

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



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November 2017 Newsletter

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

A Heartfelt Thank You to all our wonderful volunteers! You walk and hug dogs, pet kitties, do yard work and so much more! We simply could not do without you!

And, of course, we always welcome more volunteers!

Remodeling Reminder

We still anticipate completion in late fall. Please do be careful when entering our facility. All facilities are still open and available, including boarding, grooming, and veterinary services.



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HOLIDAY KENNEL BOARDING:

The holidays are fast (eek!) approaching. If you are needing to board your fur-babies, make your reservations as soon as possible - spaces fill up quickly!

Q: How can I best prepare my cat and dog for the colder weather?

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A: Most pets are able to tolerate most weather in the colder months, as long as they have had time to acclimate. Extreme weather conditions are an exception. If extreme cold or severe weather is headed your way, pets should be kept indoors if possible. In general, though, if your pets spend most of their time inside or in the warmer climates, you will need to shelter them from the cold or introduce them to the lower temperatures gradually.

Be sure your pets' feet are clean and dry every time they come inside, either from a trip to the yard to potty or from a long walk. If moisture and/or salt gets on an animal's paws, he may lick them excessively, which can lead to irritations and infections. Rinsing and drying the feet after each walk is always a good idea.

Keep in mind, antifreeze is a deadly toxin to pets. Most contain ethylene glycol, which will severely damage the kidneys — even in small amounts. Keep this product out of reach in your garage, be sure your radiators are not leaking and keep your pets away from puddles in the winter (and in the summer). You never know if someone's radiator was leaking on the street.

During the holidays, vets see more foreign-body ingestions than at any other time of the year. Thanksgiving brings ingested bones and Christmas brings tinsel, foreign bodies and chocolate toxicity. Pet-proofing the house just as you would for small children is always a good idea.

Winter should be fun and exciting, but a little bit of caution will go a long way toward helping to keep your pets safe through the season.



Pet-Pretty for the Holidays!

The holidays are upon us, and we are eager to look our best for company get-togethers. Pets are an important member of the family who are usually the first furry faces to meet your guests at the door; they deserve to be spoiled a little, too! With the holidays fast approaching, here are some tips to help your furry friends look and feel their holiday best!

Cheryl McNaughten - Purina.com (edited)

Squeaky clean

A clean pet is a happy pet, which is why washing your dog once a month is important. And knowing that most households are usually extra busy during the holiday season, it is a good idea to give your furry friend their monthly washing before guests arrive and cameras start clicking.

Cats often clean themselves, so let them take care of it. For dogs, use baby shampoo which won't harm your pup if it gets in their eyes. Do not use conditioner, leave that to the experts and be sure to use lukewarm water so your furry friend doesn't catch a cold! Once your pet is sparkling clean, towel dry and then use a hair dryer on the coolest setting to dry off their fur.

Brush it out

Grooming your pet will ensure they look their holiday best! When grooming your pet on your own it is important to prepare yourselves with the right tools. Consider a slicker brush, as it is easy to hold and use on short to medium haired dogs. Or, use a rake brush, which is ideal for those pups that have a double coat and shed a lot (i.e. Husky and Shepherd). Combs also work well for removing mats; just remember to use a metal comb with a tephlon coating as plastic combs will cause static. For your purring friend, make sure to use a small slicker brush and comb.

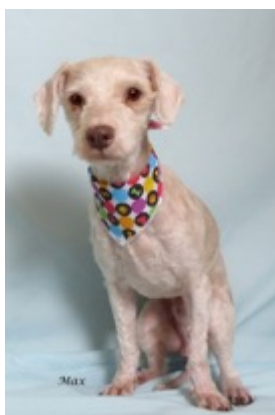
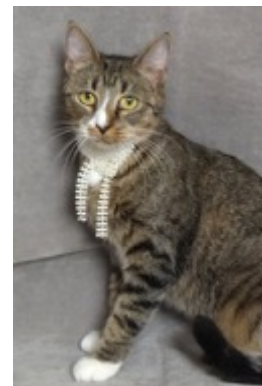
**Bring your pet to
Freeman-Fritts for a
little holiday grooming!
Appointments are
required!**

Flash those pearly whites!

Dental hygiene is just as important for pets as it is for humans. Train your pet at a young age to be comfortable with teeth brushing. Encourage them to sit and stay while you put the brush in their mouth as you praise them. If you do this daily, with luck, you may be able to get your dog to a point where he will let you brush his teeth. Human toothpaste is not safe for your pet, so look for a pet-approved product. You can also try any of the various chew products (toys or treats) that scrape off plaque as pups gnaw on them.

Cat of the Month – Meet Mitzi!

Do you remember this sweet girl? Mitzi came to us with a severe neck injury and a terrible upper respiratory. She also came with 3 babies (Bug, Hailey and Hope) who all struggled, too. But here they are, they were all fighters and now they are all healthy and ready to find their forever home! Mitzi could not be MORE lovable! This girl will make someone a great companion – she’s a lap kitty and a future best friend. Mitzi just might be your new best fur-friend!



Dog of the Month – Meet Max!

Max is a handsome 3 year old Maltipoo. Loves people but is also very timid. He really needs a quiet home. His life before Freeman-Fritts was not so good, and you can tell not just by the condition he came to us - he needs time to adjust and learn to trust people again. Max has been failed by people too many times, and we just want to find the happiest home for him that we can! He's just a couch potato and couldn't be more happy to be just that. Do you have the perfect home for Max?

We've been adopted!

Pooches: Abby, Crispy, Monty, Windy

Kitty Kats: Cream, Neco, Rosie, Tori, Shaggy



Regular Reminders!

Ho Ho Ho!!! CHRISTMAS WISH LIST:

- * **Cat Trees - 8 large size; 3 small size**
- * **New Cat & Kitten Breakaway Collars**
- * **Dog Collars**

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.

Free Spay and Neuter Offered

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.*

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!

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

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Fall pumpkin treat for your dog!

- 🐾 1 can 100% pure pumpkin puree
- 🐾 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 🐾 1 cup plain yogurt

Blend all 3 until smooth.

Pour into ice cube trays - freeze for 12 hours.

Pop single cubes into their food dish for a seasonal treat!



Dog Friendly Thanksgiving Foods



Feed Don't Feed

Turkey	Alcohol
Pure Pumpkin	Cooked Bones
Plain Yams	Turkey Skin
Sweet Potatoes	Nuts
Plain Carrots	Grapes or Raisins
Plain Green Beans	Onions or Garlic
Plain Potatoes	Chocolate
Plain Cranberries	Scallions or Chives

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