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January 2017 Newsletter

Happy New Year!!!
from all of us at Freeman-Fritts!!!



And... a very Happy 30th Anniversary to Freeman-Fritts!

It has been 30 years since we have opened our doors to help animals in need, and we couldn't have done it without the help of our dedicated Staff, Volunteers, Donors, and Supporters! We so appreciate the extra time and love given to the animals so deserving of happy lives! We couldn't do it without you!

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Happy, Health New year! New Year's Resolutions for Happy Pets!

At the start of a new year, and people's thoughts often turn to diet and exercise, making up for holiday indulgences. Here are some ideas and tips to enhance the health and add some fun to your pets' lives.

1) Exercise - Pets may also suffer from overeating and lack of exercise.

There are more things to consider than diet and exercise when it comes to being a good example for our pets. Regular exercise has the obvious health benefits, but it also is a great time to bond with our pets. A simple daily walk helps a dog learn proper manners, provides some good quality time, and does wonders for the human counterpart, too! Keeping pets at the proper body weight reduces the risk of heart and joint problems, diabetes, and a host of other poor health conditions.

2) Health Check-up - A regular visit to your veterinarian is the best

way to stay ahead of potential problems. Annual examinations of teeth, heart/lungs, and body condition overall will be less costly than waiting for a problem to develop and your pet suffering needlessly from complications of preventable problems. Having a good "baseline" of information about your pet also gives the veterinarian something to compare against and determine exactly what is wrong when something isn't quite right with your pet.

3) Good Nutrition - Like humans, pets who eat poor quality food just don't have the health reserves than those that a good balanced diet. Poor skin, hair coat, muscle tone, and obesity problems can be a result of a poor diet. Also, pets are not humans -- a diet rich in table scraps is not a healthy one, and can lead to problems such as obesity and [pancreatitis](#).

4) Good Grooming - No one wants to be around a stinky pet. Regular grooming -- bathing, toe nail clips, brushing teeth and hair coat, parasite control -- not only make the pet more pleasing to be around, it is much healthier for the pet! For skin and coat problems that don't resolve with regular grooming, please see your veterinarian -- there may be an underlying medical condition affecting the skin, coat, or toenails.

5) Safety - Keeping pets safe is something most pet owners take for granted. However, take a moment to assess the toxic chemicals used in your house and yard. Are they necessary? Are all safety precautions followed? Where are household chemicals stored? Can your pet access these items? If toxins such as rodent poisons are used, can your pet access the rodents? Think too about enclosures for pets - is the fencing secure? Can your pet get caught or hooked up on the fence, a tree, etc. and choke or be stuck out in the weather when you are away?



Celebrating the New Year? Keep your Pet safe and comfortable!

Soon, the new year will be upon us. On New Year's Eve, fireworks may be heard popping and crackling in rural areas and maybe even some neighborhoods. Most pets do not take kindly to fireworks. Some will even get scared and run away. No matter the reaction to fireworks by your pet, they usually are less than desirable. Here are a few tips that you can follow to help calm your dog, cat, or other pet this New Year's Eve.

- Keep your pets indoors! There is less chance that your pet will run away if they are kept inside in a nice, warm and cozy area that makes them feel safe. Many pets become anxious and scared when they hear fireworks popping

outside. Try playing some nice, low music or put on some good doggy or kitty TV distract them from the fireworks.

- Ask your veterinarian for medication. Some animals have extreme cases of anxiety when it comes to fireworks. Many people prepare for holidays like New Year's Eve and Independence Day by asking their vet to prescribe something to help calm their pet. Usually, a medication that mildly sedates dogs and cats called acepromazine can be prescribed. You could also try a little bit of Benadryl.
- If you must take your pet outside, keep them leashed or confined. Animals may get curious and want to "get" the fireworks. If this isn't an option, then just keep your dog on a leash with a good fitting collar. Dogs may slip out of their collars because they are not on tight enough.



Cat of the Month – Meet Olive!

Hi, there! Are you looking for a gentle, affectionate kitty to keep you company on these chilly days? Want a sweet happy face waiting to greet you when you come home after a long day? I can be all those things and more. I'm ready to start my new life with my new best friend - I think that could be you!

Olive is adorable, happy, and enjoys taking cat naps during the day. She's almost always cheerful, but a little shy. She came to the shelter when her owners could no longer take care of her. Unfortunately, she was declawed, and it is mandatory that she can never step outside. Born in 2011, Olive is in happy healthy girl. Could you give sweet Olive the chance to have a forever home?



Dog of the Month – Meet Layla!

I'm so very excited to meet you! I just got to the shelter, but I'm ready for bigger better things... a home of my own, a yard, toys, and a really big bed to sleep on at night right next to yours! I know I have some learning to do as I'm still a young pup but I can, I can!

Layla is a year-old yellow lab mix. She is a bundle of energy with lots of love to share. She was rescued from animal control after a staff member's heart melted when she saw her and she begged for love and attention. She will require time, attention, and training since she is so young. A family and big fenced yard is just what she needs!



Photos by S J Derby

Adopted in December! Starting the new year with our new families!

MEOWs: Eli, Felix, Mama Bean, Sophie, Sabrina

WOOFs: Diamond, Kodi

Regular Reminders!

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.

Free Spay and Neuter Offered

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.*

Decluttering for the New Year? Think of the critters! Gifts we can always use!

Cat & Dog Necessities	Cleaning Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dawn Dish Soap• Clorox Bleach• Clorox Wipes• Fabuloso (Citrus & Fruits, Ocean Paradise)• Paper Towels• Large Covered Litter Boxes• Cat Litter Scoops• Hand Towels• Towels (All Sizes)