

# FREEMAN FRITTS



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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, 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.

## August 2017 Newsletter



August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The message on this day is to neuter and spay!

**Reminder: FF is still remodeling!**

***Please be careful entering our facility! All facilities are still open and available, including boarding, grooming, and veterinary services. We anticipate completion by the end of August!***

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## **Extra, Extra!! We are in need...**

Of newspapers! We can use newspapers (without slicks/glossy inserts) for the shelter puppies. Drop off any extra newspapers you no longer need – the puppies will love you!



## **Did you know...?**



### *That we have a SPA at Freeman-Fritts?*

That's right! Bring your pet in for expert grooming, bathing and spa services. We can usually get your pets in for bathing or spa days within a day's notice. Drop them off in the morning and they will be ready to go in the afternoon. Services and rates are listed on the Freeman-Fritts website, or call (830) 257-4144 for information and to make an appointment for your furry friend!

## **Cat of the Month – Meet Loki!**

What do you get when a white cat runs through the pumpkin patch? Answer: Loki! Loki is an exceptional white cat with an orange striped tail and one orange swiipe on his ear. He has sky blue eyes showing a hint of flame point Siamese. Described as "an old soul", Loki is serious as is appropriate for a cat named after a Norse god. Please come by and meet handsome Loki today!



## **Dog of the Month – Meet Melody!**



Meet Melody! A beautiful 8-week old Border Collie mix. Melody and her 4 siblings, Harmony, Lyric, Bongo, and Major are full of kisses and puppy love. They were found on the side of the road in the heat of summer in a cardboard box, drained from heat exhaustion. After some tender love and care, these sweet babies are ready to find their forever homes!

## **We've been adopted!**

**Pooches:** Raine, Angie, Bree, Lennon, and Yoko

**Kitty Kats:** Salem, Mary, Latte, and Carlos





## How to Control Fleas During the Summer Months

This time of the year fleas are abundant, so it's important to be aware of flea management and prevention. For those who have cat doors or dog doors, pets have a greater chance of exposure, so it is especially important to consistently check pets for signs and symptoms of fleas. Below we share some knowledge about controlling fleas on your pets and throughout the house. Flea control is a multi-step process that requires several forms of control. It requires controlling fleas not only on your pet, but also in the house as well as any potential outdoor environments.

### Indoors:

The most important step for indoor flea control is to thoroughly vacuum all rugs, furniture, and drapery on a regular basis. Fleas will lay eggs in areas such as rugs, grass, and furniture, and these eggs will develop and spread quickly. After vacuuming to remove eggs, use a carpet powder or spray that will prevent any future development of remaining eggs. Additionally, remember to wash all sheets, pet bedding, and other fabrics that your pet would be exposed to.

### Outdoors:

Fleas tend to inhabit organic debris in areas that are dark, moist, and in the shade. In order to rid your yard of fleas, concentrate on destroying any areas that would provide this type of habitat. Rake leaves and clean areas such as under porches, decks, dog houses, etc.

### Pets:

There are a variety of treatment options available for pets with fleas. Your vet has many reliable products that will work for your pet. These products are purported to kill any live fleas on your pet; however, often times you will still continue seeing fleas after any insecticide has been applied. Before using any type of flea control medicine or topical treatment, consult your vet to see what will be best for your individual pet. Treatments will vary across breeds and all depending on pet health, so it is very important to discuss treatment possibilities with a professional prior to administering anything to your pet.

As always, the best treatment for fleas is prevention. If you have pet doors, or a pet that is continually exposed to fleas, talk to your vet about prevention options. Carefully check your pet on a regular basis for signs of fleas, as well as take measures to ensure your pet's outdoor space is not a conducive environment for fleas to inhabit. Here at Pet Doors we wish you a flea-free summer!

### Other tips!

- Sprinkle diatomaceous earth\* (food grade or for pets) around your house and yard.
- Clean out kitty litter boxes and clean up pest waste in the yard regularly to avoid pest infestation.
- Clean house = flea-free house! Clean & vacuum regularly!

*\*Be sure to read instructions on use!*

Not a fan of conventional chemical flea treatments? Here are some home remedies that might prove effective!

## Home Remedies to Get Rid of FLEAS

**Herbal Spray**  
The herbal spray is one of the easiest and best remedy to get rid of fleas fast.

**Salt**  
The simplest and cheapest remedy to kill the fleas is by using salt, which is easily available at your home.

**Rosemary**  
Rosemary herb will help to control the occurrence of fleas at your home. They can be used as powder, rinse or oil to kill the fleas from your house.

**Horse Apple**  
Horse apple is generally used to remove the insects from the home and it is one of the traditional practices followed since years.

**Citrus Spray**  
The lemon spray will kill all the insects present in your home including the fleas because of its acidic properties.

**Pennyroyal**  
Pennyroyal leaf is a herb that acts as a repellent for removing fleas from your yard and home.

**Dish Washing Liquid**  
It is not easy to trap the fleas alive and kill them, but the use of a dishwashing liquid makes the process simple to trap the fleas.

**Fleas Shampoo**  
A flea shampoo, made up of lavender oil and soapwort will easily kill the fleas hidden in your pets like dogs, cats etc, and at the same time will keep your home clean.

**Citronella Oil**  
The best oil that is used as the home remedy for fleas is citronella oil, which you can use to get rid of all fleas on humans, as well as pets.

### Tips to Get Rid of Fleas at Home

- Use a vacuum cleaner to clean your home, especially the areas where there is little or no exposure to sun rays because the fleas survive more in cool and dark places.
- If fleas are spreading in your home through your pets then you must clean your pets by using a flea comb and giving them a bath by using a flea shampoo.
- Clean the outside areas of your home and yard where your pets hang out frequently.
- The use of cedar oil and boric acid also kill fleas at home. Thoroughly clean your home every day as a preventive measure to keep away the fleas from home and also avoid them from multiplying.
- The more exposure of sunlight will get rid of sand fleas from your surroundings.

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## Regular Reminders!

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### **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.

### **Free Spay and Neuter Offered**

Due to the generosity of a kind donor, 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. *Note: Any thank you notes received are forwarded to our donor.*

### **Important 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.

### **Want to Volunteer?**

Want to help the animals? Have a few hours to spare and share? If you think you can offer a few hours once a week, once a month, or even once a year, 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? us know!



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### **As always, the gifts that keep on giving!**

Cat & Dog Necessities	Cleaning Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TidyCats – Scoop – for Multiple Cats</li><li>• TidyCats – Non-Clumping</li><li>• Baby Food (Gerber Stage 2 Chicken)</li><li>• Meow Mix, Fancy Feast Dry &amp; Canned (Pate)</li><li>• Friskies Canned – Pate</li><li>• Pupperoni</li><li>• Dog &amp; Cat Beds, Baby Blankets, flannel throw blankets</li><li>• Large Cat Trees &amp; scratching posts</li><li>• Break-away Cat Collars (both cat &amp; kitten sizes)</li><li>• Dog collars &amp; leashes (small &amp; medium preferred)</li><li>• Cat Toys, Dog &amp; Puppy Toys (ropes, stuffed toys, and Kongs)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dawn Dish Soap</li><li>• Clorox Bleach</li><li>• Clorox Wipes</li><li>• Fabuloso (Citrus &amp; Fruits, Ocean Paradise)</li><li>• Paper Towels</li><li>• Large Covered Litter Boxes</li><li>• Cat Litter Scoops</li><li>• Hand Towels</li><li>• Towels (All Sizes)</li></ul>

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