

# 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.

## October 2018 Newsletter – Happy Halloweenie!

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Pssst...  
Don't  
forget!

**TAIL GATE**

### OPEN HOUSE!

Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

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



**October  
is  
Adopt  
a  
Shelter  
Dog Month**

**Save  
a life.  
ADOPT!**



### National Veterinary Technician Week! October 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

Veterinary technicians are critical to the day-to-day function of veterinary practices, and play vital roles in preserving animal health and welfare. National Veterinary Technician Week, first celebrated in 1993, takes place in the third week of October each year, and provides an opportunity to recognize veterinary technicians' contributions.

Although we value veterinary technicians every day of the year, we take this week to honor their commitment to compassionate, high-quality veterinary care for all animals.

**Thank you, Phyllis Allen, for all that you do! ☺**

## The Story of Simon

Hi everyone! My name is Simon, and I'm a handsome one-eyed Flame Point! My sister and I were brought to Freeman-Fritts by animal control. I arrived with a bad eye. My foster mom tried doctoring it, and, of course, we hoped it would get better on its own, but it never did. I went to a specialist, and the best option was to have my eye removed. Sounded kind of scary to me, but I recently had the surgery, and the stitches are out and I am enjoying my life! Except for one thing: my sister got to go to this cool adoption event, and she found her forever home there. I'm really happy for her, but I'm nearly 6 months old and I'm pretty eager to find my forever home, too! Maybe you have some room for me in your home?? I'm a lap cat, I'm playful, and I usually just can't purr enough when I'm getting love and affection! Oh, and I do have some purr-friends if you want two or three of us!!



## Pooch of the Month – Meet Bowser! 🐾



I'm Bowser! Don't let my big name deceive you. I'm just a cuddle monster who desperately wants some love. I was found wandering the streets and when they contacted my previous owner, they said they didn't want me anymore. My heart was sad, but they tell me I deserve something so much more. Hope they can find me someone soon! I'm a young guy, about 8 months old. I get along well with other dogs and love every human I meet. I really am the whole package. Do you have a spot for me next to you on the couch? Or perhaps a ball you are ready to throw for me? If you are reading this now, I just want to say, I hope you are the one! Come meet me today!

## Purr of the Month – Meet Keno! 🐾

Keno loves people and wants to be petted all the time! He is a handsome and regal senior Siamese Snowshoe. According to Wikipedia: "Snowshoes are generally affectionate, sweet-tempered, and mellow. They enjoy the company of humans and being given attention, and are compatible with children and other pets. Snowshoes are very social and docile, and show great devotion and love towards their owners." This is spot on with Keno! He was found as a stray and his people never came. Now he is desperately waiting for his very own home! He adjusts easily to new situations and would fit right in any home. He gets along well with other kitties, too! If you have a special place in your heart to let Keno live out his golden years, come on by and say hi!



Photos by S J Derby

*To volunteer is to share yourself  
Not money, gifts, or food  
It's time well spent, not really  
missed  
For someone else's good*

*At Freeman Fritts, a walk or pat  
That says "You're not alone"  
To cats and dogs whose only dream  
Is to have a forever home*

*But there's a bonus to the giving  
The tables turn, a lesson  
When offering any time at all  
You get back more in blessings*

*Poem by Cindy Holmes*

# HALLOWEEN Pet Safety Tips



**NO SWEETS FOR YOUR SWEETIE**  
Keep your pets away from candy (especially chocolate); avoid placing bowls on the ground.



**KEEP PUMPKIN AWAY FROM THE PUMPKIN**  
Decorative plants can be toxic candle-lit jack-o-lanterns are fire hazards if tipped over.



**COSTUMES ARE OPTIONAL**  
Don't force on an unwanted costume. Most pets prefer birthday suits.



**NO TRICK OR TREATER GREETERS**  
The front door is a high traffic area. Doorbells and knocks can upset even the friendliest pets.



**MUST SHOW I.D.**  
Spooked pets can get lost. Microchip and tag them in case they get out.



**PARTY POOPERS ARE OK**  
Some pets are happier in a quiet room away from the party.



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## YUCK, ICK – The Lone Star Tick [www.tasteofthewild.com](http://www.tasteofthewild.com)

Deer ticks, it seems, get all the attention. You've no doubt heard that they can cause Lyme disease in dogs and people. But do you know about the lone star tick? One bite can cause a red meat allergy that can make you forego steak and burgers forever. It can also spread organisms that may cause serious and sometimes fatal diseases in dogs and cats. These crawling pests are just another reason why tick and flea protection should be on your to-do list this spring.

**A Threat to Pets:** Like other ticks, lone star ticks can transmit a number of bacteria and other disease-causing agents that can make pets sick. For instance, most can pass on protozoa that can cause a serious disease in cats called cytauxzoonosis. Infected cats may experience fever, difficulty breathing, loss of appetite, yellow gums and eyes, coma and death. While those organisms don't affect dogs, lone star ticks can transmit other infectious agents that cause a number of other diseases that *do* harm dogs, such as ehrlichiosis, a disease that causes lack of energy, vomiting, enlarged lymph nodes and bleeding, and in some severe cases, death. To make matters worse, ticks of most varieties can carry more than one organism at once, making it possible for pets to be infected with multiple diseases.

**A Special Danger to People:** Like most ticks, lone star ticks are just as happy to bite humans as they are to feast on animals. And when they do, they can transfer pathogens that make people sick, too. In addition to ehrlichiosis, people can come down with other dangerous diseases, such as Rocky Mountain spotted fever. However, the lone star can cause problems that many of us will take very personally! If these ticks feast on cattle before they bite people, they can transmit alpha-gal, a sugar that can cause a red meat allergy in humans. Affected people may come down with hives – and potentially go into anaphylactic shock – about four hours after eating a hamburger. Just another reason to be diligent about your tick control.

**More Pets (and People) at Risk:** Although lone star ticks used to be limited to the southern states, they've now spread across the eastern two-thirds of the U.S. and as far north as Maine and New Hampshire. In fact, lone star ticks are now found in 30 U.S. states, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. What's behind this geographic expansion? According to experts, many of these ticks hitched a ride on white-tailed deer, one of their favorite host species.

**A More Aggressive Bug:** Adult female lone star ticks are easy to recognize by the white dot or "star" on their backs. These ticks are often found in forests and moist, deep ground cover where there's no sunlight to dehydrate them. Like other ticks, they will cling to a blade of grass or low-lying branch and "quest" for a host, meaning they'll reach out their front legs to grab onto a person or animal when it passes by. But unlike other ticks, lone star ticks will also actually race toward their hosts. In fact, when the conditions are right, "tick blooms," or swarms of immature stages of the lone star tick, can be released. Hundreds of these tiny ticks can crawl up pant legs, through socks or into pet hair in minutes.

**Help Protect Your Pets and Your Family:** When walking your dog through the woods, it's best to keep him or her on a leash and on the path or trails to reduce the risk of being exposed to ticks. After being outdoors, check your pet — and yourself — for ticks, and remove them as soon as possible. Also, clear any leaf litter from your yard to make it less inviting for ticks.



### HOW TO REMOVE A Tick From Your Dog

- 1. Gather Supplies**  
  
Tweezers or special tick removal instrument that allows you to remove tick without squeezing the tick body, jar of rubbing alcohol, and a toy or distraction for your dog.
- 2. Get a Partner**  
  
Have your partner hold the dog gently and hold their head still. The dog will otherwise try to lick or look at the process.
- 3. Grab the Tick**  
  
Grab by the head or mouth parts right where they enter skin. Do not grasp by body. You don't want to crush it and send toxins into your pet's bloodstream.
- 4. Remove the Tick**  
  
Pull firmly and steadily directly outward. Do not twist the tick.
- 5. Kill the Tick**  
  
After removing, place tick in a jar of rubbing alcohol to kill it.
- 6. Clean Up**  
  
Wash your hands!
- 7. Reward Your Pet**  
  
Give your dog a treat.

Source: Drsfostersmith.com

The Companion Animal Parasite Council (CAPC) recommends that all dogs receive year-round tick control. Although cats that spend a lot of time outdoors are more at risk for ticks than indoor cats, remember that dogs and people can carry ticks indoors. Your veterinarian can help assess your pet's risk and recommend tick control product that's both safe and effective for your dog or cat.

## 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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