

**ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY
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7:30 - 12 and 1 - 5:30

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

October 2014 Newsletter

And a web-site to check out:

This one is great – go to youcaring.com and at the Find a Fundraiser tab type in “Animal Welfare Society”. Ours is the article that is titled “Let’s Double It! Share the Care.” While you are browsing don’t forget to view the 4 mini videos, especially Olaf’s Mice Bucket Challenge. Too cute!

Rummage Sale Oct. 11 and 12, 2014

Saturday 8 -4; Sunday 11-4

We need sellable items for our upcoming rummage sale to be held October 11 and 12. Limited pickup may be scheduled depending on volunteers availability. Please leave your information with office staff and someone will return your call. Please note we can NOT accept mattresses, computers, or TVs.



It's that time again, hope to see you there!!

Adopting a Rescue Pet: What to Consider

Things to keep in mind if you're adopting a dog or cat from a shelter.

WebMD Feature, By [Julie Edgar](#),

So you want to open your heart to a rescued [pet](#)?

There are millions of animals in U.S. shelters waiting for a good home. Are you ready? Adopting a [cat](#) or [dog](#) is a big commitment, no matter where it comes from.

Take some time to get to know the shelter and visit or foster the pet that could become the newest member of your household. You may not find the perfect match the first or second time you visit a shelter, so be patient. Making a good choice can help you and your pet have a lifelong, rewarding relationship.

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What to Consider Before Adopting a Pet

Look at your lifestyle and means before committing to adopting a pet.

If you don't travel a lot or plan to move, and you have enough money to cover the cost of the pet's care, that's a big plus.

Think about your living space and whether you have room for a big dog. Ask yourself whether you want an energetic pet or a couch potato. If you can't provide the exercise an animal needs, consider the latter.

Also think about how much time you have to give your dog.

Not all shelter animals will be properly trained, so be prepared to retrain your dog. It will help build your relationship. As for cats, adopt with some understanding of their scratching and litterbox habits.

Finally, if you have a family or a partner, is everybody willing to pitch in to care for the pet? It's a good idea to create a schedule of responsibilities.

What Kind of Shelter Should You Adopt From?

Look for a shelter that does behavior assessments on dogs and/or cats, and has veterinarians who are providing medical exams and treatment, says Gail Buchwald, vice president of the adoption center at the ASPCA in New York City.

"I think it's a great idea for a prospective adopter to go to the shelter and check it out, get a visual. If they see animals that don't look healthy, they should ask some questions," she says.

If the animals seem well cared for, talk to the staff about your needs and get their thoughts about the dog or cat you're eyeing. If a shelter doesn't do any testing of its animals for diseases

that aren't obvious, an adoption may be riskier, Buchwald says.

"The biggest drawback is not knowing what you're going to get, but it's the same drawback with breeders and pet stores," she says.

"Choosing a shelter that provides as much information as possible about the animal is important."

Keep in mind that you may not find exactly what you're looking for the first time around.

"This is up there with getting a car or a house; expecting to walk out the same day with a shelter animal may not happen. It may require several visits," Buchwald says. "Making the commitment to adopt means you're going to help a homeless animal, even if it doesn't happen instantly."



A Special Thank You...

We have had to say goodbye to one of our favorite volunteers, Cora Miller, who has moved out of state. Cora made many beautiful dog beds for us that we were able to sell at Market Days and also beds for our shelter animals. These beds were made out of pillowcases and mattress pads which made them not only comfortable but also easy to launder. We still have need for donations of unstained pillowcases, but especially need someone to volunteer for this challenge. If you sew, we would love to hear from you. We can show you how Cora made these lovely items.

Dog of the Month



Hello Hoomans! **Bernie** here!
I bet you noticed my two different colored eyes. My people say it makes me super, duper handsome! I am on the lookout for a family to call my own. My dreams are of a paw-fect family with a nice yard and some nice hoomans to love me, play with me and give me lots of belly rubs! Can you make these dreams come true?

Our Wish List:

Cleaning Supplies:

- Dawn Dishsoap
- Clorox Bleach
- Clorox Wipes
- Fabuloso (Citrus & Fruits, Ocean Paradise)
- Paper Towels
- Large Covered Litter Boxes
- Cat Litter Scoops
- Cat Litter
- Towels (All Sizes)
- Hand Towels

Cat and Dog Necessities:

- Baby Food (Gerber Stage 2-Chicken)
- Meow Mix
- Fancy Feast Dry
- Fancy Feast Canned - Pate`
- Friskies Canned - Pate`
- Dog & Cat Beds
- Baby Blankets
- Cat Toys
- Dog Toys (Ropes, Stuffed Toys and Kongs)
- Scratching Posts
- Breakaway Cat Collars (Kitten and Cat Sizes)
- Dog Collars & Leashes (Small & Medium Sizes Preferred)

Cat of the Month



Oh hello there! I'm **Monkey!** Allow me to introduce myself by crawling into your lap and then I will lean against you for some hugs. I la la la love hugs. I'm kind of like a prince around here; I just want royal treatment. So if you need saving, call on me, prince charming! I can be your new purr-fect best friend! Oh don't forget to follow me weekly - #MonkeyMonday on our Facebook page.

Monkey was found by a good Samaritan. We suspect a fan belt injury that separated his lip from the bone. He had a catastrophic injury to his rear end as well which resulted in a slightly deviated rectum. It also ended up maggot infested because of his inability to keep his rear clean. Both his lip and rear have healed. We are currently watching for any poo problems that could result from this.

Adopted since last newsletter:

Cats: Beau, Pumpkin, Paige, Wendy

Dogs: Riley, Micah



HIGHLIGHTS – Already half-way to our goal.

- Kerr County’s continuing growth contributes to more homeless animals.
- Freeman-Fritts is committed to the need for shelter expansion.
- The new shelter will provide improved accommodations for more animals.
 - Better acoustics for quieter surroundings
 - More natural light and updated ventilation system
 - Glass enclosed visitation room
 - Two separate isolation rooms for incoming dogs and cats
- Cats will have greatly enlarged living space enclosures & outdoor playhouses.
- Dogs will benefit from larger indoor and outdoor runs and a new play yard.
- Enlarging the Solomon Building to a 5500 sq. ft. shelter will allow more efficient use of space to receive, care for and adopt out more animals.
- The sooner we reach our funding, the sooner we can save more lives.

YOU CAN HELP! THE NEED IS URGENT!

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.

\$50
 \$100
 \$250
 \$500
 Other
 \$1000 Plaque Named Cat Run
 \$1500 Plaque Named Dog Run

Please make checks payable to AWS Freeman-Fritts Shelter Building Fund

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Mail to: AWS Freeman-Fritts Animal Shelter
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