# FREEMAN \* FRITTS

AWS Freeman-Fritts Animal Shelter & Clinic 515 Spur 100, Kerrville TX 78028 830-257-4144

www.freemanfritts.com

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.

### **May 2018 Newsletter**



Be Kind to Animals Week May 6 - 12

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Freeman-Fritts has a new groomer! Her name is Angelica, and she's ready to make your kits & pups beautiful! Call us and schedule an appointment to meet her and get your pets pampered and groomed!

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### Baby Kitten Shower

Saturday, May 12th, 2018 1-3 pm



Join us for cookies, lemonade, games and the second annual kitty super bowl or bring your shower gifts for the kitties anytime before the day. Last year you provided for 75 bottle raised kitties and starter kits for home owners.



Gerber's baby food chicken-stage 2



Choose gifts from our Amazon Wish List at https:amzn.to/2HNqUsW

Pet Ag nurser bottles and nipples

KMR or Espilac bowdered milk replacer

AWS Freeman-Fritts Animal Shelter, 515 Spur 100, kitty corner to the Youth Event Center Visit us at www.freemanfritts.com or on Facebook

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#### 1. READ A BOOK ABOUT BEING KIND TO ANIMALS

Many great lesson begins with a book, so start the conversation on kindness to animals by reading with kids. Some favorites include **Tails are Not for Pulling** by Elizabeth Verdick, **May I Pet Your Dog?** by Stephanie Calmenson, and **Buddy Unchained** by Daisy Vix.

#### 2. SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTER

Learn more about homeless animals in your community and how you can help. Collect donations for your local shelter or spend some time volunteering - many shelters have junior or family volunteer programs. And in spring, animal shelters are often looking for foster homes for orphaned kittens. You can also set up your own **pretend play animal** 

**shelter** – explain what a shelter is, what it does, and things you can do to help support your local shelters. Visit this link for more on setting up a play shelter: http://www.pre-kpages.com/animal-shelter-dramatic-play/

#### 3. ADOPT, DON'T SHOP

If you are considering bringing a pet into your home, adopt from your local animal shelter instead of purchasing from a breeder or pet store. All three of our pets were adopted and we couldn't be happier with them! Check out one of our favorite books on pet adoption along with some awesome adoption resources here.

#### 4. LEARN ABOUT ANIMALS' NEEDS

Being kind to animals includes giving them the proper care. Start the conversation with a **free printable game** inspired by Dr. Seuss' *Which Pet Should I Get?* or go on a **pet supply scavenger hunt** to learn more.

#### 5. PRACTICE CARING FOR A PET

Help kids get involved in caring for their pets at home - help to feed, water, and play with pets every day. If you don't have pets of your own, offer to help a neighbor or friend with pet care, or **create a pretend pet grooming salon** for your stuffed animals! Do some research and share what you learn on ways to make your pet happy and to get more pet care ideas.

#### 6. BAKE DOG COOKIES

Make homemade treats for your dog, your neighbor's dogs, or even the dogs at your local shelter.

#### 7. MAKE CAT TOYS

Don't forget our feline friends! Make easy homemade toys for your own cats or the cats at the animal shelter.

#### 8. CREATE A WILDLIFE GARDEN

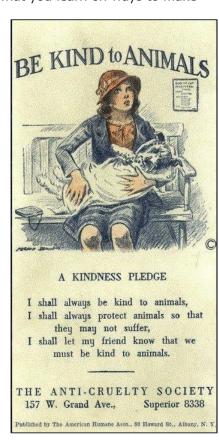
Being kind to animals extends far beyond our pets. Support the animals in your backyard by creating a wildlife garden or a butterfly garden.

#### 9. MAKE A BIRD FEEDER

Be kind to the birds in your yard by making a super easy **homemade bird feeder** from a cardboard tube.

#### 10. THANK THE PEOPLE WHO CARE FOR ANIMALS

Learn about people who care for animals every day such as veterinarians, animal control officers and animal rescue workers and volunteers. Send them a note to tell them how much you appreciate what they do to be kind to animals, too!



#### Come check us out at Kerr County Market Days & Hill Country Swap Meet

Original arts & crafts, giant flea market and rummage sale!

1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays - May 5<sup>th</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Hill Country Youth Event Center

3785 Highway 27, Kerrville, Texas 78028

Visit <a href="http://www.kerrmarketdays.org">http://www.kerrmarketdays.org</a> for more information

Admission is free! Parking is free! Leashed pets are welcome - YAY!

#### Pooch of the Month – Meet Otis! 🦮

Do you know Otis? He's our resident sweetheart! Otis was surrendered by his owners to be euthanized just after Christmas in North Texas at an extremely high-kill shelter where we were able to get him just hours before being euthanized. And so glad we did! He is one of the sweetest pooches ever, and such a gentleman! He's a handsome Boxer, around 9 years old, and he suffers from a degenerative condition that causes him to have a weak back-end. Some days are harder than others, but his medication has helped him get around much better. We want more for Otis! We want a home, a quiet home that will let him lie in a comfy bed, and play when he is up to it. Which still happens, Boxer-style! And that's what he deserves - a loving home to live out his golden years! Otis has not met a person - or dog - he does not like! Do you think your home would be the forever home for Otis?? Come on by and say HI!



#### Purr of the Month – Meet Grayson! 🍎

We shared this sweet boy's story on our Facebook page recently, when the wonderful folks at Kerr County Animal Services reached out for our help after this kitty was returned injured while on the family fit program - the people didn't want him anymore after his leg got severely broken in their care. He has since had major surgery to repair the break and has taken the time to recover! He's now ready to start his new life! Pictures do not do him the justice this handsome boy deserves, as it only shows a glimpse of his amazing personality. He's around 5-6 months old and a magnificent Russian Blue man! He deserves the most perfect home! Seriously this boy could be one of the coolest kitties you will ever meet!



Photos by S J Derby

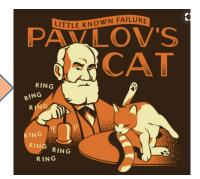
#### We've Been Adopted!

**Meows**: Ivy, Beans, Whitney, Sonia

Bow-wows: Marvel, Mae, Merlin, Baxter, Phoebe







Just for fun...  $\odot$ 

#### **Regular Reminders!**

#### **REMINDER!!! Freeman-Fritts Spay and Neuter Grant Program!**

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.





#### **Support Our Shelter While Shopping**

Don't forget that you can support our shelter when shopping at Amazon. Go to <a href="https://smile.amazon.com">https://smile.amazon.com</a>, 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.

#### **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? Let us know!

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

#### 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



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