

# 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.



## MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER



The Big Give SA is Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, from 12am - March 26th 12am, and we're so excited to #GiveBig4HappyTails in during #BigGive2020!



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March 26th is  
The Big Give SA  
2020!

Our focus this year continues to be raising monies for our **Happy Tails Rescue & Transport Fund** to help the cats and dogs of Kerr County. We have seen the need in our community and are pushing forward to make a difference by taking a more active role in lowering the numbers of animals that lose their lives at animal control. While restricted by physical space to actually house them, we came up with another plan to accommodate more, and, thus, the **Happy Tails Rescue & Transport Fund** was born. We've saved hundreds of lives so far, but we are only just beginning. Last year was a HUGE success and far surpassed even our wildest dreams!! Our goal this year is to do even better! Please help us save even more dogs and cats from Kerr County this year!

This fund will allow us to double, possibly triple, the lives we save on a regular basis. The money we raise will enable us to get them spayed/neutered, fully vaccinated, felv/fiv/heartworm tested, and transported to their furever homes through relationships with rescue partners all over the United States.

Unfortunately, funds are already depleted.  
In order to continue, we need your help!

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## March 26, 2020 - 24 Hours Of Giving

Visit: <http://bit.ly/3bsVTGM>



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#BigGive2020



You can donate early, starting March 19th:

<https://www.thebiggivesa.org/organizations/animal-welfare-society-of-kerr-county-tx-freeman-fritts-animal-shelter>

Please remember to share with your friends, family and coworkers!

## Found Their Lucky Clover-Humans!

### KITTY-KAT ADOPTED!

Mona

*Yay for Mona, but  
bring some [more]  
love and take a kitty!*



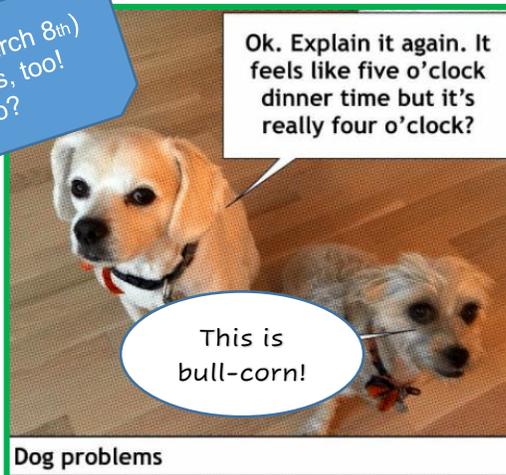
### DOGGIE-DOGS ADOPTED!

Sister  
Charlie  
Bambi  
Bobble  
Ophelia  
Yvette

Mitten's Kitty  
Limerick Text



Argh, DST (Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>)  
It affects non-humans, too!  
What will you do?



Dog problems

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

### Pooch of the Month: Meet Juno!



Juno is a one-of-kind gentleman! He is an eligible bachelor looking for his soulmate and a family to call his own! Juno loves his humans and other dogs, too! Will give anyone and everyone the best puppy-dog kisses. They are actually the sweetest kisses and not extra sloppy ones! Juno is a 2 year old Terrier mix with the scruffiest wire hair and stalky, short legs. He is full grown at 40 pounds, and would love to be in your lap! Juno is great on leash and potty-trained. He also has the best smile – he could be the selfie-king with his good looks - and just look at that killer smile. #cheese4thecamera

Juno is ready for his forever home! He is neutered, fully vaccinated, heartworm tested negative and microchipped. Come by and meet him today!

### Purr of the Month: Meet Wednesday!



Say hello to Wednesday! An adorable, completely fancy little girl who deserves to live a fancy life! She is a sweet and gentle kitty. And, if you hadn't yet noticed, she is an absolutely gorgeous calico! With a single smudge on her forehead - just as some may have received this past Ash Wednesday!

It's completely unbelievable to us that Wednesday has not found her forever home! She's been waiting for months, so it's time for her to find new digs! Wednesday could not be more perfect. She absolutely loves everyone she meets, from human to four-legged, just like her. She's the ideal perfect companion!

Wednesday is 8 months old, spayed, fully vaccinated, felv/fiv tested negative and microchipped.

Don't you need this happy Wednesday cutie in your life? ♥

## Barking Dogs – Why Dogs Bark and How Not to Annoy your Neighbors

Do you have dogs that bark incessantly, or maybe you have neighbors that have dogs that do? What are some things that can be done to alleviate the barking?

Most dogs are going to bark. Pure and simple. It is unrealistic to expect that most dogs will never bark. But why do some bark more than others? Some of the most common reasons for excessive barking are:

1. Fear or territorialism
2. Loneliness
3. Attention-seeking
4. Medical reasons
5. Aging

Leaving your dog(s) alone, separated from their family or pack, may result in excessive barking - day or night. Your dogs will typically bark much less if they are not left alone for extended periods, and/or are provided a safe and comfortable place to hang or sleep.



If your dog typically is left outside at night and is a night-barker, you should consider that he/she is lonely, and simply wants to be closer to you! Make arrangements for the dog to be inside at night in an area that is comfortable and provides more security than being left outside at night.

If you need help trying to figure out why your pooch is barking, and what you can do to reduce or limit said barking, talk to your vet, do a little more research in why and what you can do. Visit the following links for more information and some helpful tips and insight:

<https://www.thesprucepets.com/stop-your-dog-from-barking-3877988>

<https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/how-get-your-dog-stop-barking>

<https://www.rover.com/blog/surefire-ways-to-stop-dog-barking/>

<https://www.cesarsway.com/cesars-best-tips-to-stop-dog-barking/>

### What Not to Do ([www.thesprucepets.com](http://www.thesprucepets.com) – edited)

There are a few things to avoid if you have an overly barky dog:

- Never yell at your dog. Not only will it probably not help to extinguish the behavior, but it may actually stimulate the dog to bark even more.
- Do not hit your dog or use devices like shock collars. This is not only painful and unkind, but some dogs learn to test them and eventually figure out how to work around them.
- Don't let your dog bark constantly when it's outside, regardless of the reason. You can hardly train the dog to stop barking by yelling at it across the yard. Plus, it is one of the fastest ways to turn neighbors into enemies and send an invitation to your local police.
- De-barking Surgery - "Debarking," or cordectomy, is an elective surgical procedure involving partial removal of a dog's vocal cords. Debarking does not take away the dog's ability to bark, it just makes it sound quieter and raspy (considered annoying by some). So, just don't do it...

# Happy Tails Photo Shoot of Lucky Dogs & Cats!



## 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.