

# FREEMAN FRITTS



## September 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

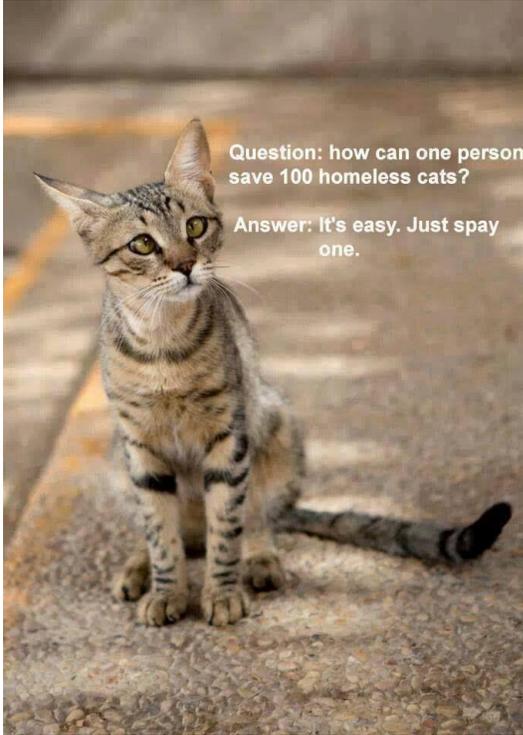
*A HILL COUNTRY NO KILL SHELTER  
AWS Freeman-Fritts opened its doors in  
1986 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization  
to serve the needs of Kerr County's animals  
and is commonly known as Freeman-Fritts  
in honor of its founders. Situated on 5 acres,  
it is a no-kill shelter and promotes adoptions  
of homeless animals. It also provides  
services of spay/neuter programs, a low-cost*

*clinic, vaccinations and medications; and provides education in responsibilities of pet care and  
ownership. Additional services are Boarding for both dogs and cats, as well as Grooming.*

## Please Consider Having Your Newsletter E-mailed



Due to rising prices for postage and supplies, it would save our organization money if more newsletters could be delivered through e-mail. If you are able to receive your newsletter electronically please send a note to our website, attention: Elaine and Mary. ([www.freemanfritts.com](http://www.freemanfritts.com)) Please provide your full name, and postal address (so we can remove your name from the snail mail list), and of course, your e-mail address. The email version of the monthly newsletter has the exact articles, news, and pictures (in color) as the mailed one. Thank you for your consideration.



## **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.

### *4 Facts About Pet Homelessness and 4 Simple Ways You Can Help*

Are you concerned about homeless animals but not ready to adopt? There are ways you can help without adding an addition to your fur babies family. Below are four facts regarding homeless animals and four ways you can try to help them.

#### *Fact One:*

*It is noted by ASPCA that only [10 percent of animals](#) received by shelters are spayed or neutered. The average cost to spay or neuter an animal is less than caring for an animal for one year.*

#### *What You Can Do:* Promote & Practice Spade & Neutering

With millions of homeless animals in shelters and millions being euthanized every year, how can we make this number dwindle? Spay and neuter! This is a proactive action to help these animals.

#### **Fact Two:**

**Six to eight million animals (cats and dogs) enter shelters each year while only about half of them are adopted.**

### *What You Can Do:* Donate Food, Money, Toys, or Your Time

Do you have a few extra dollars or maybe some toys your family pet(s) never took to? Can you grab an extra bag of dog/cat food? [Donate](#) – all is appreciated! The homeless animals need all the help they can get while they wait to be rescued! Do you have some free time on your hands or a specialty? Help the shelter or spend time with the animals to help them relax from their stressful environment.

While this is for the [homeless animals](#), remember to keep track of your donations so that you can report it on your taxes at the end of the year; maybe this will influence you even more to keep donating!

### *Fact Three:*

**Only [30 percent of lost dogs](#) in shelters are recovered by their family; only about 3 percent of missing cats are recovered by their loved ones. The rest must face possible euthanasia.**

### *What You Can Do:* Help the Lost

Image your precious cat Fluffy getting locked outside and running; image Teddy your dog wandering down the road ... Now imagine they do not come home. Would you be scared for them? Would your heart be racing and hurting? Help those [lost animals](#) and their families when you see them; try to help ensure they make it back home so those animals don't end up in a shelter locked away; possibly taking up valuable space that can cause more euthanasia. (Not at Freeman-Fritts, we are a *no-kill* shelter.)

### *Fact Four:*

**Only about [30 percent](#) of animals who live in forever homes with family are actually rescued from shelters. The rest are purchased through breeders and pet stores. Many people think that purchasing a pet is the best route to go, but they don't recognize that in doing so they're supporting cruel [puppy mills](#) and also potentially taking a forever home away from a shelter animal. That percentage should be higher, don't you agree? Around [25 percent of dogs](#) waiting for a forever home in shelters are purebred, so why bother with a breeder to begin with!**

### *What You Can Do:* Promote Knowledgeable Articles and Facts through Your Social Media

If you see an article that makes you think, touches your heart, or scares you for animals, SHARE IT! If you have a social platform, use it to bring awareness to those you know! Even just sharing pictures of you and your own rescue animal can change someone else's perception of what shelter animals are like. You never know what good a single note sent via social media can do for an animal in need!

*This article was excerpted from One Green Planet at [www.onegreenplanet.org](http://www.onegreenplanet.org).*

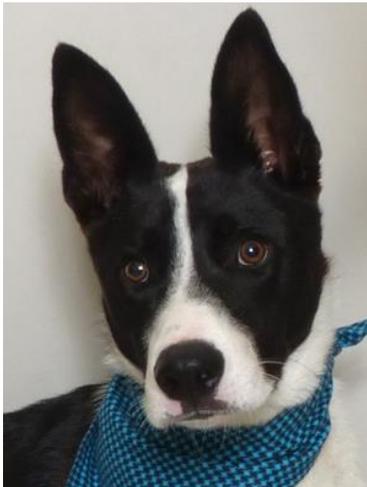


## Cat of the Month

**Bubba** here!

I was bottle raised as just a teeny tiny baby only a few weeks old and shh, don't tell my brothers and sisters but mom said I was her favorite. Guess you can say I am a mama's boy! Also, I am probably the coolest kitten you will ever meet! I'm fun, loving and adorable. Which is the whole package. Isn't it? Come meet me and I'll show you!

*Photo by S J Derby*



## Dog of the Month

Do you want a puppy that wants to please, learns fast, gives kisses and can do tricks? Then you're thinking about me, **Oliver**. You just need to teach me the commands. No one is more eager to learn than I am- I get it the first time (well, sometimes the second). Have other dogs? I love 'em. Cats? They're fine with me. Like to play ball? So do I, and I return the ball. Read? I lie quietly at your side. Take walks? Let's go! Within a day I'll be your best friend (doesn't take longer than that though I start out a little shy). I'm still a puppy, but gently playful, and I have lovely manners, just haven't been trained.

*Photo by S J Derby*

## Notes from our clinic:

When bringing your pets into our office, dogs must be on leashes and cats must be in a carrier.

If you are unable to keep your appointment, please call the office to cancel. That will enable us to give that appointment time to someone on our waiting list.

## Adopted since last newsletter

**Cats:** Booth, Cricket, Lucy, Monkey, & Patty

**Dogs:** Leonard, Oliver, Princess, Riley, & Toots

