

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.

August 2020 NEWSLETTER

COVID-19 Update

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 freemanfritts@yahoo.com

Reminder: Current Adoption Process

As in previous months, 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 then request an application by emailing freemanfritts@yahoo.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. If you have any questions, please email us at freemanfritts@yahoo.com.



Save the Date! September 10th is The Big Give SA 2020!

It's a one day, [midnight to midnight](#) fundraiser! Help us share and raise donations so we can help more dogs and cats in the community!

Stay tuned for updates!

GIVE TO LOCAL NONPROFITS ON

big give

SEPTEMBER 10, 2020
12AM-11:59PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
THEBIGGIVESA.ORG

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 freemanfritts@yahoo.com for more information and an application.

Pooch of the Month: Meet Leela!



She is only 10 months old and ready to begin her new life... with YOU! She deserves someone who is willing to show her so much love! And do you know what she loves? Bananas!

Leela was brought to us after being found, possibly hit by car. Her leg was swollen to the size of a softball. She now has some mobility issues that our veterinarian would be happy to discuss with any potential adopter. It does not, however, slow her down one bit! She's nothing but a happy-go-lucky pup, ready to live life – and you - to the fullest!

Leela is spayed, fully vaccinated, heartworm-negative, and microchipped.

Purr of the Month: Meet Bruno!



Bruno is still on the search for his forever home! And, quite frankly, he couldn't steal your heart fast enough! The moment you meet him, the sparks will fly! Bruno wears his HEART on his chin - cutest little heart you've ever seen! And the most perfect dots on his nose add to his charm!

Bruno, along with his littermates, were dumped, tossed out a driver's side window at a local cemetery when they were just tiny kittens. But, to these guys, that is history. Nothing but bright future ahead for these kitties. Bruno and his brother, Tucker, are still waiting for their forever home.

Bruno is ready to walk right outta here and into your heart forever! This dapper guy is outgoing, curious, and loves to play. At only 9 months old, this guy is ready to start his new life!

Bruno is neutered, fully vaccinated, felv/fiv tested negative, and microchipped.

Does my cat love me or hate me? Yes. Or somewhere in between...

www.cattituedaily.com

We've all been there before. You're lovingly stroking your cat, admiring their infinite beauty, when all of the sudden those claws come out and they react by way of razor sharp fangs. But have you ever wondered, why does your cat bite you when you pet them? I've got the prime possibilities for you below.

Everything is on their terms, duh! Your cat dictates their preferences, and we simply must follow suit. Obviously, our cats do not have the ability to speak to us in a language in which we can understand. So when your cat bites you when you pet them, this is their way of saying that they've tired of what you're doing. Your cat is easily stimulated, as their sense of touch is much more heightened than our own. If you've ever noticed that your cat bites you when you pet the base of their tail, this is because the nerve endings there are especially sensitive. Has your cat ever bit you when you pet their belly? Well, that's because cats do not like you to do that! Pretty much all cats can agree, do not pet my belly... that is, unless, you want your cat to bite you when you pet them!



Carefully watch your cat as you are petting them to assure that you are [not causing them to become overstimulated](#). Cats are highly sensitive beings and remain on full alert at all times. When you are petting your cat, this should be something that relaxes them and does not stress them out.

Love bites, literally...

While we would not bite our significant others to show them that we love them, we must remember cats are not humans. Your cat might ever-so-gently love-bite you – *without piercing through the skin* – to show you that they care. [According to veterinary behaviorist Dr. Kelly Ballantyne](#): "Biting owners during petting is one of the most common behavioral problems of cats."

But it's important to remember one thing: never encourage your cat to bite you! Do not provoke rough play, and definitely do not punish your cat for reacting. If your cat bites you, simply stop engaging with them. Move your hand away and this will signal to them that playtime is over for the time being. One of the reasons that it's important not to encourage bite play with your cat is because they will come to expect this as a part of their petting routine... which might not work out well when a guest or another member of the family pets the cat and gets attacked as a result.

Ever heard of pet-induced aggression in cats?

Never heard this term before? Well, now you have! Pet-induced aggression is an issue that develops when your cat relates touching with a negative experience. Cats are particular creatures with a sensitive nature no matter what breed they are. This overly aggressive form of biting is associated with fear, aggression, and their desire to be over-territorial, and it can happen to any cat at any stage in their life. CatHealth.com shares the warning signs of pet-induced aggression that you

should be aware of:

- suddenly tense body
- dilated pupils
- flattened ears
- rippling back
- twitching tail



For a cat owner, sometimes the hardest part of understanding and dealing with with pet-induced aggression is learning your cat's limits when it comes to physical contact. Respect your cat, even if it means you don't get to pet them as often as you would like. Learning how to interpret your cat's body language can save you lots of cuts and bites, and make them much happier in the long run.

Ouch, Cat Bites Hard!

[Play aggression is the most common type of aggressive behavior that cats direct toward their owners.](#) Just as we mentioned above in reference to petting being strictly on their terms, a cat who was removed from its littermates early in life is at a disadvantage with no one to teach them limits with those sharp little teeth. Pepper was abandoned at an early age and discovered in a field as a tiny kitten before being taken in by the Houston SPCA. Because of this, establishing limits has been a bit trying when it comes to his biting. Play behavior is essential to a cat's development, and without it, kittens grow into cats who do not know their limits.

But that is not the only factor that comes into play, literally speaking, in terms of play aggression. For a cat that spends several hours unattended to with no stimulation, play aggression can come as a direct result of boredom. Suddenly, your cat is chasing, pouncing, stalking, and attacking you. *Guess that's what you get for being gone all day long and leaving me all alone, human!*

If you have the means to, perhaps consider adopting a cat friend for them to keep them company if you have a job that requires long hours. Despite how society attempts to condition our minds that cats are solitary beings, this is entirely untrue. Cats actually become quite lonely when left alone for extended periods of time and would much rather prefer to spend their time with others, humans and cats included.

Cat biting? There might be an underlying health reason for it...

Pay close attention to when your cat tries to bite you when you pet them. Your cat doesn't have the ability to tell you when they're hurting, and it's common knowledge that cats are the masters of hiding their pain. Just as with humans, when we are experiencing pain we do not want to be touched. If your cat once loved to be pet, and now they react by biting, this is a clear indication that something could be amiss with their health. Immediately take them in to see their vet so that they can be evaluated.

I'm wild at heart, and don't you forget it!

Sure, your cat knows exactly where their next meal is coming from. But just because they don't have to hunt their dinner doesn't mean that they aren't wild at heart. If you find your cat flipping the script and going postal on you when you pet them, it's almost like when they get the zoomies and scurry across the room. Cats are going to be cats, [and just because your cat is domesticated doesn't mean that they won't channel their inner feral kitty on occasion.](#) Their over-reactive (and painful!) response to you petting them just might be a manifestation of status-induced aggression which street cats (*or in this case your indoor kitty channeling their inner street cat kitty*) will display as a means to show others who is top cat.

Above all, if your cat bites you when you pet them, try not to take it to heart. Your cat is a tiny lion right there in your living room, and sometimes, they just gotta be big cats trapped in tiny cat clothing.



July Doggie Adoptions!

Claire Geralt
Jamie Leo
Murtaugh Rocky
Sinbad Susie
Yoda

July Kitty Adoptions!

Celeste Chrissy
Evie Jupiter
Leo Madeline
Neva Ramone
Tami Umbra
Vina

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

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 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.

- ♥ **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.