

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.



APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER



Spring is in the air! But so is that dang COVID-19!

Stay safe, stay put!

You pups and kits will love you for it!

Visit <https://www.freemanfritts.com/covid-19-update/>
for Freeman-Fritts updates.



Things we can really use right now!

- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Clorox Wipes
- Monetary donations appreciated!



Out of an abundance of caution surrounding COVID-19, and in order to reduce foot-traffic in the shelter, we have implemented the following changes:

Walk-ins are not permitted at this time

Adoptions will be postponed until further notice

Please visit our website (www.freemanfritts.com) or email us at freemanfritts@yahoo.com for additional information and adjustments to clinic services.

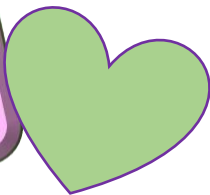
See page 3 of this newsletter for more info and reference on COVID19 and pets!
See page 4 for Spring Cleaning Tips w/ Pets!



Starting the Spring off right!

KITTY-KATS ADOPTED!

Monroe
Alani



DOGGIE-DOGS ADOPTED!

Shorty
Mouse
Piper
Poochie
Tabitha
Scooter
Oreo



Birthday FUNdraiser!!!



Want to have some birthday fun and raise money for our animals? It's easy if you have a Facebook page!

A few weeks before your birthday, Facebook will ask you if you want to participate in a charitable fundraiser for your big day. Just follow the instructions, as prompted, and choose Animal Welfare Society of Kerr County, Tx. Then share with all your friends! Facebook does not take any portion of the donations - 100% will go to Freeman-Fritts. How great is that?!!!

Pooch and Purr of the Month! COME.GET.US.

Pooch of the Month: Meet Lady!



Lady is as sweet as can be! This girl will talk her sweet way right into your lap! She would love nothing more than to cuddle, but Lady knows how to play, too!

Lady is lovely and smart, and is an absolute joy to have around! She is a 2 year old Border Collie/Lab mix. Abandoned with her babies, who have since found forever homes, now it's her turn for her very own forever spoiled home! Lady only has eyes for you!

At this time please email for more information: freemanfritts@yahoo.com

Purr of the Month: Miss Squee is ready to be squeezed with love!



You might remember Miss Squee from January? Well, she's still ready and waiting to be scooped up by some lucky human! Squee has gorgeous silky smooth fur and the most dazzling eyes! She is 9 months old, spayed, fully vaccinated, felv/fiv tested negative and microchipped. Squee is currently interviewing for a forever home! Do you think you'd make the cut?! Give us a shout and let's see if we can make this work! ♥

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Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses. Some coronaviruses cause cold-like illnesses in people, while others cause illness in certain types of animals, such as cattle, camels, and bats. **Some coronaviruses, such as canine and feline coronaviruses, only infect animals and do not infect humans.**

Key Points

- Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses. Some cause illness in people and others cause illness in certain types of animals.
- Coronaviruses that infect animals can become able to infect people, but this is rare.
- We do not know the exact source of the current outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- We do not have evidence that companion animals, including pets, can spread COVID-19.
- We do not have evidence to suggest that imported animals or animal products imported pose a risk for spreading the 2019 novel coronavirus in the United States.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) play distinct but complementary roles in regulating the importation of live animals and animal products into the United States. CDC regulates animals and animal products that pose a threat to human health; USDA regulates animals and animal products that pose a threat to agriculture; and FWS regulates importation of endangered species and wildlife that can harm the health and welfare of humans, the interests of agriculture, horticulture, or forestry, and the welfare and survival of wildlife resources.

Risk to people

Some coronaviruses that infect animals have become able to infect humans and then spread between people, but this is rare. Severe acute respiratory syndrome ([SARS](#)) and Middle East respiratory syndrome ([MERS](#)) are examples of diseases caused by coronaviruses that originated in animals and spread to people. This is what is suspected to have happened with the virus that caused the current outbreak of COVID-19. However, we do not know the exact source of this virus. Public health officials and partners are working hard to identify the source of COVID-19. The first infections were linked to a live animal market, but the virus is now spreading from person to person. The coronavirus most similar to the virus causing COVID-19 is the one that causes SARS.

At this time, there is no evidence that companion animals, including pets, can spread COVID-19 or that they might be a source of infection in the United States.

Risk from imported animals and animal products

CDC does not have evidence to suggest that imported animals or animal products pose a risk for spreading COVID-19 in the United States.

How to stay healthy around animals

In the United States, there is no evidence to suggest that any animals, including pets, livestock, or wildlife, might be a source of COVID-19 infection at this time. However, because all animals can carry germs that can make people sick, it's always a good idea to practice healthy habits around pets and other animals.

- Wash your hands after handling animals, their food, waste, or supplies.
- Practice good pet hygiene and clean up after pets properly.
- Take pets to the veterinarian regularly and talk to your veterinarian if you have questions about your pet's health.

For more information, visit CDC's [Healthy Pets, Healthy People website](#).

Risk to pets

CDC has not received any reports of pets or other animals becoming sick with COVID-19. Further studies are needed to understand if and how different animals could be affected by COVID-19.

How to protect pets if you are sick

If you are sick with COVID-19 (either suspected or confirmed), you should restrict contact with pets and other animals, just like you would around other people. Although there have not been reports of pets or other animals becoming sick with COVID-19, it is still recommended that people sick with COVID-19 limit contact with animals until more information is known about the virus. This can help ensure both you and your animals stay healthy.

When possible, have another member of your household care for your animals while you are sick. Avoid contact with your pet including, petting, snuggling, being kissed or licked, and sharing food. If you must care for your pet or be around animals while you are sick, wash your hands before and after you interact with them. For more information visit: [What to Do if You are Sick](#).

Other Resources

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#animals>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/interim-guidance-managing-people-in-home-care-and-isolation-who-have-pets.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/importation/bringing-an-animal-into-the-united-states/index.html>

Stay safe, stay clean, stay home!

Walk your dog, but keep your distance from neighbors and others that are out and about!



The Usual 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.

Ways You Can Help!

- ♥ **DONATE STUFF!** We always need STUFF! Visit <https://www.freemanfritts.com/get-involved/> to see our Wish List(s) and DONATE STUFF!
- ♥ Remember or honor your friends and pets with a donation to the shelter itself or by buying a brick for our memory walk. **"In Memory of" or "In Honor of" bricks** can be purchased for \$50. Each brick is laser engraved with whatever you would like to have inscribed on it. All proceeds benefit the shelter animals. Call us for more information.
- ♥ 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?

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!

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.

Pet Spring Cleaning Tips!

- ♥ Clean out that litter box! Dump old litter, use water and vinegar or a pet-safe cleaning agent. Sprinkle fresh litter with baking soda or litter deodorizer after each scooping to lessen litter box odor.
- ♥ Wash pet bed covers and blankets, and let dry completely before use! And brush your pets before they use them again!
- ♥ Wash toys, toss those that are destroyed/shredded.
- ♥ Sprinkle baking soda or another pet-safe carpet cleaner on carpets before you vacuum! Vacuum fabric furniture and dust the dusty places!
- ♥ Mop frequently the areas where your pets most often traipse through the house!
- ♥ Wash out food and water bowls often. Refresh water at least once a day, more if you have "sloppy" drinkers!
- ♥ Make sure pets that go outside have their flea/tick/heartworm treatments, etc. Keeps your pets happy and your home pest-free!