

**ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY
FREEMAN FRITTS CLINIC & SHELTER
"BECAUSE WE CARE"**



March 2015 Newsletter

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www.freemanfritts.com

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

Shelter Hours: Monday thru Friday
10 - 11:30 & 1 - 4:30

Shelter Expansion

The shelter expansion is moving forward. We are excited to announce that the first stage of the remodel will begin in March. All services and operating hours will remain the same during the remodel.

UPDATES: The Freeman-Fritts web site, www.freemanfritts.com has been totally revised. Please visit our website to see all the services available at the Shelter. There is information on our facilities, services, staff, and adoptable pets. There is also a link to view our monthly newsletter including past editions. If you are not receiving the newsletter via e-mail, there is a link to sign up. We are currently distributing the monthly newsletter in printed and e-mail form. In our continuing efforts to reduce operating costs, we would like to decrease the monthly mailing expenses. If you are receiving the printed copy and are able and willing to receive the e-mail copy instead, please let the office know. We know that many of you share the printed copy of the newsletter and we will continue the printed and mailed newsletters.

Great News – Feline Spay Fund

Due to the generosity of one individual, we are able to provide a very limited number of free spay surgeries to cat owners. Please call our office to inquire and be put on the waiting list (830-257-4144).

RAFFLE TO BENEFIT SHELTER EXPANSION FUND



AWS Freeman-Fritts is having a raffle for a Pet Portrait by Doreen Shann. The drawing will be held on April 30, 2015. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Raffle tickets can be purchased in the office or at the rummage sale. You do not have to be present to win. The artist, Doreen Shann, has been painting over 12 years and has received many prestigious awards for her work. Her work can be seen at Artisans A Texas Gallery, in Fredericksburg.

If Your Dog could talk... (Excerpted from “What Your Dog Wants to Tell You But Can’t by Shannon Kaiser) (continued from last month)

Any dog lover knows that their furry companion is part of the family. If your dog could talk, it might sound a little something like this:

- **Don’t punish me for something you never told me was wrong.** I need rules and I do like structure. When you get mad at me for something I had no idea was bad, I get confused. The best thing you can do is instill rules from the moment we meet. If you decide one day I am allowed on the bed, but change your mind the next, I get so confused! My job is to please you. Be transparent with your rules and we will be in great shape.
- **I’m sicker than I show.** I am getting older. I age more quickly than you do, and this will be a painful part of life for both of us. You will see me deteriorate. I may get lumps, my hearing or sight will fade, and my behavior will change. But because I am a canine, I will do everything in my power to hide this natural part of life with you. I may be hurting on the inside but I will not pay attention to it, because our walks are more important. My time with you is more valuable. You are more important to me than my health. I will not show my weakness, but this doesn’t mean I that I am not suffering silently in pain. There is nothing you can do about this but to love me. You can try to make me more comfortable, and put me on medication or visit the vet often, but ultimately your love is enough. Your love keeps me healthy and happy.
- **Please pay attention when I am not myself.** There will be times when I change my behavior and patterns. This is almost always a result to something is not right. I have swallowed something I wasn’t supposed to, inhaled something that reacted with me, or I am run down or tired. Please trust yourself and take me to the vet if it feels right for you. Sometimes all I need is sleep and the vet will not be able to do anything. I don’t want you to worry about vet bills. This stress is not something to take on. Instead put your love for me first. We will be okay.
- **Learn what my job is and let me do it.** Every dog has a job, the same way you people do. But our jobs are related to our role with you. Some dogs are born to protect, while others are born to nurture and be therapeutic friends to ease your pain. Others are natural born runners and need to exercise often every day. Learn what my job is early on, what I love to do, and let me do it. I will do it with pride. I will not let you down when you allow me to be true to myself. I wish the same for you, by the way! I want you to learn what you’re good at and be unapologetic about your role.
- **I embrace change and you should, too!** I understand that our time together will be full of changes. We will most likely move locations, you may meet new people and get into new relationships, people that you bring into the home, your job hours may change, and new pint sized family members may come. I am happy to welcome each new phase of our life as long as I am with you. Just give me a little time to adapt. Perhaps there is a new baby in the home and you can’t pet me or walk me as much as you used to. Please don’t worry. Know that there is great love in this house, and my love for you is never wavering. Love is enough. It will always be enough.



Cat of the Month

Monkey here! I am the coolest, quirkiest, and most handsome Manx you will ever meet! I love being petted, cuddled and will follow you around to keep you company all day long! When you take me home you aren't going to be able to take your eyes off of me. I have this gorgeous lion-like mane and bright eyes. I am a typical kitten, lots of energy and lots of cuddles. So if you are looking for a fun-loving dude - I am your guy!

Dog of the Month

Hello guys! I'm **Harry**! I am an active boy looking for some fun! I love hoomans and furr-friends, too. They call me a Schnug, pretty silly I think. They should just say the "most handsome rover in the world", in my opinion. One request I have is to have lots of tennis balls in stock! I la la love them! Wanna have some fun? I am your guy!

Adopted since last newsletter

Cats: Jay Jay, Beth, Eve, Tina & Squeak

Dogs: Angel and Sparky



Our Wish List:

These items are urgently needed:

Tidy Cats - SCOOP - For Multiple Cats
Tidy Cats - NON-CLUMPING
Large Cat Trees (for our large cat cages in shelter)
Rugs
Baby Food (Gerber Stage 2-Chicken)
Fancy Feast (Dry)

Cleaning Supplies:

Dawn Dish soap
Clorox Bleach
Clorox Wipes
Fabuloso (Citrus & Fruits, Ocean Paradise)
Paper Towels
Large Covered Litter Boxes
Cat Litter Scoops
Cat Litter
Towels (All Sizes)
Hand Towels

Cat and Dog Necessities:

Friskies Canned - pâté
Meow Mix
Fancy Feast Dry
Fancy Feast Canned - Pâté
Dog & Cat Beds
Baby Blankets
Cat Toys
Dog Toys (Ropes, Stuffed Toys & Kongs)
Scratching Posts
Breakaway Cat Collars (Kitten & Cat)
Dog Collars & Leashes (Sm & Med.)

A special thank you to everyone who helped us with our last rummage sale. We love you all: donators, volunteer workers, and shoppers.

YOU CAN HELP! THE NEED IS URGENT!

We still need donations for our new “dog” and “cat” runs. The following amounts will allow you to name the run as you desire.

_____ \$1000 Plaque Named Cat Run _____ \$1500 Plaque Named Dog Run

Please make checks payable to AWS Freeman-Fritts Shelter Building Fund.

Mail your donation to:

**AWS Freeman-Fritts Animal Shelter
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

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.

