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Or by appointment



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🐾 Happy... Way-Too-Hot-Summer? 🐾



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SUPPORT FREEMAN-FRITTS BY Donating AND Shopping!

Belk store in Kerrville

Saturday, August 24 – All Day! (7:00 AM – to close)

- Donate \$5 and receive a \$5 coupon!
- Proceeds from tickets purchased at Freeman-Fritts go directly to FF; those purchased at store are split between charities.
- Tickets include special pricing and sales on designer brands and cosmetics!

ATTENTION, ATTENTION!!! Help us save a few pennies on stamps and printing and all...

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5 Simple Ways to Stop Your Dog's Pee from Killing Your Grass

www.rescuedogs101.com – edited/modified

Is your dog's pee killing your grass? Is your once lush, green backyard spotted with yellow dead spots? Keep reading for the five easy ways to stop your dog's urine from destroying your backyard...

Why Your Dog's Pee is Killing the Grass

Learning the why is just as important as learning how to stop your dog from killing your grass. There is a common misconception that female dogs create more yellow spots, but it turns out that the gender of your dog doesn't make a difference. It's all about the level of **nitrogen** in your dog's urine. Basically, if your dog's urine is high in nitrogen, then it kills your grass. Nitrogen happens to be one of the substances excreted when protein is broken down; the more protein your dog eats, the more nitrogen released. And the more nitrogen, the higher the chance your dog is killing your grass.



So, how do you stop dog pee from killing your grass?

- 1. Water your lawn.** The easiest and safest way to stop your dog's pee from killing the grass is one ingredient... WATER! **After your dog pees, saturate the area with water.**
- 2. Water your dog.** Encourage your dog to drink more water. Just like people, dogs need water. Have you ever noticed, if you go all day without drinking much, your pee is more yellow? Same goes for your dog... more water, less nitrogen concentrated in his pee.
- 3. Train your dog.** You can also **train your dog to pee in a specific area of the yard**, such as a rocky gravel or mulched area.
- 4. Change your dog's diet.** Is your **dog food too high in protein**? Find a high-quality dog food that has the right balance of protein and other nutrients he needs.
- 5. Add lawn saver supplements.** There are products that you can add to your dog's food that claim to stop your dog from making yellow spots on your lawn. Be sure to research thoroughly and talk to your vet to make sure any such supplements are safe – you may want to sacrifice your grass to keep your dog from taking something questionable. Do the research and try to **find something that natural**.
- 6. BONUS idea!** This may work best for smaller dogs, but creating a small area of artificial grass could be a huge lawn saver. If you can train your dog to go pee only on the artificial grass, then you never have to worry about your grass again. Amazon sells an **Artificial Grass Rug** just for this purpose!



POOCH of the Month – Meet Molly-Dog! 🐕



Looks can be deceiving! I may look small in my pics, but I am 46 pounds of terrier love! My name is Molly and I get along great with animals of all sizes and love to go for a swim every chance I can get! I make friends easily, but with some people I may need a little extra time to get comfortable. Will you take the time to come meet me and give me a change at fur-ever? I am a beautiful, fun 2 year old border terrier mix. Spayed, fully vaccinated, heartworm tested negative and microchipped. Come meet me today! ❤️❤️❤️



Purr of the Month – Meet Miss Maude! 🐱🐾



Meet Maude! Maude has an interesting story, she's a 9 year old beauty, who often acts like a kitten! Miss Maude was originally part of a colony of cats that were at a local gas station. Someone picked her up one day, seeing how loveable she was, but, unfortunately, they then abandoned her. She was later found in a drain at a house, but luckily it was someone that works closely with Freeman-Fritts. She was soon identified as being one of the colony cats, but we knew she couldn't rejoin that colony; she was no longer safe there. Now you'll probably see Maude walking around shelter, she's easy to spot with her beautiful markings, sometimes she likes to browse the classifieds for a new family too. Maybe it's you she's looking for! Come meet her today!!



Photos by S J Derby

We Have Homes!!!

<u>Doggies</u>	<u>Kitties</u>
Mavis	Cleo
Teebow	Kennedy
Buckley	Mavis
Monty	Luke
Wicket	❤️❤️❤️
Angus	❤️❤️❤️
Luna	❤️❤️❤️
Finn	❤️❤️❤️
Sadie	❤️❤️❤️
Carlton	❤️❤️❤️

HOW TO CREATE A Tick-free Yard

- 1. Woods by Yard**
Spray **perimeter** with **tick-killing products** like bifenthrin, or create a perimeter with wood chips.
- 2. Pile of Leaves**
Pick up leaf piles; breeding ticks can be hiding there.
- 3. Open Yard**
Cut grass and weeds to a low level.
- 4. Garden Shed**
Trim weeds and **remove clutter**.
- 5. Wood Piles**
Move to **less trafficked area**, less accessible to your pet.

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.



Ways You Can Help!

- ♥ Remember or honor your friends and pets with a donation to the shelter itself or by buying a brick for our memory walk.*
- ♥ 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.

The Animal Welfare Society of Kerr County's mission is to reduce the number of homeless, unwanted animals; 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.

* **"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.

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.

And then there are the gifts that keep on giving - things we can always use!

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

