

FREEMAN FRITTS



December 2015 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.

***A very Merry
all of us at***



***Christmas from
AWS/FF.***

A thank you note from Aimee

On behalf of sweet Aimee and the entire staff, a HUGE THANK YOU to all of you who were so incredibly thoughtful! There are honestly no words adequate enough to express how grateful we are. Your generous donations enabled us to pay off the ENTIRE bill. Woo Who! Once again, thank you so very, very much! P.S. Stay tuned for more news on Aimee's fabulous recovery.



Photo by Phyllis Allen



Christmas Market

Thank you for your support of our first Christmas Market at Freeman-Fritts. It was a great success with items for pets and pet lovers. Marley and Selma greeted everyone.

Left to right: Cathy Learoyd, Cindy Holmes, Sallie Cooper volunteer trainers, and **Selma**, a 6 year old Brittany Spaniel. You CAN teach an old dog new tricks! Selma is learning tricks in the hopes that someone will see what a good girl she is and adopt her.

Photo by SJ Derby

MOVING DAY IS NEAR

We are happy to announce that the construction of the new shelter is nearly complete. We are now working towards furnishing the new dog and cat runs. The necessary items cost \$130 per run. We are asking for donations for the final pieces of this project. For each \$130 donation, a plaque will be placed on a run stating: "Furnished By ____". Please be sure that you let us know that you are donating for the runs.



FREE Spay/Neuter Surgeries



Due to the generosity of a kind donor, Freeman-Fritts Vet Clinic has a feline spay/neuter fund available. This fund allows us to offer FREE spay/neuter surgeries (including Rabies Vaccination) for your cat. Call for an appointment 830-257-4144.

How to Protect Your Pet During Winter and Cold Weather

Follow our tips to keep cats, dogs and horses safe and comfortable .In many areas, winter is a season of bitter cold and numbing wetness. Extra precautions during winter months will make sure your four-footed family members stay safe and warm. Help your pets remain happy and healthy during the colder months by following these simple guidelines:

Keep Pets Indoors and Warm

[Don't leave dogs or cats outdoors](#) when the temperature drops. Regardless of the season, short-haired, very young or old dogs and all cats should never be left outside without supervision. Dogs and cats are safer indoors, except when taken out for exercise. During walks, short-haired dogs may feel more comfortable wearing a sweater.

No matter what the temperature is, windchill can threaten a pet's life. Pets are sensitive to severe cold and are at risk for frostbite and hypothermia when they are outdoors during extreme cold snaps. Exposed skin on noses, ears and paw pads can quickly freeze and suffer permanent damage.

Take Precautions if Your Dog Spends a lot of Time Outside

A [dog or cat](#) is happiest and healthiest when kept indoors. If for some reason your dog is outdoors much of the day, he or she must be protected by a dry, draft-free shelter that is large enough to allow the dog to sit and lie down comfortably but small enough to hold in his/her body heat. The floor should be raised a few inches off the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The house should be turned to face away from the wind, and the doorway should be covered with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic.

Help Neighborhood Outdoor Cats

If there are outdoor cats, either owned pets or community cats (ferals, who are scared of people, and strays, who are lost or abandoned pets) in your area, remember that they need [protection from the elements](#) as well as food and water. It's easy to [give them a hand](#).

Give Your Pets Plenty of Water

Pets who spend a lot of time outdoors need more food in the winter because keeping warm depletes energy. Routinely check your pet's water dish to make certain the water is fresh and unfrozen. Use plastic food and water bowls rather than metal; when the temperature is low, your pet's tongue can stick and freeze to metal.

Be Careful With Cats, Wildlife and Cars

Warm engines in parked cars attract cats and small wildlife, who may crawl up under the hood. To avoid injuring any hidden animals, bang on your car's hood to scare them away before starting your engine.

(Excerpted from *One Green Planet*, onegreenplanet.org) continued next month.



Cat of the Month

Meet **Kelly!**

He is a very handsome domestic short hair - tabby & white.

Kelly came to us after his owner passed away. His owner was one of our founders at Freeman Fritts Animal Shelter. He is an all-around purrfect lap cat. He loves to be loved and misses having a human of his very own.

Kelly is a special guy and staff favorite. He just wants a forever home again. Do you have room for him on your lap? He really is purrfect.

Photo by S J Derby



Dog of the Month

Meet **Bree**. A sweet loving Chihuahua mix puppy.

She loves people and loves to please.

Being a puppy she still needs to learn all those things that would make her be the best dog in the world. Rescued from our local animal control, she is now ready to begin her new adventure. Could that be with you?

Photo by Sonia Mumma

Adopted since last newsletter:

Dogs: Jacob

Cats: Angela, Barry, Serenity, and Sky

