

# FREEMAN FRITTS



## April 2016 Newsletter

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

Shelter Hours: Monday thru Friday  
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.



### Olaf kicks off our BigGive S.A. campaign for 2016!

You all know Olaf. He's our famous hydrocephalic cat that has his own Facebook Page, Olaf's World. Olaf has almost 6500 followers on the internet, and he has agreed to be our spokes-cat for the BigGive S.A. fund raising campaign this year.



More than 750 non-profits in the Hill Country have banded together for the second year to promote giving to non-profits through the BigGive S.A on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are all encouraged to donate during that day to our favorite charities. If Freeman-Fritts is one of yours, (and we know it is!), we would love to have you contribute then.

All you have to do is...log on to The Big Give S.A. ([thebiggivesa.org](http://thebiggivesa.org)) website on May 3rd anytime from midnight to midnight to make a donation. Here is our direct website link on The Big Give SA website or you can simply search Freeman-Fritts Animal Shelter.

<https://thebiggivesa.org/npo/freeman-fritts-animal-shelter>

This year our goal is \$3,500 donated during the 24 hour giving period. The funds raised will go towards something we have never had before, birthing suites and isolation condos for incoming animals. Our new shelter features special spaces for these, which we trust will improve the health and safety of our animals.

Why should we participate in this 24 hour period of giving? After all, we can give to Freeman-Fritts any time! One reason is that people all over the area are reached in the appeal, and donations come in from a much wider group of people than we can reach in our newsletter. The results are reported in the news, and we can receive extra publicity. The campaign takes place largely through the media, including Facebook and is a way for us to get our message out to a large number of people with a minimum of expense. What's not to like about that??

So, grant Olaf's request and donate to The BigGive S.A. on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to benefit Freeman-Fritts!

## **Crate Expectations**

*Training your dog to rest in a cage or crate can help keep him out of trouble when you're not there to supervise him. These tips from the Association of Professional Dog Trainers will ensure your best friend's crate is a safe refuge.*

### **DO...**

- Choose a crate large enough for your dog to stretch out on his side and stand up and turn around.
- Include some soft bedding or a mat (unless your dog is an aggressive chewer).
- Remove your dog's collar, which can catch on the crate's metal grating.
- Remove puppies from the crate every hour or so during the house-breaking process.

### **DON'T...**

- Put the crate in a high-traffic area. Find a quiet spot where he won't be overstimulated.
- Use the crate as punishment. You don't want your dog to associate his crate with discipline for poor behavior.
- Use the crate to "store" your dog. Ideally, adult dogs should not be crated for more than five hours at a time, though every dog will have different needs, dependent on age and breed.

Written by Heather Donahue, *Community Table Magazine*, March 20 -26, 2016



**Freeman-Fritts Fur Family is needing your donations ...**

- Non-automatic shut of heating pads
- Stainless steel feed and water bowls
- Rugs and bath mats
- Towels and flannel blankets
- Metal watering buckets
- Big litter boxes
- Stuffed animals without hard eyes

From the tip of our nose to end of our tails – we thank you.



## Cat of the Month

Hello there! I'm the fabulous Calico Point Siamese. You can call me **Sasha!**

As you can see I'm gorgeous but what you can't see is my personality. Well, I'm very intellectual and love to meet new people when they come to visit. I definitely love me some chin scratches too. I don't really like to talk about my

past because it's so sad. Just a few months ago my hooman passed away and my heart was broken and then no one in the family wanted to take me in so they dropped me off at animal control. Again my world was shattered. I stayed at animal control for over a month, my time was running out they said. Thankfully my new people here at Freeman-Fritts rescued me. I currently spend my day hanging out with my new people and furr-friends (one of them is Rufus, their scruffy dog mascot). But as much as I love it here, I'd much rather have my very own lap to curl up on and maybe a window sill to watch the birds from too. Do you have something like that for me to enjoy?

*Photo by S J Derby*



## Dog of the Month

**Quinn** here! I'm a fun-loving, adventurous, super cute wire-hair terrier puppy. My friends here at Freeman-Fritts rescued me from our local animal control when they picked me up running alone without any supervision. I can't be on my own, I'm just a puppy. So my friends are helping me find a forever home! I'm currently looking for someone to teach me tricks. I bet I can learn them real fast. Could you be my new home??

*Photo by S J Derby*

## Adopted since last newsletter:

**Cats:** Maverick, Polka, and Biscuit

**Dogs:** Dash, Dixie, Finley, Noel, and Dougie



