

FREEMAN FRITTS



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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.

JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER

Happy Independence Day!

COVID-19 Update

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 Update visit <https://www.freemanfritts.com/covid-19-update/>

Clinic Services/Question: email freemanfritts@yahoo.com



Pet Holidays for July 2020

- Dog House Repair Month
- National Lost Pet Prevention Month
- National Pet Hydration Awareness Month
- July 1: ID Your Pet Day
- July 5: Pet Remembrance Day
- July 11: All-American Pet Photo Day
- July 15: National Pet Fire Safety Day
- July 21: National Craft Your Local Shelters Day
- July 21: No Pet Store Puppies Day
- July 31: National Mutt Day

July Adoptions!

FELINES

Samson

CANINES

Cornelius

Lina

Felicie

Pooch and Purr of the Month! We're Waiting For YOU!

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

Pooch of the Month: Meet Geralt!



This handsome guy is on the search for his forever human! Geralt is not only known for his handsome good looks, but he is brilliant, too! He knows some smooth tricks and has the best manly manners. He's a curious guy, and so dang sweet. He sometimes hops around when he's excited. Like a zing of energy.

Geralt is currently 11 months old, potty-trained, neutered, fully vaccinated, and microchipped.

Geralt does, however, have some mobility issues that our Veterinarian would be happy to discuss with any potential adopter.

This sweet guy deserves so much more!

Purrs of the Month: Meet Madeline and Tami!



Tami

Madeline is a sweet and gentle girl with a quiet spirit. She is a gorgeous classic calico, that holds all the beauty. But, Madeline has a bonded sister who she wants to stay with in her new FUREVER home. Her name is Tami. Tami is an extremely affectionate and an extra lovable girl! She is a gorgeous medium hair, dilute calico.



Madeline

Both were previously adopted as kittens and declawed after. They were then returned 5 years later. This always breaks our hearts BUT not as much as it does theirs. ♡

Madeline and Tami are both 5 years old, spayed, fully vaccinated, felv/fiv negative, and microchipped. Madeline & Tami deserve a forever home together!

ITEMS WE CAN USE!

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

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

Bring us
some stuff!



10 Hot Tips To Keep Your Pet Safe This Summer <https://petcube.com/blog/pet-summer-safety/>, Ali Smith (Edited)

Summertime means sun, beach, and lots of play outdoors with your dog or cat. Summer can be a great time to bond with your pet. But higher temperatures also mean higher risks for our furry companions - more injuries, more skin and ear infections, and a possibility of a heat stroke. Pets do not sweat in the same way humans do and can easily become overheated. To avoid this problem and enjoy the summer season with your pet, here are some tips to keep in mind.

- 1. Provide plenty of water and shade** - Dehydration in dogs and cats is a real possibility during the summer. Our dogs get much thirstier than we do when they get hot. Signs of dehydration include dry gums and excessive drooling. Make sure your pet always has access to fresh, clean water inside the house and bring a bottle for your furry companion when going outside, just like you do for yourself. You might also switch to a wet dog food during the hotter months to increase fluid intake. Keep your pet in the shade as often as possible. While dogs and cats like to sunbathe, direct sunlight can overheat them (especially dogs) and lead to heat stroke.
- 2. Know the signs** - A dog's normal temperature is between 100° and 103°F, while a normal temperature in cats ranges from 100.4° to 102.5°F. Anything higher than that means your pet's in danger. Dogs and cats don't sweat like we do. They drink water and pant to bring down their body temperature. Watch for these possible symptoms of overheating: heavy panting, dry or bright red gums, thick drool, vomiting, diarrhea, wobbly legs. If your pet shows signs of heat exhaustion, move them to a cool place, give them a drink of water, put a damp towel over their body, and get them to the vet asap. Don't place your pet in cold water - that can put them into shock.
- 3. Never leave your pet in the car** (unless car A/C remains on!) - Most pets love riding in cars. But they wouldn't enjoy being stuck in it somewhere in the parking lot when it heats up to over 100 degrees. You may think leaving your pet in a car for a few minutes is no big deal. However, it can take less than 10 minutes to develop heat stroke in dogs and cats inside the hot vehicle. Leaving your pets in cars not only dangerous to your pet, but it is also illegal in 16 states that have specific "hot car" laws. So, either take your pet with you or leave it at home. If you see a pet left alone in a car under dangerous condition, take action immediately - try searching for the owner asap or even call the police.
- 4. Apply sunscreen** - Believe it or not, pets get sunburns too, especially those with short or light hair coat. And just like with people, it hurts and can even lead to skin cancer. If you are planning to spend a day out in the sun with your furry companion, apply sunscreens every 3-4 hours to the least hair-covered spots: bellies, ears, and nose. Use only sunscreens made specifically for pets. Your vet could advise on the product suitable for your pet fur kid.
- 5. Don't shave your pet** - You might think shaving your dog a cat for the summer is the best solution to overheating. But a pet's coat is naturally designed to keep it cool during the summer and warm in the winter. Feel free to trim the fur on your pet in the summer, but never shave. Be sure to leave at least a full inch of hair to protect your pet's skin from sunburns. And don't forget about your pet's regular grooming schedule, no matter what season it is.
- 6. Mind your walking hours** - If you have a dog, walk and exercise your pup only in the early morning and late evening. Never do it in the middle of the day. When outside, take breaks in the shade and have water available. Pets heat and cool from the bottom up. If you're out in the sun together, try to keep your pet off of hot surfaces like cement and asphalt. Not only can it burn paws, but it can also increase body temperature and lead to overheating. It's also not a good idea to drive around with your dog in the back of a truck - the hot metal can burn paws quickly. When spraying your dog with water, make sure to spray the paws and stomach to cool them down quicker. If you are using a wet towel, it's better to rub their paws and stomach than top coat. If you can't walk your dog during the early and later hours of the day, doggy boots is a good way to protect their paws.
- 8. Keep parasites off** - In summer, fleas, ticks, mosquitoes, and other parasites are practically everywhere. They carry tapeworms, heartworms, and diseases such as Lyme or Bartonella that can put your pet at risk. Ask your vet for the appropriate medical prescriptions to keep your Fido or Kitty pest-free.
- 9. Consider a life vest** - Just like us, dogs enjoy cooling off in water, pool, lake, or ocean. But be very careful where you choose to let them. No all dogs swim well. And even those that do, might not know how to get out of the pool. Also, strong currents and riptides can sweep a dog out to sea. If you decide to take your doggy sailing or boating, be sure it wears a life vest in a bright color to stay visible and afloat in case of an accident. Always keep an eye on your furry companion when near water.
- 10. Keep your pets away from fireworks** - Summer is the perfect time for barbecues, picnics and overall outdoor celebrations, the biggest being the 4th of July, with fireworks being the most-awaited part. While we all enjoy a big bright bada boom, our pets tend to get scared and run away. Besides, fireworks are made with chemicals like potassium nitrate that can poison your curious pet if eaten. If you put on your own fireworks display, keep your pet indoors and clear your yard of the fireworks debris before letting your pup or kitty back outside. When heading to the 4th of July celebration, leave your little guys safe from the noise in a quiet area of your home. You can keep an eye on your furkid from afar with a pet camera or GPS pet tracking collar.

JULY 2020 Adoption Process

Like last month, 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 then request an application by emailing freemanfritts@yahoo.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.

If you have any questions, please email us at freemanfritts@yahoo.com.

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.
 - **Telemedicine:** We may be able to provide some medical care via phone/texts/etc. for certain conditions that would alleviate the need for a visit to the clinic. Our regular prices will apply to these services if provided. Please call to see if your pet qualifies for this service.
 - **Prescriptions/Refills, Heartworm/Flea Treatments/Prescription Food:** You may pay for your prescription over the phone or at curbside and we will bring it to your car. **Please call ahead for all prescription refills.**

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NEW ADOPTION PROCESS



DO YOUR RESEARCH

• If you are interested in adopting, please visit www.freemanfritts.com to see if one of our pets could be the right fit for you



APPLY:

Request an application via email - freemanfritts@yahoo.com

- Email a copy of your drivers license with your application.
- Be sure to include the pet name you are wishing to adopt in the subject line.



ADOPT YOUR PET:

- Adoptions are first come basis.
- Once your application is reviewed, we will then contact you and let you know it's been approved. At that time, we will discuss the next steps in adopting.

WE WILL REQUIRE MASKS BE WORN AT THIS TIME.

- ♥ **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/get-involved/> 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.