



FREEMAN-FRITTS VET CLINIC & SHELTER



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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. Keep in mind that you can extend your support by remembering Animal Welfare Society in your estate plan. All donations are tax-deductible!

AWS Freeman-Fritts Animal Shelter & Clinic

515 Spur 100, Kerrville TX 78028

830-257-4144

Clinic Hours: Monday - Friday, 7:30 – 12:00 and 1 - 5:30

Shelter Hours: Monday - Friday, 10:00 - 11:30 & 1:00 - 4:30

Or by appointment

The **Animal Welfare Society of Kerr County's mission** is to reduce the number of homeless, unwanted animals through spay/neuter programs, to shelter and promote adoption of homeless animals, and to provide education in the responsibilities of pet care and ownership. All donations are tax deductible and are used to provide care and services to our shelter animals while awaiting a forever home.

FEBRUARY 2021

**Thank you for
the gift of
sponsorship!**

We are thrilled with your enthusiastic response to our new kitty sponsorship program for hard to adopt kitties! Sponsor a kitty in honor or memory of a beloved person or pet or just because you believe in our no kill mission.

Dogs: Gabriel, Porche, Maggie, Jane Woods, Stacy Fritz, Casey, Cider, Kimmie, Soho, Simba, Sue Stewart, April Mitchell, Cali & Janice, Anonymous, Janice, Kamryn, Marsha Adams, Pat Kobe, Vickie Bagwell, Virginia Mazelin, Portia Leuba, Shiloh, Kip, Cali, Brian, Madeline, Vivi, Gale, Blue, Koal, Kitzer, Lizzie, Dakota, Blue, Isabel.

Happy Day!

Doggies:

- Angel
- Cappuccino
- Chupie
- Darlene
- Dolly
- Daisy
- Duke
- Chickpea
- Elena
- Naomi
- Isabel

Kitties:

- Reggie

Freeman-Fritts still needs Humans!!!
We still have Full-time and Part-time Positions Available!
Must be reliable and willing to work weekends.
Call us at 830-257-4144 if interested!

COVID-19 Status: We are still limiting foot traffic in the shelter. Walk-ins are still not permitted. Adoptions may take place with approved applications.

COVID Policy reminders: See page 4 of this newsletter
COVID Updates: <https://www.freemanfritts.com/post/covid-19-update-1>
Clinic Services/Question: email info@freemanfritts.com

Current Adoption Process
The shelter remains closed to the general public and walk-ins. If you are interested in adopting a pet, please visit our website (www.freemanfritts.com) to see those available for adoption. You can request an application or ask any questions by emailing info@freemanfritts.com. Please list the name of the fur-baby you wish to adopt in the subject line of your email. We will contact you after your application has been reviewed.

SPONSOR DEDICATIONS

***Gale** sponsored by Cali and Janice in memory of Gizmo - "Life's too short not to roll around in sunshine and dust."

***Casey** sponsored by Portia Leuba in memory of Donovan Leuba- "He loved all animals... especially dogs and cats."

***Kimmie** sponsored by April Mitchell, in honor of Oliver, adopted 4 years ago from Freeman-Fritts

***Lizzie** sponsored in honor of Dr. Mehendale, who loved all animals.

Sponsor Kitty Spotlight - Lucky Needs Your Support!



Snuggling is an occupation, right? Lucky is a professional snuggler! She was a feral cat that had been hit by a car, and through care and gentle handling at the shelter has revealed her super sweet disposition!

Even with all of her sweetness, Lucky is a bit timid. Other than that, we are not exactly sure why Lucky has been overlooked by adopters, but we now expect that, as a 12 year old kitty-kat, she may live out her life here in the shelter. That is why Lucky needs you as a FF Kind Heart Sponsor! Help us make Lucky as happy as a clam by sponsoring her stay at Freeman-Fritts.

9 Ways To Show Your Cat Love On Valentine's Day

www.cattime.com – edited

As cat lovers, we aren't too surprised when we hear that up to 90 percent of pet owners include their pets in holiday celebrations—especially Valentine's Day. Whether or not our kitties know it's a holiday, including them shows them that they're part of our family. They're our true loves, after all!

It's February, so Valentine's Day is on our minds. Are you wondering what to do for your favorite feline? You should be! But never fear. Here are some delightful ideas to celebrate with your furry feline family!

- 1. Take A Nap With Your Cat:** Most cats relish the opportunity to snuggle with us. Sadly, for many of us, the only time this happens is when we collapse into bed after a long day. So, if your cat likes to snuggle, put on a movie or some music, lie down on the couch, and surprise them with a snuggle-fest. If your cat naps with you, it means they feel safe around you. So when you nap together, you're actually bonding!
- 2. Get Your Cat A New Toy And Play:** Toys are fine, even though what your cat really wants is quality time with you! Still, it's nice to buy your cat something special to get the play session started. Try a [Valentine-themed cat toy](#) to celebrate the holiday. Also cats love tablets, and you can download a cat toy app and watch your kitty go to town! Plus there are about a million ways to make your cat a toy for free out of items in your own home. You don't need to spend a lot to show your love.
- 3. Did Someone Say 'Treats?':** What's your kitty's favorite treat? Buy them a new bag of munch-ables and make a big deal of opening it for them. Maybe try hiding a few around the house so they can really use their natural hunting skills and get some exercise. Or, pick up a new puzzle feeder and give them a little mental stimulation with their meal. **Temptations** are a favorite among many cats, so give them a try! Just remember to serve in moderation.
- 4. Groom Your Kitty:** Some cats love to be brushed, others not so much. But whether it's two minutes or 20, this type of focused attention will be appreciated. Be patient, and let them tell you how much they'll tolerate. Remember to use soft brushes on faces, legs, and feet. One caveat: they may like it so much that they'll be after you for more!



5. **Fashion & Accessories:** Is your kitty getting chilly in these winter months? Maybe try a coat or **sweater**? Even if they're strictly an indoor cat, they may appreciate an extra layer, especially hairless kitties. February is a cold month in a lot of places. How about a new **bandanna** or collar? Make sure they've got a **tag** with your contact info on it, too, and make sure that your cat is wearing it anytime they go out of the house, even for trips to the vet or if you are moving to a new apartment or home.
6. **Play Some Videos For Cats:** Do you ever watch cat videos with your cat? You might be surprised to find out there are videos made specifically for a cat audience all over YouTube. For some fun and sweet entertainment for yourself, sit with your kitty and watch the videos with them. Your cat wants nothing more than to cuddle up in your lap and spend time with you.
7. **Get A New Scratching Post:** If you'd like to go all out, consider picking up a new **scratching post**. There are some pretty cool designs online these days, from dog-shaped posts to **tall towers** that let kitty get a good stretch while they claw away. You can always make one yourself, too. There are many tutorials online. Check out the video above!
8. **Visit The Vet:** Although your cat may not agree, a checkup at your **vet** is a way to say, "I love you." An exam, some blood work perhaps, and a dental checkup can alert you to problems or changes that can be prevented or addressed before they become serious. That way, your cat will stick around for lots of Valentine's Days to come!
9. **Make A Donation, Leave A Legacy:** Consider making a donation in your cat's name to a local, state, or national animal shelter, rescue group or foundation. Do some research and find one that seems right for the two of you. You can even donate to the group who introduced you to your kitty in the first place!

Pooch and Purr of the Month! Valentine Time!

The shelter is still closed to the general public. If you are interested in adopting, please email us at info@freemanfritts.com for more information and to request an application.

Pooch of the Month: Meet Gus!



Gus is a big boy, weighing in at almost 60 lbs, and he is around 4 years old. We believe him to be an Irish wolfhound mix. Gus is a very chill boy, but he wants a sweet home without cats.

Gus keeps a clean kennel, both inside and out, and loves to go on walks with his human. He does great on leash and gives sloppy kisses of love! He also enjoys passing the time playing with any toys he can get his paws on!

Purr of the Month: Meet Nicole!



Nicole is irresistible! She is a stunner with her beauty and her sweet, loving personality. She is a quirky little girl, loves attention and is super photogenic, too. Nicole is a 5-6 month old Dilute Calico kitten. Let her draw you in with her love for attention and her loving ways, and she instantly greets you with the daintiest of squeaks!

If you've been looking for a gorgeous kitty to add to your home, Nicole's your girl!

ITEMS WE CAN USE!

Reminder that we can **ALWAYS** use supplies to care for our residents!

Yum

- Meow Mix Dry Cat Food
- Fancy Feast or Friskies Gourmet Canned Pate Cat Food
- Pepperoni Dog Training Treats
- Gerber Stage 2 Chicken Baby Food for kittens
- Fancy Feast Dry Cat Food

Clean as a Whistle

- Fabulosa - any fragrance
- Dawn Dish Soap, Clorox Bleach, Clorox Wipes
- Paper Towels, Hand Towels, Bath Towels
- Large Covered Litter Boxes, Litter Scoops

Other Necessities and Warm Fuzzies

- Dog and Cat Beds
- Baby Blankets
- Bath Rugs with Rubber Backing
- Dog and Cat Toys
- Small and Medium Dog Collars and Leashes
- Breakaway Cat and Kitten Collars

COVID-19 POLICY REMINDERS - Until Further Notice

If any of the following apply to you, please reschedule your appointment in order to keep our staff healthy and our clinic open:

- ☒ If you are sick, have a fever, cough, sore throat or flu-like symptoms
- ☒ If you have recently traveled out of the country, to the East or West Coast, or any other areas with high rates of COVID19 infections
- ☒ If you have been in contact with someone that is ill or is in quarantine please

We also ask that you keep the number of family members accompanying your pet to our clinic to a minimum to reduce chances of exposure.

We are offering the following services at this time:

Curbside Care: We ask for you to remain in your car and call the clinic at 257-4144 to check in for any appointments or to drop off pets for boarding. We will come out to your car to get your pet and bring them into the clinic.

- Cats must be in a secure carrier and dogs must be on leashes.
- Credit cards can be taken over the phone and cash can be collected curbside.

- ♥ **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.
- ♥ **DONATE STUFF!** Visit <https://www.freemanfritts.com/wish-list-donation> to see our Wish List(s)!
- ♥ Make a contribution for a specific shelter need such as the spay/neuter fund, which helps defray the cost of surgery.
- ♥ Remember us in your estate planning!

Want to Volunteer?

If you have some extra time to spare and want to help, 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!

Freeman-Fritts Spay & Neuter Program!

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.

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!