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 Or by appointment



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September 2018 Newsletter

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TAIL GATE



OPEN HOUSE!

Saturday, September 29th
 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 Freeman-Fritts Animal Clinic & Shelter
 515 Spur 100, Kerrville

Tour the newly remodeled clinic and boarding areas, visit with the board, the staff, and, of course, the shelter animals!

Enjoy lunch under the trees! Refreshments include hot dogs, chips, drink, & dessert. There will also be entertainment, games and door prizes!

WE'VE BEEN ADOPTED!!!

BOW-WOWS!	MEOWS!
Riley	Frog
Shay	Snickers
Millie	Charlotte
Juniper	Ollie
Blayze	Meezer
Juno	Loki
Mystic	Mia
Stella	Austin
Luna	Alex
Comey	Nellie
Rocket	Merlot
	Sake
	Peeps
	Sherry
	Mitzi



You mean you're NOT my real mom???



Ruff! Be there or be square! And bring me love and hugs and treats!

Pooch of the Month – Meet Brody! 🐶



Hey there! I'm Brody! I'm told my breed is a combination of Chihuahua, Pomeranian, and Dachshund. My sisters and I were brought here when my previous people were no longer able to care for us or find us homes. My sisters have been adopted and now I am desperately waiting for my own human home. I'm super sweet and pretty cute too. I'm only about 12 weeks now, so I'm very much a baby, ready to learn new things with you. Do you have the time for me and my puppy needs? I love to play with my toys, but I want to snuggle with you, too!

Purr of the Month – Meet Rocky! 🐱

I'm Rocky! I am a fun, spunky boy, always ready for some action! Maybe a round or two of catch-the-mouse at the end of a stick? But a real mouse – no way! I am around 5 months old, and nothing but a cute little kitten. I was rescued and had no mom at the time, so I was bottle-fed around the clock. Now that I'm good and ready, this handsome tuxedo boy is waiting for, well, I'm waiting for you! What are you waiting for? Come on by and let's play!



Photos by S J Derby

10 ways to get your dog to come when called

www.thatmutt.com - article by Lindsay Stordahl (edited)

Does your dog come when called, only to run right up to you and dart away again? Or does she come to you and run by you? Or maybe she just totally ignores you, or comes if she feels like it. Here are 10 things to consider while training your dog to come when called:

1. Teach your dog that come means "come and sit in front of me." It's not good enough if your dog runs to you when you call him, and then immediately runs away again. In a controlled recall, the dog will come when called and then sit. It is simple to teach a dog to do this. When you call your dog, don't praise him until he is sitting in front of you.



2. Only call your dog when you are 90 percent sure she will come. Don't call your dog unless you are sure you can get her to obey. If you let her get away with ignoring you, she will learn that listening to you is optional. Don't give your dog this option. Only call when you know she will respond, or if you can enforce it immediately. She might have to be on a leash or a long rope, or inside the house when you practice the recall, but that's better than trying to teach a dog that already thinks she can do whatever he wants.

3. Only call your dog when she will get something positive. Most dogs don't like going in their kennel, so when it's time for her to go in it, don't call her first. Don't call your dog just because you want her to come to you. If she hates having her nails trimmed, don't call her first, just go and get her. Save practicing the recall for things your dog loves, like a walk, food, a car ride or your attention.

4. Never call your dog and then punish her if she doesn't come to you instantly. Many are guilty of scolding their dog when they finally run to them after they've called five or six times. They get angry for not coming fast enough. However, it is a mistake to call at all at a time when you cannot enforce the recall. It sounds obvious, but never show anger or frustration when a dog isn't responding quick enough. Not doing anything at all is better than yelling at a dog. *A dog is less likely to come to you if you are yelling or they expect punishment.*

5. Keep dog treats in your pockets at all times. Always have dog treats in your pocket when training/practicing, and your dog should come 95 percent of the time or better. If you can give your dog a treat every time she comes, she will be more likely to always listen to you.

6. Find that one thing your dog loves and use that when you teach him to come when called. If your dog is obsessed with a tennis ball, then use that when you are practicing the recall. Use whatever it is that your dog will come for no matter what, whether it's food, a toy, your attention, going for a walk or a car ride.

7. Never chase your dog after you call him. No matter what, do not chase your dog, even when you aren't practicing the recall. If you chase your dog, she will learn that running away is fun! If anything, run in the opposite direction and she will most likely end up chasing you. Until your dog will come reliably, just keep her on a long rope.

8. Make calling your dog a game. If you call your dog and then run in the other direction screaming "Woo hooooo!!" he is guaranteed to come running after you. It's not that you will need to do this every time, but playing this game now and then means your dog will associate the recall with fun and games. Try something like this with your dog: get her to chase you, or call her name and then hide in another room. Make a big deal when she comes to you. Or play catch with someone else, and call your dog back and forth between you. Or, even without a ball, call her back and forth between yourself and a family member or friend. She will love all the attention.

9. Think about your tone of voice when you call your dog. With most dogs, you either have to use a firm, serious voice, or a really excited voice to get the best response for the recall. People often make the mistake of calling their dog too softly or with a high-pitched voice. Does this sound familiar? "Come here baby! Come here! Come to Mommy!" Others sound too mean. Just be aware of your voice. Usually, a relaxed, serious voice is best, but every dog is different.

10. Don't stop practicing the recall. Even once your dog comes 95 percent of the time, keep practicing.

Separation Anxiety Can Be a Reality for Your Dog When the Kids Go Back to School

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As the kids head back to school, did you consider that your dog may have to adjust to the changes in the family routine just like everyone else? During the summer, your children and the family dog can develop a strong bond. Now there's suddenly an empty and quiet house. This change in routine can cause your dog to suffer from separation anxiety or depression—to actually miss your kids—and even follow them to school.

Signs of Separation Anxiety

Your dog may experience the effects of the loss of extra playtime and the friendship developed with your children by exhibiting signs of separation through destructive behaviors such as:

- Chewing furniture
- Ripping the stuffing out of pillows
- Shredding paper
- Obsessive barking/whining for extended periods of time
- House soiling



Separation anxiety is a serious condition that can be managed with structure and patience. NEVER punish your dog for exhibiting this behavior, as it will make him more fearful and potentially aggressive.

Tips to manage anxiety:

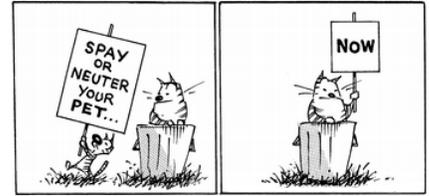
- Start with leaving your dog at home for very short periods of time to get him used to being alone
- Avoid emotional departures and greetings
- Have your belongings prepared so that your departure from home is calm
- Consider doggie daycare for prolonged absences
- Teach the kids to avoid over stimulating the dog with departures and arrivals
- Exercising your dog before leaving the house in the morning is a good idea so he'll be relaxed when you return and be set for when you're away.
- Leave some sturdy, interactive toys for your dog to help keep him from being bored.

Be sure to check with your veterinarian to have your dog fully evaluated and correctly diagnosed before trying to manage the symptoms. There may be an underlying medical condition that may be misconstrued as separation anxiety.

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



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