

FREEMAN FRITTS

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

January 2018 Newsletter

Happy New Year to ALL!!!

Here's to wishing all the kits, pups, and the humans that take care of them a happy and safe 2018!



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Shout outs! THANK YOU!!!



We want to recognize and sincerely thank those that provided assistance to Freeman-Fritts this holiday season!

The **Kerrville Garden Club** brought always-helpful monetary donations and much-needed supplies for the shelter. The donations of blankets, toys, treats, cleaning supplies, and food will, naturally, be put to good use!

Pictured from left: Membership Chairman Paula Ejzak presents the Kerrville Garden Club funds to Sandy Leyendecker, Freeman-Fritts board president, as club members Rosemary Shields (club guest), Debra Foley, Jackie Connelly, Dee Dunton, Pam Umstead and Patty Zohlen carry gifts and poinsettias. Assistant shelter manager Jay Yarbrough helps receive the gifts.

The **Hill Country Quilt Guild** made and donated over 70 pet beds for our animals that are adopted out and some to sell at Market Days. The beds are beautiful and we are delighted to send home with adopted animals so they have their own space in their new homes!

We also had clients and supporters bring in blankets, food, and other items for the shelter pets! We are so happy to have their thoughtful and on-going support! We couldn't do what we do without the support of groups and individuals like these.

Presenting beds to the veterinary staff at Freeman-Fritts are (from left): SJ Derby, Mary Hasson (who made 14 beds!), Phyllis Allen (vet tech), Dr. Shelby Key (veterinarian), and Susan Longacre, Guild 1st V.P.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

BARK of the Month – Meet Koko! 🐾



Hello Everyone! My name is Koko and I'm a beautiful young lady looking for a forever home! With a gorgeous smile like mine, everyone will be lining up to take me home. Right? Unfortunately, I was abandoned at the pound right before Thanksgiving. I was no longer wanted and my world was turned upside down. I'm about 10 months old and I have so much love to give. And do I love to run or what? Have a ball? Let's play! I need someone that has as much energy as I do! So if you want to give me that playful forever home, I will forever be the most grateful pup!

MEOW of the Month – Meet Andy! 🐱

Do you love purr monsters? Then I'm the one for you! I'm a gorgeous black kitty with dark hazel eyes. I'm only about 3-4 months old. I actually came here with my siblings after Hurricane Harvey. We were only 3 weeks old. My siblings Milo, Max and Munchkin are all survivors. We did have to be bottle-fed and my foster mom said I'm the cutest cross-eyed boy anyone's ever seen! I would love to be in a new home for the new year. Don't delay... I'm young and handsome which means guys like me don't last very long!



Photos by S J Derby

Ring in the New Year Right - We've Been Adopted!



Meows: Windy, Carol, Kiera, Gia, Olaf, Belle, Missi, Jeffery

Barks: Chinook, Diesel, Aleutia, Duchess, Avalanche, Lucy, Irma, Mimi, Mack, Daisy, Lulu, Teresa, Georgia, Snickers, Vixen

Keeping Pets Safe on New Years Eve

New Year's Eve is a time for celebrating!

It's a special occasion filled with traditions and a time to reflect on the year that has passed.

Please don't forget to ensure your pets are safe this New Year's.

CATS & DOGS

- Keep them inside your house
- Ensure they are wearing collars
- Have them microchipped
- Make them a den
- Avoid making a fuss of them
- Avoid leaving them alone
- Don't shout or tell them off
- Don't take dogs to a firework display
- Block out fireworks with radios and TVs

Shelters have **7x** the normal intake of lost dogs during New Years

A dog's hearing is **4x** stronger than human hearing

80% of people have had a pet who is afraid of fireworks

SMALL ANIMALS

- Bring them inside
- Give them extra bedding
- Cover cages with a blanket



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR YOUR FURRY FRIENDS!

Source: SPCA of Texas (edited)

- * Be sure your pet is current on **vaccinations**. This will prevent illness and the spread of illness and keep your pet healthy. It's also required by law.
- * Be sure your pet has proper identification should s/he get lost. A collar with a tag including your name, address and phone number, as well as an alternate phone number. You should also have current rabies tags on your animals.
- * Consider having your pet **microchipped**, if not already. This is a simple, non-surgical procedure that will ensure your pet's return if it winds up in an animal shelter.
- * If you haven't already, get your pet **spayed or neutered**. This will prevent pet overpopulation and reduce the chances for cancer in both males and females, as well as eliminate your pet's urge to roam and mark.
- * If your dog has behavioral problems, now is the time to sign up for Pet University.
- * If your dog is not on **heartworm** preventive, make sure to have him tested for heartworms and begin the monthly preventive.
- * Consider whether or not pet insurance might be helpful for you – there are several options available. Research to see if one is right for you and your pet(s).

Regular Reminders!

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? 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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