

FREEMAN FRITTS



August 2015 Newsletter

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Clinic Hours: Monday thru Friday
7:30 - 12 and 1 - 5:30

Shelter Hours: Monday thru Friday
10 - 11:30 & 1 - 4:30

Notes from our clinic:

When bringing your pets into our office, dogs must be on leashes and cats must be in a carrier.

If you are unable to keep your appointment, please call the office to cancel. That will enable us to give that appointment time to someone on our waiting list.

BUILDING EXPANSION

As our shelter building expansion continues, we are striving to document the progress in pictures and videos. To see the latest updates visit our website at freemanfritts.com.

A HILL COUNTRY NO KILL SHELTER AWS Freeman-Fritts opened its doors in 1986 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization to serve the needs of Kerr County's animals and is commonly known as Freeman-Fritts in honor of its founders. Situated on 5 acres, it is a no-kill shelter and promotes adoptions of homeless animals. It also provides services of spay/neuter programs, a low-cost clinic, vaccinations and medications; and provides education in responsibilities of pet care and ownership. Additional services are Boarding for both dogs and cats, as well as Grooming.

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FREE Spay/Neuter Surgeries

Due to the generosity of a kind donor, Freeman-Fritts Vet Clinic has a feline spay/neuter fund available. This fund allows us to offer FREE spay/neuter surgeries (including Rabies Vaccination) for your cat. Call for an appointment 830-257-4144.

Freeman-Fritts Loses Volunteer Member

Gwen Vaughn, a longtime member and volunteer at Freeman-Fritts Animal Shelter (FF) died July 15th at the age of 92. Gwen was a part of FF almost from its beginning. After she retired from nursing at the Kerrville VA Hospital, Gwen found an outlet for her love of animals at FF. Her specialty was in adding joy and enthusiasm in all that she did at the shelter. She participated in all the chores and activities at FF but showed her greatest talent in helping with the spay/neuter programs, working at the thrift store, and later at our biannual rummage sales. Gwen will be greatly missed.



4 Tips for Helping Injured Wildlife That Everyone Should Know

When it comes to helping a wounded or sick wild animal, many of us don't know where to start or how we can improve their chances of survival. Ultimately, the best thing you can do is to bring them to a vet or wildlife rescue center. It is important to know how to handle them and keep them calm – a frightened animal can hurt both himself and you, especially if he is in pain. Here are four tips for helping injured wildlife.

1. Assess the Situation and Use Common Sense

The first thing you should do when finding an animal you suspect has been hurt is to gauge the severity of their wounds and decide whether they need you to step in or not.

2. Take Them to Your Nearest Veterinary Practice or, Ideally, a Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Center

These people are pros when it comes to healing injured animals, and can administer life-saving antibiotics, pain relief, and other treatments. Never try to keep the animal and treat him yourself unless you cannot get him help immediately due to the time of night you found him, or cannot otherwise get transport to the nearest clinic or hospital. Keeping a wounded animal overnight, for example, because you want to show your kids when they wake up is not only silly, but can cause serious complications such as a drop in body temperature or a serious infection, that can mean no amount of treatment will save him.

Editor's note: Freeman-Fritts Animal Clinic is a designated wildlife drop off center, where a wild animal is given first aid and volunteer transportation is arranged to take the animal to the Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation in Kendalia, TX (www.wildlife-rescue.org)

3. If You Are Able to Catch the Animal, Place Them Into a Well-Ventilated Box Lined With Towels or Newspaper

Line the box with old towels – you want them to be clean, but be prepared for blood or dirt to get on them – and keep a pair of gloves nearby to protect yourself from injury or germs when handling the animal. Draping an extra towel over the front of the carrier will also help keep the animal calm.



4. Do Not Feed the Animal

Giving an injured animal food can actually make matters worse. Not only could the type of food provided be bad for them, but an animal in shock or with internal injuries could die if he eats and does not receive a check-up first to make sure it is safe for him in his current state. If he needs surgery, a full stomach can also complicate things. Never attempt to force feed an animal – and this goes for water too – as this can also result in suffocation, drowning, or similar scenarios that are dangerous and in some cases fatal for the animal you are trying to help.

Getting the Animal Safely to a Professional

Being prepared and knowing just what to do in an emergency situation can mean the difference between life and death, but if you follow these tips you give your little friend a fighting chance of recovery and survival. Remember, you should always try to contact a professional before stepping in.

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Cat of the Month

Hi! My name is **Elizabeth**!
I'm bold and I'm brave! Oh! Did I mention?? I'm gorgeous too! I believe that's what they call the full and fabulous package all wrapped into my tiny little self. I love to play but boy oh boy do I love to be loved, as do my sisters Catherine, Ann, and Victoria. Yep! You nailed it!! We were named after queens probably because we are all so fabulous! Don't you agree???

Photo by S J Derby



Dog of the Month

*Hey there! My name is **Selma** and I am an energetic gal looking for a family that will take an older-ish gal like myself. I still have plenty of life to live and I am ready to start that with my new family. I do need a feline-free environment please. Also, if any other rovers live with you, we should probably need to meet too. I am currently looking for an active and structured home with a nice backyard to romp around in. I do love love love to play fetch. Do you have time for that? And then after we're both a little worn out I'd make the best couch potato you have ever met! You can be in charge of the remote, I am not picky. I will watch whatever you want as long as I am next to you. Well, I am ready for our first movie night. Are you?*

Selma is Brittany Spaniel Mix. Since she is a senior girl she's got plenty of wisdom to share. She enjoys walks with and affection from everyone. Although, she can be a bit picky about her dog friends. Selma was unfortunately dumped at one of our local parks. Thankfully a good Samaritan found her cold and wet. She loves people and has high hopes she will get a new family right away.



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Adopted since last newsletter

Cats: Ash, Thomas, Phantom, Lily, Adam, Taz, Felix, Victoria, Rocky, and Paige

Dogs: Peppy, Penny, Betty, Ella, and Dudley

