



## JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER



# Happy Birthday, USA, and Happy July 4th to our loyal supporters!





We all know that while many of us love a great fireworks show, our pets generally do not. In fact, it can be quite traumatizing for many of our furry friends. If you have one of those who are fearful of the festivities, you may want to try some of these tips from the Human Society.

- 1) **Keep your pet safely away from fireworks.** It's best to leave your pets safely indoors, preferably with a radio or TV turned on to soften jarring noises.
- 2) **If your pet is scared by fireworks, ask a veterinarian for help.** There are medications and techniques that might help alleviate your pet's fear and anxiety.
- 3) **Protect your pet from heat stroke during summer festivities.** High temperatures put your pet at risk of heat stroke, which can become deadly very quickly. Keep an eye on your pets and act immediately if you see any signs of heatstroke.
- 4) **Safeguard your pet with a collar and ID tag.** Even indoor-only pets can become so frightened during fireworks displays that they may take desperate measures to escape the noise, including breaking through windows or door screens. You should also ensure that your pet is microchipped and properly registered with your current contact information.
- 5) **Encourage celebrations that use safer, more animal-friendly alternatives.** The use of colorful "silent" or "quiet" fireworks, such as laser shows is far less damaging to wildlife and the environment. Drone displays like the one seen at the opening of the 2021 Tokyo Olympics are another safe alternative that public organizations can incorporate into their celebrations.

### Volunteer of the Month

Jay Yarbrough joined the Freeman-Fritts team as an employee in April 2011, coming to us with 10 years of vet tech experience. During his employment, he worked as a kennel technician, mostly with cats. He retired in November 2020.

His unconditional love of cats and dogs brought him back to the shelter as a volunteer in late 2021. He has become a valuable asset to Freeman-Fritts, volunteering several times a week to help the employees with the afternoon chores, including laundry, washing dishes and taking out the trash.

Jay becomes acquainted with every animal at the shelter. He is knowledgeable about the animals' personalities and behavior when talking to both volunteers and people who are hoping to adopt a pet. His big heart and gentle spirit are very much appreciated by the shelter animals, as well as the staff, other volunteers and clients of Freeman-Fritts.

### **Volunteers Needed!**

Now that school is out and the dog days of summer are here, do you find yourself with extra time on your hands? If so, please visit our website for more volunteer information.

https://www.freemanfritts.com/volunteer

#### CHECK. IT. OUT.

We are honored to partner with The Lakehouse Restaurant in Kerrville to raise awareness of the needs of our pets in a 'They Get To Eat- You get to eat!' fundraiser!

The first 10 people to make a minimum donation of \$50 dollars to Freeman-Fritts Animal Shelter will receive a \$25 gift card to The Lakehouse!

Hurry! Run don't walk to Freeman-Fritts!



### Adoptions!

#### **CATS** DOGS **Antonio** Xander Vermont Merlin Jordan Dakota Elizabeth Bruno Felix Harry Alaska Swann Camillo Arizona Pepe Calypso Falcor Abel



### PETS OF THE MONTH

# JULIETA



Meet Julieta! Julieta is a Chihuahua mix that is only about a year old and 12lbs. She's absolutely the most perfect little gal!

Julieta came to us from animal control, pregnant and due any time. Our puppy foster took her home to have her babies in a calm, quiet environment and within a week her babies were born. She had 5 perfect babies and Julieta was the most wonderful mama!

Julieta loves nothing more than to have a lap to snuggle on. Is that your lap?

Interested in adopting please email: info@freemanfritts.com or come by and see Julieta Wednesday-Friday from 1 pm - 4 pm.

# JACK SPARROW

Meet Jack Sparrow, savvy??

Jack is an adorable classic tuxedo kitten with a huge personality!! He loves playing with others and loves people.

Jack is about 11 weeks old and came to us with his siblings. If you are looking for a lifetime of fun then look no further; adopt Jack Sparrow!

If interested in adopting, please email **info@freemanfritts.com** or come by and see us Wednesday - Friday from 1 pm-4 pm.



### AWS Freeman-Fritts Appointment Procedures

Our clinic is open in our reception area for appointments to keep you and your pets safe from waiting outside. We are pleased to return to normal operations and are looking forward to serving you. If you prefer curbside service, please let our receptionist know when you check-in. We will continue to help ensure the safety of both you and your loved ones.

#### **★Shelter Hours:**

The shelter is open for viewing the animals for adoption on Wednesday - Friday from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm, or by appointment.

If you have any other questions, please email info@freemanfritts.com



#### 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!**

- $\succ$  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!

The Animal Welfare Society of Kerr County, Texas is a 501(c)(3) NonProfit 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 1:00 - 5:30. Shelter Hours: Wednesday - Friday, 1:00 - 4:00.

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.