



FREEMAN-FRITTS VET CLINIC AND SHELTER

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ALL Hallow's Eve is Coming!



Halloween, along with all of its festivities, is right around the corner. There are preventative steps that you can take to ensure that all of the members of your household, two and four-legged, enjoy the ghostly holiday!

- **Watch where you're storing candy.** Candies and treats look really appetizing to our pets, but many of them have ingredients that are poisonous to our animals. When you indulge, dispose of the wrappers properly as they can cause a blockage if consumed by your pet. If you think your animal has ingested candies, call your veterinarian, an emergency animal hospital, or the **ASPCA's Poison Control hotline at (888) 426-4435.**
- **Be sure your pet has proper identification.** Double-check that identification tags are legible and that your phone number is correct in case of a door dart- that goes for dogs and cats!
- **Secure your dog or cat in their crate, a spare room, or bathroom,** to avoid them being spooked by costumes and noises, or door darting with the possibility of getting lost. You can prepare a kong or get a special bone or treat to keep them occupied and make their evening special as well.
- **An alternative to putting your pets away for the evening is to have a plan in place on how you will handle your pets around the door for trick-or-treaters.** Baby gates around the door to block your pets from the door are an option. You can keep your dog on a leash that evening and either hold of it or tether them to a piece of furniture in an area that you can supervise - never leave an animal on a tether unattended. You can start practicing now with your dog holding a stay or place command when someone comes to the door.
- **Don't force your pet to greet anyone.** If your pet seems uncomfortable at all, do not allow people to greet your pet.
- **Be safe when decorating your home.** Dry ice, while it makes some incredible fog, is toxic to animals if consumed. Glow sticks are another common item of the season you don't want your animals to get a hold of. If you are lighting candles or jack o'lanterns, make sure to supervise them as an animal knocking them over can be a serious fire hazard; a safer option would be battery-powered candles.
- **Keep your black cats and dogs inside where it is safe.** Black animals are a common theme in witchcraft and Halloween which makes them more likely to be targets for individuals looking to harm animals.
- **If you plan on bringing your dog out with you while trick-or-treating, keep them safe by making them visible.** Reflective collars or tags are a great idea. You can also get light-up clips to attach to their collars, their leash, or yourself to help make you more visible to passing traffic.
- **If you plan on dressing up your pets for the holiday, pick something that is comfortable for them.** You don't want something that is too tight or too hot and can restrict their movement. You also don't want a costume that can easily become tangled in things. Never leave your pet unsupervised in a costume. Do not force them into a costume or attire that they are uncomfortable with. Keep Halloween fun and enjoyable for everybody!

CAT OF THE MONTH

HOPE

Hope is still looking for her forever home! She is about 4 months old and is a gorgeous Dilute Calico Manx little lady with sass running through her veins. She loves people and would love to share her life with you!

Hope's story began when a Good Samaritan stumbled upon this little angel buried deep into the leaves; they couldn't believe their eyes. How does this happen? Her only comfort was the leaves as she was unable to even walk to find help. After scooping up Hope's mangled, flea-ridden body, her kind finder immediately reached out to us as it was clear this little girl was going to need extensive medical care, along with slight possibility of surgery for her shattered front and back leg. The moment we received the call, we dropped everything we were doing to jump into action to become her hero.

The good news, Hope was now safe and sound with us, but she had a long journey of recovery. Per medical advice, we were advised to hold off on any surgeries until her bones grew and possibly healed. Sure enough, as she got a little older, we saw how miraculously kitties can heal with the perfect, special care for a tiny kittie. Now that she's gotten bigger, we do know she will always have a significant limp but that does not slow this mighty little one down.

Hope's story is just beginning. Help her write the forever chapters and adopt Hope today!

THANK YOU!

We want to send out a truly heartfelt thank you to everyone that supported us during this year's Big Give! We were able to raise \$9,795 for the dogs and cats here at Freeman-Fritts! We know how hard things are right now for everyone and we cannot thank you enough for supporting us! Thank you SO SO SO much!



DOG OF THE MONTH

PERCY



Mr. Percy is an adorable terrier mix about 1-year-old. He's a social butterfly who loves everyone he meets, both two-legged humans and his four-legged doggo friends!

Percy can't wait to meet his new best friend. Currently he is on the search for a fun-loving, adventure-taking human who is willing to play fetch for hours and then maybe treat him to a puppuccino after! He is ready to start his new life with you now!

Interested in adopting, please email:
info@freemanfritts.com

Or come by and see Percy:
Wednesday-Friday from 1 pm-4 pm

Adoptions!

DOGS

Bugsy
Chief
Conan
Tick
Vinnie

CATS

Johnnie



This past September, our Board of Directors participated in the 2022 Schreiner Experience Fair at the Schreiner University campus. This event provided local employers and nonprofits the opportunity to network with Schreiner students regarding jobs, internships, and volunteer opportunities. Within minutes of the start of the event, there was a swarm of students lining up at our table anxious to complete a volunteer application and excited for the opportunity to come to the shelter and work with our animals.

We met several students who will be returning as volunteers from last year. In total, we collected close to 30 completed applications and many more students took applications home to complete and turn in later. It was amazing and inspiring to see so many students eager to volunteer with our cats and dogs. We look forward to seeing all the new and enthusiastic volunteers at the shelter soon!

Contact us today if you would like to learn how to become a volunteer: info@freemanfritts.com



SPONSOR OF THE MONTH



Meet Paris! Paris is the definition of adorable with a perfect round face! Paris came to us as a tiny kitten and was covered in ringworm. While that's easy to treat, home after home was going by because they didn't want to wait for her to get past it.

As a youngster she was a rough 'n' tumble gal. She had loads of fun playing and catching toy mice. Paris is now 7 years old, and she's quite the content little lady. Paris was recently diagnosed with diabetes so she requires live-saving insulin, which becomes costly. She would love her own sponsor human! Paris would love visitors just for her and is deserving of all the spoiling she can get.

Find the joy in virtually adopting this kittie that has not had the luck of finding her forever home outside of the shelter. Sponsoring is a win-win. You get a virtual pet to love, and we get the financial help we need for some of her care. You will receive monthly updates on her activities and welfare.

If interested in sponsoring, please complete the form at

<https://www.freemanfritts.com/sponsor-form>



Support our shelter while shopping online:

Please go to **<https://smile.amazon.com>**, and designate the 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 to the spay/neuter fund, which helps defray the cost of surgery.
- Remember us in your estate planning!

Visit **www.freemanfritts.com** to sponsor, adopt, or donate!

AWS Freeman-Fritts Appointment Procedures

Our clinic is open in our reception area for appointments to keep you and your pets safe from waiting outside. We are pleased to return to normal operations and are looking forward to serving you. If you prefer curbside service, please let our receptionist know when you check-in. We will continue to help ensure the safety of both you and your loved ones.

★Shelter Hours:

The shelter is open for viewing the animals for adoption on Wednesday - Friday from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm, or by appointment.

If you have any other questions, please email info@freemanfritts.com

Stay Connected



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!

The Animal Welfare Society of Kerr County, Texas is a 501(c)(3) NonProfit 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 1:00 - 5:30. Shelter Hours: Wednesday - Friday, 1:00 - 4:00.

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.