

# FREEMAN FRITTS



## January 2016 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

*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. All donations are tax-deductible.

## 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.

## MOVING DAY IS COMING...



We are happy to announce that the construction of the new shelter is nearly complete. We are now working towards furnishing the new dog and cat runs. The necessary items cost \$130 per run. We are asking for donations for the final pieces of this project. For each \$130 donation, a plaque will be placed on a run stating: "Furnished By \_\_\_\_". Please be sure that you let us know that you are donating for the runs.



## **How to Protect Your Pet During Winter and Cold Weather**

(Continued from last month)

### **Protect Paws From Salt**

The salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate the pads of your pet's feet. Wipe all paws with a damp towel before your pet licks them and irritates his/her mouth.

### **Avoid Antifreeze Poisoning**

Antifreeze is a deadly poison, but it has a sweet taste that may attract animals and children. Wipe up spills and store antifreeze (and all household chemicals) out of reach. Coolants and antifreeze made with propylene glycol are less toxic to pets, wildlife and family.

### **Speak out if You See a Pet Left in the Cold**

If you encounter a pet left in the cold, [document what you see](#): the date, time, exact location and type of animal, plus as many details as possible about the situation. Video and photographic documentation (even a cell phone photo) will help bolster your case. Then [contact your local animal control agency or county sheriff's office](#) and present your evidence. Take detailed notes regarding whom you speak with and when. Respectfully follow up in a few days if the situation has not been remedied.

### **The Best tip of all: Keep Your Pets With You**

Probably the best prescription for winter's woes is to keep your dog or cat inside with you and your family. The happiest dogs are those who are taken out frequently for walks and exercise but kept inside the rest of the time.

Dogs and cats are social animals who crave human companionship. Your animal companions deserve to live indoors with you and your family.

### **Horse Owners: Provide Special Care to Your Outdoor Pets**

#### **Give your horses shelter and dry warmth**

Be sure your horses have access to a barn or a three-sided run-in so they can escape the wind and cold.

While not all horses will need to be blanketed, blankets will help horses keep warm and dry, especially if there is any rain or snow. If you've body-clipped your horses, keep them blanketed throughout the winter.

### **Supply food and water to your horses around the clock**

Give your horses access to unfrozen water at all times. You can use heated buckets or water heaters/deicers to make sure the water doesn't freeze.

Feed your horses more forage — unlimited amounts, if possible — during extreme cold. This will help your horses create heat and regulate their body temperatures.

(Excerpted from *One Green Planet*, [onegreenplanet.org](http://onegreenplanet.org))

### ***Santa's Helpers Visit Freeman-Fritts***

Kerrville Garden Club's 2015 Christmas Charity Donation is presented to Freeman-Fritts Animal Shelter. Club members donated food, toys and animal care supplies to the no-kill shelter. In addition, the club presented the staff with a \$400 donation to sponsor 2 kennel runs and cat trees. Pictured left to right: Jessica Alberthal, Assistant Shelter Manager; Rosemary Shields, garden club member; Jackie Connelly, club vice president; Dr. Shelby Key, Medical Director; Vickie Killeen, Debra Rosario and Paula Ejzak, club members.



## Cat of the Month

Allow me to introduce myself my name is **Taylor**. I am a gorgeous calico and was mother of three. We were sadly dumped and left to survive on our own but we thankfully ended up here at the shelter to be loved until we find our forever home! Having been on my own, I love being loved more than anything and I won't take it for granted. I think I'd like a warm lap to curl in and maybe a window to watch the world go by. I am an easy going girl, just give me some love and I'll be a happy girl purrrever!



*Photo by S J Derby*



## Dog of the Month

**Bobby** here! I'm a fun, loving, handsome and ready to please boy. Oh did I mention handsome? With these rugged good looks, how could you dare pass me by? I am a dignified wire-hair terrier with magnificent brindle markings. Since I am still a puppy I need extra love and to be taught all those good things I need to learn to be the best rover in town. So with that being said I know what you are thinking...you need a little Bobby in your life. Well what are you waiting for??

### Adopted since last newsletter:

**Dogs:** Bonnie, Drake, Chip, Duke, & Esme

**Cats:** Enid, Maggie, Daryl, Sandy, Sonia, Billy, Arlene, & Ernest

**SECOND HAND ANIMALS MAKE FIRST CLASS PETS**

