

# FREEMAN FRITTS

AWS Freeman-Fritts Animal Shelter & Clinic

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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, 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.

## June 2018 Newsletter



Come on by the shelter and adopt your purr-mate today!!



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### 2018 Kitten Shower – A PURRING Success!

The Freeman-Fritts 2018 Kitten Shower was a great success! There was an increase in attendance this year with over 50 visitors. Adults and children had a fun time interacting with each other and the kittens. Kids of all ages enjoyed "fishing" for kittens in the "pond", and it was standing room only for the Kitty Super Bowl! Super Stars of the day was the JV team.



Donations increased this year both in dollars and gifts on our wish list. We received gift cards, nursing supplies, milk replacement, baby food, baby wipes, toys—the list goes on. These supplies are used for our own bottle-raised kittens and starter kits for homeowners who are willing to raise orphans. While the focus of this event is on the young kittens, our older cats and kittens benefit, as well. Right now our supply cabinets are filled, but we know more kittens are headed our way and they do take a lot of care, nurturing, and supplies.



Thanks to everyone for their concern and support. Hope to see you again next year!

### **REMINDER!!! Come check us out at Kerr County Market Days & Hill Country Swap Meet**

Original arts & crafts, giant flea market and rummage sale!

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday - June 2<sup>nd</sup> (last day for summer; restart is September 1<sup>st</sup>)**

Hill Country Youth Event Center - 3785 Highway 27, Kerrville, Texas 78028

Visit <http://www.kerrmarketdays.org> for more information

Admission is free! Parking is free! **Leashed pets are welcome - YAY!**

### **Adopt a Shelter Cat Month!**

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<https://www.americanhumane.org/initiative/adopt-a-cat-month/>

Each spring during "kitten season," thousands of newborn kittens join the millions of cats already in shelters across the country. That means your local shelter has tons of cute, cuddly newborns, in addition to all the mellow, older cats and everything in between. And the shelter staff are ready to help you adopt your very first cat — or to bring home a friend for another beloved cat!

Thinking of adopting a cat? First, check out these helpful tips, gathered by American Humane.

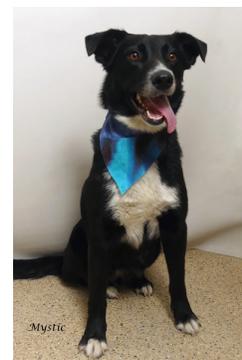
- 1. If you're thinking about adopting a cat, consider taking home two.** Cats require exercise, mental stimulation, and social interaction. Two cats can provide this for each other. Plus they'll provide more benefits to you. Cats' purring has been shown to soothe humans as well as themselves – and they have an uncanny ability to just make you smile. A great place to start your search is online. Sites like petfinder.com let you search numerous shelters in your area simultaneously to help narrow your search and more quickly find the match that's right for you and your new feline friend.
- 2. Find a cat whose personality meshes with yours.** Just as we each have our own personality, so do cats. In general, cats with long hair and round heads and bodies are more easygoing than lean cats with narrow heads and short hair, who are typically more active. Adoption counselors can offer advice to help you match the cat's personality with your own.
- 3. Pick out a veterinarian ahead of time and schedule a visit within the first few days following the adoption.** You'll want to take any medical records you received from the adoption center on your first visit. Kittens in particular should accompany you to make the appointment – even before the exam itself – so staff can pet the cat and tell you that you've chosen the most beautiful one ever.
- 4. Make sure everyone in the house is prepared to have a cat before it comes home.** Visiting the shelter or animal control facility should be a family affair. When adopting a new cat with existing pets at home, discuss with the adoption facility how to make a proper introduction.
- 5. Budget for the short- and long-term costs of a cat.** Understand any pet is a responsibility and there's a cost associated with that. A cat adopted from a shelter is a bargain; many facilities will have already provided spaying or neutering, initial vaccines, and a microchip for permanent identification.



6. **Stock up on supplies before the cat arrives.** Be prepared so your new cat can start feeling at home right away. Your cat will need a litter box, cat litter, food and water bowls, food, scratching posts, safe and stimulating toys, a cushy bed, a brush for grooming, a toothbrush and nail clippers.
7. **Cat-proof your home.** A new cat will quickly teach you not to leave things lying out. Food left on the kitchen counter will serve to teach your new friend to jump on counters for a possible lunch. Get rid of loose items your cat might chew on, watch to ensure the kitten isn't chewing on electric cords, and pick up random items like paper clips (which kittens may swallow).
8. **Go slowly when introducing your cat to new friends and family.** It can take several weeks for a cat to relax in a new environment. It's a great idea to keep the new addition secluded to a single room (with a litter box, food and water, toys, and the cat carrier left out and open with bedding inside) until the cat is used to the new surroundings; this is particularly important if you have other pets. If you've adopted a kitten, socialization is very important. But remember – take it slow.
9. **Be sure to include your new pet in your family's emergency plan.** You probably have a plan in place for getting your family to safety in case of an emergency. Adjust this plan to include your pets. Add phone numbers for your veterinarian and closest 24-hour animal hospital to your "in-case-of-emergency" call list.
10. **If you're considering giving a cat as a gift, make sure the recipient is an active participant in the adoption process.** Though well-meaning, the surprise kitty gift doesn't allow for a "get-to-know-one-another" period. Remember, adopting a cat isn't like purchasing a household appliance or a piece of jewelry – this is a real living, breathing, and emotional being.

### **Bow-Wow of the Month – Meet Mystic!** 🐾

Do you need a best friend? Meet Mystic! She's a very enthusiastic and active girl! About 3 years old. She gets along well with others and is very eager to learn! Rescued - just in time - from animal control, as her time was at its end. She deserves so much more!! She needs a fenced yard and someone with the time to play and give her all the exercise needed. Abandoned at the pound, people have let her down once. Let's not let that happen again!



### **MEOWs of the Month – Meet Tina and Kip!** 🐾

Tina and Kipi were turned into together to animal control after their owner got a new kitten and the kitten didn't like them! How terrible is that! They had no chance at Animal Control and depression was setting in there. They are 4 years old and have been together their whole life! Their world was turned upside down! Kip is a little more timid than his sister, Tina, but both are extremely lovable. Tina and Kipi are big kitties but they couldn't be any sweeter! Do you have a place in your heart and home for this sweet bonded pair?



*Photos by S J Derby*

### **We've Been Adopted!**

**Meows:** Mindy, Meeko, Ash, Nellie

**Bow-wows:** Brodie, Groomer, Max, Cooper, Huckleberry, Royce, Sammy, Josie Rose, Buddy



## 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	Cleaning Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Puppy Pee Pads</li> <li>• TidyCats – Scoop – for Multiple Cats</li> <li>• TidyCats – Non-Clumping</li> <li>• Baby Food (Gerber Stage 2 Chicken)</li> <li>• Meow Mix, Fancy Feast Dry &amp; Canned (Pate)</li> <li>• Friskies Canned – Pate</li> <li>• Pupperoni</li> <li>• Dog &amp; Cat Beds, Baby Blankets, flannel throw blankets</li> <li>• Large Cat Trees &amp; scratching posts</li> <li>• Break-away Cat Collars (both cat &amp; kitten sizes)</li> <li>• Dog collars &amp; leashes (small &amp; medium preferred)</li> <li>• Cat Toys, Dog &amp; Puppy Toys (ropes, stuffed toys, and Kongs)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dawn Dish Soap</li> <li>• Clorox Bleach</li> <li>• Clorox Wipes</li> <li>• Fabuloso (Citrus &amp; Fruits, Ocean Paradise)</li> <li>• Paper Towels</li> <li>• Bath towel – gently used</li> <li>• Bath mats – gently used</li> </ul>

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