

FREEMAN FRITTS



July 2016 Newsletter

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Clinic Hours: Monday thru Friday
7:30 - 12 and 1 - 5:30

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10 - 11:30 & 1 - 4:30

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. All donations are tax-deductible.

Open House, 4th of July Tips, Pets of the Month, Adoptions

It has been a busy month here at Freeman-Fritts. We had a blessing of the animals at the new shelter expansion building, moved all the animals in, had a ribbon cutting ceremony, and an open house. Thank you to all who helped fund this beautiful facility for our shelter animals. We appreciate your support. If you have not yet visited, please stop by and check out the new digs!





Current Animal Welfare Society Board Members



L to R: David Rosenthal, Vice President; Tom Spray; Sandy Leyendecker, President; Mary Burchell; Mary Solomon; and Cindy Holmes, Secretary.

Tips To Keep Your Dog Calm During Fireworks This 4th of July

The 4th of July is here, and with it fireworks. A beautiful and enjoyable occasion for humans might be a frightening and noisy occasion for your dog.

Keeping Your Dog Calm

Here are some tips to keep your dog calm during the celebration.

- 1. Keep A Lookout** If you keep your dog outside, be sure to keep an eye out for hoodlums that might try to scare him. People have been known to throw firecrackers near the fence to get a reaction, which can have a negative effect on your pet.
- 2. Bring Your Dog Inside** It might be best to keep your dog indoors during the celebration. It will put your dog at ease, and reduce the risk of him jumping the fence and running into the streets.
- 3. Turn On The TV Or Radio** This will not only help to muffle the bangs and booms going on outside, but a constant source of noise might also calm the dog. Soothing music works best. Try playing the music a couple of hours before the festivities start, so your dog can begin to associate it with peace and comfort.
- 4. If The Dog Hides, Let Him** If your dog gets scared enough to hide under a table, or beneath a bed, don't attempt to pull him out. This might stress the dog further, resulting in a more negative association with the fireworks.
- 5. Get A Blanket** Sometimes a cover, such as a blanket, will help calm the dog down. It can help him feel more comfortable and protected.
- 6. Give Him A Treat** Giving your dog a treat or his favorite toy after a particularly loud noise can help him associate the noises with positive things. Just don't overdo it, or the dog might exhibit bad behavior to get attention.
- 7. Keep The Windows, Doors, And Curtains Closed** Keeping everything closed will muffle noise and keep your dog from seeing flashing lights that might scare him further. Avoid setting any fireworks off close to the house.
- 8. Give Him Exercise** Try walking or exercising your dog earlier in the day, before the festivities begin. If the dog has less energy, he'll be less prone to panic during the night.
- 9. Stay Calm** Be sure to stay calm when you're around the dog. A dog will naturally react to your behavior, so acting panicky or excited around the dog will only make matters worse. If you're having a lot of people over, try keeping the celebration outside. Following these steps will help to soothe any panic your dog feels during the 4th of July.



Cat of the Month

Hello....my name is **Michael**. I'm a social little guy, that loves to play, play, play. I was found as an orphan along with my brother Gabriel. Fortunately, sweet Joan took us under her paw and raised us as one of her own. I can

sometimes be a bit clingy, but not in a bad way. I just love people and have been known to follow my human friends around like a puppy dog. If I sound like someone you could spend your life with, then by all means stop by and say, "Hi".



Dog of the Month

Bobby Mac here! I'm a fun-loving boy just looking for my forever home! I'm just a puppy so I need to be taught how to be the best dog I can be. I look big in this picture but I'm actually only 12lbs and I won't get much bigger. I'm just all legs. And I like to run and play! Do you? I came here at just 3 days old with my two brothers. I am so much fun too! Oh and did you see my sparkling green eyes. Aren't I so handsome?

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Adopted since last newsletter:

Cats: Tasha

Dogs: Oliva

