

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.

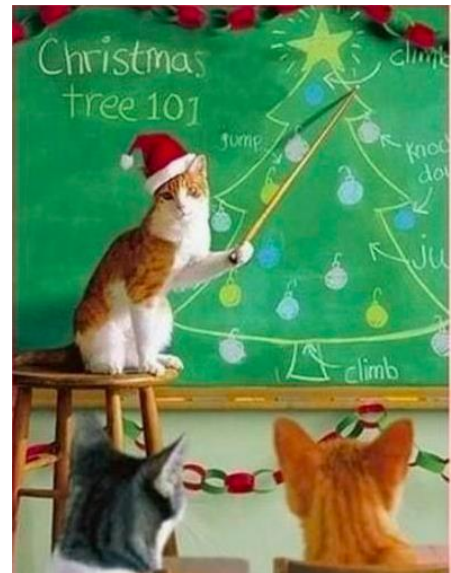
December 2018 Newsletter – Ho Ho Ho!!!

If you still receive this newsletter via USPS, please consider receiving this newsletter electronically! Send your name and email address to awsfreemanfritts@gmail.com to request e-delivery, or simply visit our website to see previous and current newsletters! Thank you!

We still have space for your fur-kids!
Traveling for holidays and need a safe spot for Spot?
Call us and reserve a spot for Spot now!

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Ho Ho Ho!
Woof woof woof!
Make our Christmas
merry, and bring us stuff!

When making out your Christmas list, don't forget our four-legged "kids" at Freeman-Fritts.

Time for those end of year donations!

Any and all gifts are **VERY MUCH** appreciated!

Thank you! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Our first Happy Tail!!!

Tracy (meow!) was adopted in August 2017 – or, rather, she adopted her family! We believe that Freeman-Fritts found her in a laundry basket with her brother. Both were tiny, scared, and hungry. Today, Tracy is close to 12 pounds and healthy! And the way she plays with Simon, well, let's just say fear is no longer in her vocabulary. Who is Simon, you ask? He was our early Halloween treat, after we saw him featured in the October 2018 Newsletter - "The Story of Simon". He is loving and playful, but, unfortunately, has had one eye removed. He adores Tracy and enjoys chasing her around the house. He may have only one eye but that doesn't stop him from playing with their toys all night if we forget to put them away. These cats are a wonderful addition to our family and, thankfully, came to us in general good health. If you want to experience the same joy, love, and laughter as we do, please rescue an animal from Freeman-Fritts today. Who knows, maybe one of their furry little friends will rescue you!



Have you adopted a cat or dog from us? Tell us your pet's story! Your submission could become part of our Happy Tails, a compilation of inspiring stories that will encourage others to adopt, or even share lessons-learned in your search for your perfect rescue! We will also share your story with the agency from which you adopted - so you needn't limit your story to Freeman-Fritts adoptions. Any adoption is a good one! Please send your story, along with pictures and/or videos to freemanfritts@yahoo.com, or post them directly on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/freemanfritts.

NEW PLAY YARD for the SHELTER = The Barking Lot!

Plans are in the works for an additional Play Yard for our shelter dogs. This area would be adjacent to the shelter, and allow the dogs more outside free run time. Having direct access from the kennels to a Play Yard will also allow personnel to more closely supervise canine free time, and give the dogs longer outside time. It is such a joy to see the dogs get together in groups and freely run, jump and mix it up.



If you would like to give toward this project, please mark your donations "Play Yard". And thank you, in advance!

Winter Woes - The Dangers of Anti-Freeze

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In the cold winter months, many depend on the wintertime use of antifreeze in the form of ethylene glycol to keep our cars going. Ethylene glycol is also used as an industrial solvent and rust remover. Unfortunately, our pets can die from the ingestion of this chemical, whether from a leaky radiator's puddle, or a tipped over container on the garage floor. As little as a half-teaspoon of antifreeze can cause symptoms and death in pets. And because of its sweet taste, animals lap it up, not knowing the danger of ingesting it.

HOW TO PREVENT
**antifreeze
POISONING**



How does antifreeze harm animals? Ethylene glycol is converted to substances which draw calcium from the bloodstream. The calcium crystals are deposited in the kidney, producing permanent, fatal kidney damage.

Signs of antifreeze poisoning Initially (one to six hours after ingestion), the pet may vomit and appear drunk. The ethylene glycol enters the central nervous system and produces a narcotic effect. Although after the initial signs, the animal may appear to be getting back to normal, 24 hours after ingestion the insidious symptoms begin. Vomiting, anorexia (not eating), ataxia (stumbling), and convulsions proceed into coma, and then death.

Diagnosis and treatment Diagnosis is difficult to make from clinical signs alone since they mimic other conditions, so your veterinarian will take a circumstantial history, and if suspected, will proceed with treatment.

Treatment is done within 3 or 4 hours of ingestion and includes detoxification with activated charcoal, administration of ethanol by the veterinarian, and IV fluid therapy. An enzyme inhibitor called 4-methylpyrazole is available at some clinics. Therapies are only effective if administered within 24 hours of ingestion.

You must see a veterinarian immediately if you suspect your pet has ingested antifreeze. In addition, follow these guidelines to prevent your pet from ingesting antifreeze:

- Store antifreeze in sealed, clearly marked containers, ideally in a cupboard or on a high shelf not easily accessible to pets and children.
- Whenever possible, use antifreeze products that do not contain ethylene glycol.
- Regularly check your vehicle(s) for antifreeze leaks and obtain proper service should a leak occur.
- Clean up antifreeze spills immediately and dispose of contaminated towels in a sealed container pets and children cannot open.
- If you drain your vehicle radiator at home, keep pets out of your garage/work area.
- During outdoor excursions, do not allow pets to drink out of or walk through puddles, as water runoff may contain antifreeze from other vehicles.
- Do not let your pet roam your neighborhood or property unsupervised.

Pooch of the Month – Meet Noodles! 🐕



Noodles came to us as a stray with the most horrible skin condition a tiny pup could have. She must have come from a horrendous place. While her coat has grown back in and is now a beautiful chocolate color, she is still receiving supplements to help with one of her legs, but it's 98% better! These kinds of conditions occur when a very young animal is denied very basic nutrition... nothing gourmet-fancy, just decent, clean food. She likely survived on garbage and scraps, hence, her condition upon arrival. Noodles really is an awesome, awesome girl! Please come by the shelter and say Ruff to Noodles! She'd love to meet you!



Purr of the Month – Meet Bianca! 🐈



You won't be able to resist this adorable face! She is soft, fluffy, dainty, and poised - and all that at only 8 months old! Bianca was bottle-raised as a kitten by the staff here at the shelter, and she was then adopted a few months ago. Unfortunately, through no fault of her own, her people's living situation changed and they could no longer keep Bianca. Bianca is now ready to start again and ready for her new family. We'd love for her to find a home of her own again. With the holidays upon us that would be the perfect present for this pretty kitty!



Photo by S J Derby

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 <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.

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



This is a cute pic and all, but please don't wrap your pets in lights like this... no matter how pretty and festive! ☺

