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FREEMAN FRITTS



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Clinic Hours: Monday - Friday, 7:30 - 12:00 and 1 - 5:30

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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.

 **Summer is coming... Keep it cool!** 

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4TH ANNUAL KITTEN SHOWER - MAY 18TH, 2019

**MEOW!!! It's Time for a Shower! Come on by for our annual Kitten Shower!!!
May 18th, 2019 ~ 1pm-3pm**

Come join us for refreshments and games!

We welcome Kitten Shower gifts anytime from now until the kitten shower! Newborn kittens from birth to two weeks of age are fragile. At this delicate age, it's essential for them to stay warm and eat every 2-3 hours. Without mom around to care for them, they rely on us for everything from temperature control to 2 a.m. feedings!

Make a difference for these babies by giving a gift from our kitten shower registry, which includes:

- ♥ Heating discs & blankets to help newborns stay warm
- ♥ Bottles for feeding
- ♥ Special formula designed to help babies grow strong
- ♥ Wipes for kitten cleanup
- ♥ And so much more! See the link for our full list: <https://amzn.to/2TSUFKI>

♥Your gift will give the chance to grow into healthy, happy, purr-fect cats!♥

May Happy Tail – A Penny for Your Thoughts!



I had just recently lost my mother and my marriage. I was interested in adopting a cat at some point, and all I knew is that I wanted the cat to be older. Exactly one year ago next week while I was traveling for business, a friend of mine reposted a FB story and picture of Penny. She looked so sad, and her story was even sadder. Her family had her declawed and when she wouldn't use the litter box, they took her to their vet to be put to sleep!!! Thankfully, that vet sent her to Freeman-Fritts, and despite all the love and care she received, she wasn't happy. She was depressed and stopped eating. At one point, they had to put on a feeding tube to make sure she was getting nourishment. I had to meet her. At Freeman Fritts, she had a roommate she didn't like. On my way to meet her, I was told she can be quite the drama queen - and she proved to be just that once they took her off of her thrown, on the ground with the other cat, or, as I'm sure she thought of him, a cat-commoner. She was very receptive to my touch, and applied to adopt her, praying she would be a kitty open to love and affection without all the drama. Upon receiving adoption approval the next day, I came to pick her up with a new chariot and diamond necklace. I was told that it may take her a month to get settled. I promised her she'd be treated like a queen for the rest of her life, living her life in a big castle. There were so many happy tears shed when she left her Freeman Fritts kingdom.



Once home, I settled her into my bedroom and by nightfall, she was loving on me, falling asleep cradled in my arms. She is the most loving cat I've ever had. She is my shadow. While I work from home, she sits in the window and looks out upon her new kingdom and watches all the birds and neighbor kitties who entertain her from the other side of the window. Pets bring so much joy to our lives, and this cat has rescued me. Thank you, Freeman Fritts, for loving and caring for Penny until we found each other!

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, or post them directly on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/freemanfritts.

Pooch of the Month – Meet Marley... again! 🐕

Our sweet Marley is still searching for her forever home! **Marley has been waiting 7 years for her own home!** ☺ That may not seem like a lot to you but that feels like 47 dog years to Marley. That's 17,155 days to a dog. Why has no one came for her? She's perfect!

Marley is a happy, fun-loving Spaniel mix who just simply loves attention. Marley will make a perfect companion! And have I mentioned that she loves, loves, loves kids! Loves people! She just loves everyone!

Marley is 11 years old and this sweet senior girl would love nothing more than to have a home of her own! Being a senior dog she has years of experience in the fine art of friendship. Marley also has a huge fan club here, who all describe her as a 'big mush ball of love.'



Marley does get along with most dogs, but a meet-and-greet will be required. All humans of all ages are her best friends. She's never met a person she does not like! While she does have allergies, it's easily managed by diet and monthly allergy shot. But, Marley's main requirement is an experienced belly-rubber!



If you have the skills and experience to care for Marley, please contact us! Marley is one special girl!! ❤️❤️❤️

Purr of the Month – Meet Thomas! 🐾

Hey there! My name is Thomas! I'm a handsome five-year-old snowshoe tabby, and I hear that's pretty rare! I was born in August of 2014, I was brought to the shelter as a bottle baby in October of that year, then guess what! I was adopted the next year!! I was almost a year old before I was adopted... but I didn't care, I had my own home and my own people.

Then, came my hard times. For some reason, the people who adopted me rehomed me. I wasn't quite sure what I did wrong, but I got away from my new owners and spent time in the wild. It was there that I was found, wandering! Luckily, I still had my collar on with all my tags on it. The people who found me, they contacted the people here and I was quickly brought back. My bottle mom was so happy to see me, she had been worried!



Now, I am happy as can be! I love the people here, but they are always so busy doing things and I really just want their attention all to myself. I love just about anybody!

I seem to get along with other cats! Okay, okay... and between you and me, there's a dog that walks around the shelter and I don't really seem to have a problem with him either. I'm ready to greet my new life, just promise you won't rehome me! I'm such an awesome cat!



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!

And, as always, the gifts that keep on giving!

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



Other Ways You Can Help!

- ♥ Remember or honor our 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!!

Doggie-Poos	Kitty-Kats
Holly	Monty
Noel	Asher
Harley	Sierra
Rosie	♥♥♥♥
Belle	♥♥♥♥
Chunk	♥♥♥♥
Lady bug	♥♥♥♥
Willy	♥♥♥♥
Dax	♥♥♥♥
Lyla	♥♥♥♥
Harley	♥♥♥♥

SIGNS of a Dehydrated Dog

Make sure your pup gets plenty of shade and water. If you notice any of these symptoms, contact a pro ASAP.

A diagram of a light blue dog with various parts labeled with symptoms of dehydration:

- SKIN:** Parched, lacking elasticity
- BACK:** Warm to the touch
- HEAD:** Lethargic, visibly tired
- EYES:** Sunken
- NOSE:** Dry, chapped
- MOUTH:** Dry mouth and gums, thick saliva
- LUNGS:** Excessive panting
- STOMACH:** Vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite
- FEET:** Wobbly and unsteady on feet
- URINE:** Very dark, concentrated color

DogVacay

