

# FREEMAN FRITTS



## June 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.

Facebook Contest Winner, Open House, BigGive SA Results, Pets of the Month, Adoptions



**Open House Scheduled for June 25,  
from 10 am - 12 pm**

Please stop by for a tour of our new shelter facility. We would love to show you what your donations and support have helped us to build.

**Thank you to all of our supporters!!**

We raised \$2,280 from The Big Give SA!

We are beyond grateful to everyone who shared, liked, and donated! We could not do it without your help!



## The Winner of the Facebook "Name the Puppies Contest" Announced

The contest winner is Brittany Anderson, who won with the most likes for her submission of names in the Facebook Contest. The names are Belle, Roxie, and Cocoa. We are happy to announce that all three of these adorable puppies have been adopted. Watch our Facebook page for more contests, news, and information @ AWS-Freeman Fritts.

**ASPCA**

# It's Hot Out!

*Don't Leave Your Pet in the Car!*

**120°**  
Within 30 minutes, the car's interior can climb from 85° to 120°.

**102°**  
On an 85° day, it only takes ten minutes for the inside of your car to reach 102°.

**90°**  
Even if the temperature outside is only 70°, the inside of your car may be as much as 20 degrees hotter!

Pets most at risk for overheating are young, elderly or overweight animals, those with short muzzles and those with thick or dark-colored coats.

A car may overheat even when the windows have been left open an inch or two.

Shade offers little protection on a hot day and moves with the sun.

Many states and local governments have laws that prohibit leaving an animal unattended in a motor vehicle under dangerous conditions, which includes hot days. Your car could be damaged or you could be charged with a crime.

If you see an animal in a car on a hot day, try to locate the owner, or call 911! Stay by the car until help arrives.



# Tricks to Curb Pet Care Costs

## Here's how to make owning an animal a little less expensive

by [Jeff Yeager](#), [AARP](#), May 2016

*(editor's note: While we pride ourselves on low cost spay, neuter, and clinic services, we realize that sometimes the cost of pet ownership can be scary. This article is excerpted from AARP.)*

We love our pets, but properly caring for them can be an expensive proposition. Here are some tips for reducing pet care costs.

**Save a life and money by adopting.** Adopting a pet from a shelter or rescue group is not only the most humane option, it's also more economical. An animal that comes from a shelter usually has been seen by a veterinarian, received vaccinations and often has been spayed or neutered.

**Pick a pet to fit your budget.** Larger pets generally cost more to care for than smaller animals because food is usually the single largest expense. The average annual cost of care is \$875 for a large dog, \$670 for a cat, \$200 for a small bird and \$35 for a fish – not including the cost of setting up an aquarium. If you're considering getting a mixed-breed dog, ones that are 10 to 20 pounds are typically the least expensive to own, according to the ASPCA.

**Make homemade pet toys.** Pets love simple toys that can often be made with things you already have around the house. Search for homemade pet toy ideas on websites like Pinterest and Etsy.com.

**Don't overfeed your pet.** Pet food maker Merrick offers a calculator to determine how many calories per day your dogs or cats should consume to maintain their ideal weight, based on the weight recommendation of your vet.

**Brush your pet's teeth regularly.** Brushing can help reduce costly dental procedures as well as gum disease, which can lead to heart and kidney problems.

**Try DIY grooming and training.** Check YouTube and other online sites for pet grooming and training videos, many of which focus on specific breeds.

**Opt out of pet health insurance.** Instead of buying unneeded health insurance, set up an emergency fund for your pets and make a small contribution to it each month.

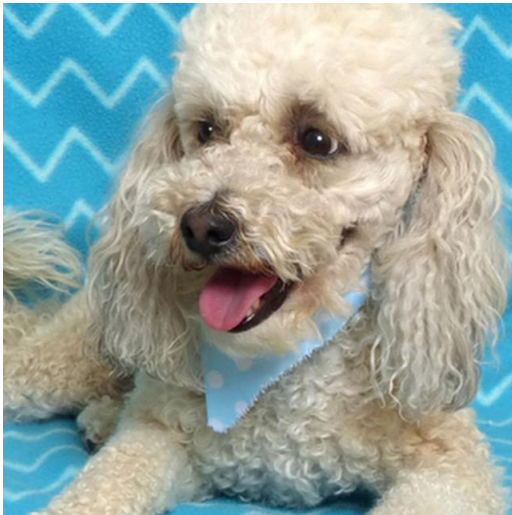
**There may be options if you are having real financial trouble.** A Humane Society directory lists organizations and programs nationwide that offer everything from free support services to financial aid.





## Cat of the Month

Hello there, my name is **Mark**. I have been at the shelter since before my eyes opened. I love people, other cats and think I may even like nice dogs one day if I can get to know them. Everyone here says I have the biggest motor because they can hear my purr from far, far away. All I need right now to make my life complete is a family of my own. Will it be yours?



## Dog of the Month

My name is **Max**!  
Are you currently looking for the perfect most handsome pup to fill your life? Well, that'd be me! I've got the looks and I got skills all the puppies hope to have one day. You know leash-trained, potty-trained and even know some tricks. I was surrendered here because my owner just didn't have time for me anymore. Do you have time for me?

*Photos by S J Derby*

## Adopted since last newsletter:

**Cats:** Mark and Sabretooth

**Dogs:** Pebbles, Roxie, Cocoa, Bell, Easton, and Jimmy Bob



