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AWS Freeman-Fritts Animal Shelter & Clinic

515 Spur 100, Kerrville TX 78028

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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.

JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020
from your furry friends at
Freeman-Fritts!
READY OR NOT!!!



Freeman-Fritts 2020 is off to a great start!
These fur-family members have found fur-ever homes!
We couldn't be more thrilled!

Happy 2020
to us!!!

Felines Find Furever FUR-nishings!

Carlos	Mal
Evie	Morgan
Patsy	Micah
Venus	Nibblet
Ghost	Ollie
Felix	Ken

Canines Corner Cozy Quarters!

Cheyenne	Lilybelle
Mylo	Kiela
Lucy	Rosebud
Emmie	Ramona
Kara	Rudy
Puffy	Reya
Curly	Cash

Pooch and Purr of the Month! ADOPT US!

Pooch of the Month: Winnie the Pooch! Yes... she still needs a home!

Winnie would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!



You may recognize Winnie from last month, and, yes, she is a re-run, because she is SOOO ready for her new fur-ever human! She is completely ready to start the new year off with a bang, and in her own FUREVER home!

Winnie loves to play with toys and would love to learn to fetch. She is just a puppy who is eager to learn new tricks, and she is a spunky girl who is full of hugs & kisses! She definitely hasn't met a face that she won't kiss! She currently weighs 26 lbs, at 6 months old. She is a terrier mix who we expect will be medium in size.

Winnie is spayed, fully vaccinated, heartworm negative, and microchipped. Winnie will, however, require a special diet.

Come on by and say hi to Winnie! She will be certain to WIN your heart!

Purr of the Month: Miss Squeee is a pretty kitty!

Miss Squeee is cuter than a bug in a rug! She is oh-so-lovely. Squee has the cutest little purr mixed with the sweetest little kitty nudges. She can't get enough of the lovin'!



Squee has gorgeous silky smooth fur and the most dazzling eyes!

She is 6 months old, spayed, fully vaccinated, felv/fiv tested negative and microchipped. Squee is currently interviewing for a forever home, so you may be too late, so don't dilly-dally and wait! Come meet Squee and see if you make the cut to cuddle with Miss Squee!

Marley's Ever After: A Story of Hope for the New Year!

Marley's journey to her EVER AFTER has *not* been an easy one. The first part of her life she saw the good, the bad, and the ugly side of people. Despite some really low points in her life, she never stopped loving people! In fact, her favorite thing in the whole world is PEOPLE, and, of course, belly rubs!

Marley came to us in 2008 when she was just 4 months old. Nothing but pure joy and all puppy. At the time, the animal control officer on duty asked us "Are you sure you want her? She is going to be a boomerang dog." Not knowing what that meant and what would happen next, she was loaded up and we were on our way.



Round 1: Marley was adopted soon after and was in a home for some time. Then one day, out of the blue, they brought her back! Marley was in horrible shape. She was completely hairless from the shoulders back. They told us they were DONE!

They didn't want to deal with it. So, we gladly took her back into our care, and quickly got to work on her skin. We put her on good food and an occasional allergy shot, and, in no time at all, her hair came back just as lush and shiny as ever!!

Round 2: Things were looking up for Marley. Although no longer a puppy, her loving, outward goofiness won the hearts of another family. Adopted out a second time, with thorough instructions on her needs, we were hopeful. Sadly, she was returned. Again, hairless. Once again we went back to work, restoring Marley to all her glory. Her hair grew back lush and full!



Round 3: Time went on in her quest for a new family. Then one day, a family. They were smitten, but naturally wanted to be sure Marley was the dog for them. They came back, day after day, to visit. They seemed to be taking this lifelong commitment VERY seriously, and we liked that. Could this be the family for Marley? Will her 3rd time be the charm? We held our breath, we prayed, and we were ecstatic when they chose her!! She had a family again, full of kids to love and get love back! And we were all so happy! Then, yes, that dreadful day. We received the call all the way from Wisconsin. Someone had dumped her. Luckily, since she had been microchipped, we were contacted. Ready to take a road trip and get our girl back, we finally were able to make contact with the adopters, who sounded devastated. They said she was staying with relatives on a farm while they moved, and some of the workers took her and dumped her, threw her out of a truck. Whether this story was true or not, we had no choice but to believe them, and they were on their way to get her. They reassured us she was safe! Then, a few months down the line, our Vet Tech, the one who saved her as a puppy, was visiting Animal Control and decided to take a walk through the dog kennels. She walked up to one kennel and said "WAIT! That's Marley! That is OUR MARLEY!" She had been picked up by animal control in the Y.O. Ranch Hotel parking lot. DUMPED!

Heartache! Anger! Betrayal! That doesn't even begin to describe our feelings! How can this keep happening to sweet Marley?? How has every adoption been a complete failure? She was once again homeless and hairless. People had let her down, and you could see it in her eyes. But, back at Freeman Fritts, she was – and has been - loved beyond measure. Marley continued having allergies, but her hair had returned. All she required was proper care and good quality food. She certainly didn't deserve being dumped in someone's backyard.

So, what now? Is there an upside? Well, happily, Marley has ALWAYS been happy. She was the mentor-dog for so many dogs before they went to their forever homes. Every dog we put with her learned that life was rough before, but that things can be better, and that there are good humans out there. She is our go-to community outreach dog and she LOVES every single soul she meets. Every person, kids of all ages. She holds no grudge. She will melt, roll over, and be ready to accept anyone who offers a belly rub. She taught so many the ropes and we truly believe this was her journey. This was her mission at Freeman-Fritts. She has helped and continues to help us save so many lives and help them to get their #MarleyEverAfter!



From 2011 -2019 Marley has been back with us. Yes, that's right. 8 years. Every time someone became remotely interested, the thought of dealing with allergies deterred them. Then she became a senior before our eyes and placing her became even harder because, let's face it, everyone wants a puppy. But why? Seniors are the ultimate package: they have manners (usually), they are potty trained (mostly!), and have years of experience being a best friend (often!). Especially Marley! And, yes, we might be a little biased, but can you blame us?

Round "Happy Times"! In 2017, a new volunteer started. Immediately she took to Marley. Every day she came. Every day, she would walk in and with such enthusiasm, shout "MARLEY!" And Marley would go crazy with excitement! In early 2019, Marley began having sleepovers at her house. First, it began as car rides in the parking lot. Our hearts were happy, because we knew Marley found her human! We knew it, they knew it, they just hadn't admitted it yet. So we all just sat back and watched. Marley's one-night sleepovers became extended stays. We finally had the big talk. "Do you want to make this official or what?!"

Her new mom, Charlotte, didn't have to think long or hard, of course. She simply thought of life without Marley. And, so, the decision was made, and Marley has been ADOPTED, fur reals!

Marley still comes with her new mom to visit, and her mom is still one of our very best volunteers. Charlotte is here every afternoon to walk the dogs, give them much needed time in the play-yard, and makes frozen stuffed Kong toys for the dogs to enjoy and help them de-stress in what can be a hectic environment.

Marley has made such a huge impact on so many lives, and she continues to spread her mission. **THE MISSION:** never give up hope! Support **#MarleyEverAfter** to raise awareness for all the homeless pets here at Freeman Fritts Animal Shelter and Kerr County! Donate today and help save more lives!



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!**

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.

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!

