

# FREEMAN FRITTS

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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, 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.

 **Hippity-Hoppity! Happy Spring, Happy Easter!** 

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**We did it! You helped us do it!**  
**We exceeded our Big Give Goal!**  
THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts to everyone for all donations, and helping in our mission to save more lives.  
We could not have done this without YOU!!

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**

Meow!!! It's almost time for  
Freeman-Fritts' annual **Kitten Shower!**

**Spring = more kittens!**

**Come visit the kittens, and  
share what you can spare!**

Visit our [kitten registry](#) to see items we  
can use to support the spring kitten influx!

**The kits will LOVE you for it! ♥**



## Sneaky Rattlesnakes!

Warm weather is beginning to arrive in the Hill Country. Rattlesnakes are a natural threat when your dog, or any pets, are outside. Dogs may not see the snake or recognize a rattler's scent or sounds, and even if they do, they may not move quickly enough and may end up being bitten. The venom acts on various tissues causing swelling, oozing, clotting of blood, and necrosis as the venom works to immobilize its prey and start the digestive process. Bleeding problems often occur in the following days and can be life-threatening.



**What to do if your pet is bitten:** Limit your pet's movements, keep them calm, and seek immediate veterinary care.

**Better yet,** vaccinate your dog. The vaccine can help lessen the severity of the symptoms and give you the needed time to seek treatment from your veterinarian. Freeman-Fritts carries the rattlesnake vaccine. The first year of using the vaccine requires one shot and a follow-up booster, and then annual shots are needed. Call our clinic to schedule an appointment for your dog!

## April Happy Tails – Molly, Dory, and Bobby Mac



Molly (aka Selma), our first adoptee, was ten years old. She was a beautiful Brittany Spaniel mix who we adored! She was a very special girl - she had a great disposition, loved people, and travelled everywhere with us, even out of state, which included California, Indiana, and Arkansas. Molly loved to swim in the river and take long exploring walks. We had hoped to have her for several more years, but we lost her to cancer after only three years. She became an angel and crossed over the rainbow bridge last year. We still miss her, but knew she would want us to help another, so our search began.

After seeing Dory's picture on the Freeman-Fritts website, we wanted to see if she would be a good fit for our little family. We fell in love with her and brought her home. After a few days we noticed that she seemed a little down. We knew she had a buddy while in the shelter and wondered if that might be the problem. We called to inquire about Dory's friend, who turned out to be Bobby Mac. We took Dory with us to Freeman-Fritts to see if that indeed was the problem. Turns out that solved the problem! And, with that, Bobby Mac was added to our family!

Our home is filled with laughter as they play and tease. Dory gets so excited that her whole-body wiggles! Once she jumped into my arms, totally unexpected, and surprised both of us. And Bobby likes to help with the laundry – he takes the clothes out of the laundry basket as I put them in.

Life has been a little more exciting with these two energetic, intelligent, and very loving fur babies. And we wouldn't have it any other way!

**Have you adopted a cat or dog from us? Tell us your pet's story! Your submission could become part of our Happy Tails!**

Send your story, along with pictures and/or videos to [freemanfritts@yahoo.com](mailto:freemanfritts@yahoo.com), or post them directly on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/freemanfritts](http://www.facebook.com/freemanfritts).

## Pooch of the Month – Meet Sadie! 🐕

Hi Friends! I'm Sadie, a Beagle/Chihuahua, and I am quite the spunky girl! Are you looking for the paw-fect companion? Look no further! That's me, for sure! I love to have fun and love to be with my people of all ages, including kids! Being 5 years old, I have much experience in being a best friend, partner in cri... uh, you know what, we can keep that top secret between the two of us! I was brought here because my owners were moving and couldn't keep me. Unfortunately, I am heartworm positive, so once I start treatment I need to stay calm for just a little while. But I can totally go home with you now, and share the love! Come on, come see me, and give me a chance! ♥



## Purr of the Month – Meet Patsy! 🐈



Hello, my name is Patsy! I was brought to this shelter back in October of 2018, and I was brought in with my four babies. When they were old enough, they were sent to another shelter, and it was so strange not having my kits any more. But I hear they all have homes now, so that's the important thing! Now, it's my turn. I'm only about two years old, and I am a beautiful black and white kitty. I am very friendly, and it may take time, but I can get along with other cats! Dogs? Not too sure about, yet, but I'm open to the idea of having a doggy friend! I really love any attention I can get, and I can crawl in



your lap and sit with you all day. Do you have a window for me to see the world? Maybe watch some birdies? ♥

*Photo by S J Derby*

## Regular Reminders!

### **REMINDER!!! Freeman-Fritts Spay and Neuter Grant Program!**



Due to the generosity of a kind donor, 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. *Note: Any thank you notes received are forwarded to our donor.*

### **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.

### **Important 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.



### **Want to Volunteer?**

Want to help the animals? Have a few hours to spare and share? If you think you can offer a few hours once a week, once a month, or even once a year, 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!

**As always, the gifts that keep on giving!**

<p><b>Cat &amp; Dog Necessities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Puppy Pee Pads</li> <li>• TidyCats – Scoop – for Multiple Cats</li> <li>• TidyCats – Non-Clumping</li> <li>• Baby Food (Gerber Stage 2 Chicken)</li> <li>• Meow Mix, Fancy Feast Dry &amp; Canned (Pate)</li> <li>• Friskies Canned – Pate</li> <li>• Pupperoni</li> <li>• Dog &amp; Cat Beds, Baby Blankets, flannel throw blankets</li> <li>• Large Cat Trees &amp; scratching posts</li> <li>• Break-away Cat Collars (both cat &amp; kitten sizes)</li> <li>• Dog collars &amp; leashes (small &amp; medium preferred)</li> <li>• Cat Toys, Dog &amp; Puppy Toys (ropes, stuffed toys, and Kongs)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cleaning Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dawn Dish Soap</li> <li>• Clorox Bleach</li> <li>• Clorox Wipes</li> <li>• Fabuloso (Citrus &amp; Fruits, Ocean Paradise)</li> <li>• Paper Towels</li> <li>• Bath towel – gently used</li> <li>• Bath mats – gently used</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>
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**Other Ways You Can Help!**

- ♥ Remember or honor your friends and pets with a donation to the shelter itself or by buying a brick for our memory walk.\*
- ♥ 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.



The Animal Welfare Society of Kerr County’s mission is to reduce the number of homeless, unwanted animals; 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.

\* “In Memory of” or “In Honor of” bricks can be purchased for \$50. Each brick is laser engraved with whatever you would like to have inscribed on it. All proceeds benefit the shelter animals. Call us for more information.

**We've Been Adopted!!  
It was a GREAT MONTH!**

<b>Doggie-Poos</b>	<b>Kitty-Kats</b>
Antonio	Luanna
Austin	Cinco
Tyler	Punky
London	Bott
Odessa	Tater Tot
Houston	♥♥♥♥
Dallas	♥♥♥♥
Izzy	♥♥♥♥
Seth	♥♥♥♥
Clover	♥♥♥♥
Lily	♥♥♥♥
Daisy	♥♥♥♥
Willy	♥♥♥♥
Dilley	♥♥♥♥
Jasper	♥♥♥♥
Taffy	♥♥♥♥

## Spring Pet Safety



**ALLERGIES**  
Seasonal plants can cause allergies  
Talk to your vet if you notice irritation.



**PLANTS**  
Lilies and other seasonal plants can be toxic.



**SPRING CLEANING**  
Household cleaning products are a poison threat.



**PREVENTATIVES**  
Talk to your vet about parasite prevention.



**MICROCHIP**  
More outdoor time equals greater risk of a lost pet. Be safe, microchip 'em.



**PESTICIDES**  
Lawn care and gardening products can be hazardous.

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