-Dog Month®
- Adopt-a-Shelter Dog Month
- National Animal Safety and Protection Month
- National Pet Wellness Month
- National Pit Bull Awareness Month

#### Week-Long Observances

- 1st Week of October - **National Walk Your Dog Week**
- 1st Full Week of October - **Animal Welfare Week**
- Oct. 11-17 - **National Veterinary Technician Week**

#### One-Day Pet Holidays!

- Oct. 1: **National Fire Pup Day**
- Oct. 1: **National Black Dog Day**
- Oct. 4: **World Animal Day**
- Oct. 9: **National Pet Obesity Awareness Day**
- Oct. 16: **Global Cat Day**
- Oct. 16: **National Feral Cat Day**
- Oct. 17: **National Fetch Day**
- Oct. 21: **National Pets for Veterans Day**
- Oct. 26: **National Pit Bull Awareness Day**
- Oct. 28: **Plush Animal Lovers Day**
- Oct. 29: **National Cat Day**

Remember to keep [ALL!] kitties  
inside on Halloween! Even a day or  
two before is wise and safe!





## ITEMS WE CAN USE!

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

### Cat & Dog Necessities

- Puppy Pee Pads
- TidyCats – Scoop – for Multiple Cats
- TidyCats – Non-Clumping
- Baby Food (Gerber Stage 2 Chicken)
- Meow Mix, Fancy Feast Dry & Canned (Pate)
- Friskies Canned – Pate
- Pupperoni
- Dog & Cat Beds, Baby Blankets, flannel throw blankets
- Large Cat Trees & scratching posts
- Break-away Cat Collars (both cat & kitten sizes)
- Dog collars & leashes (small & medium preferred)
- Cat Toys, Dog & Puppy Toys (ropes, stuffed toys, and Kongs)

### Cleaning Items

- Dawn Dish Soap
- Clorox Bleach
- Clorox Wipes
- Fabuloso (Citrus & Fruits, Ocean Paradise)
- Paper Towels
- Bath towel – gently used
- Bath mats – gently used

Ruff, ruff!!! Bring us some stuff!



### 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.**

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### NEW ADOPTION PROCESS



### DO YOUR RESEARCH

- If you are interested in adopting, please visit [www.freemanfritts.com](http://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](mailto: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.

- ♥ **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/get-involved/> 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.