

# FREEMAN FRITTS



## October 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. Keep in mind that you can extend your support by remembering Animal Welfare Society in your estate plan. All donations are tax-deductible.

[Adopt-A-Shelter Dog, Halloween Safety Tips, AmazonSmile, Free Spay & Neuter, Dog & Cat of the Month, Adoptions](#)

October is Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month. How Can I Help? [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com)

But what if you can't adopt? Here are some easy ways you can still help:

1. Donate your [Facebook](#) status. Just paste this message into the "What's on your mind?" box at the top of your page: "October is Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month. Save a life: Adopt a dog! [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com)" (or [www.freemanfritts.com](http://www.freemanfritts.com)).
2. [Tweet](#), retweet and repeat the following (or your own brilliant message): "October is Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month. Save a life: Adopt a dog."
3. Contact your local shelter or rescue group and ask if they have a donation wish list or other flyer they'd like to you to post around your office or neighborhood. They may be holding special events for Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month which you can help promote.
4. Share an adoptable dog on your blog, Facebook or Twitter page each day of the month.
5. Sign up as a foster parent or shelter volunteer then tell your friends how great it is. Contact your local shelter or rescue group to find out how you can help.
6. Donate to your local shelter or rescue group in honor of Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month.
7. Pass on an understanding of the importance of pet adoption to the next generation. Talk to your kids, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and other up-and-comers about animal shelters and why Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month, and pet adoption in general, is important.



## 10 Halloween Safety Tips for Pets

### *No Scaredy-Cats Allowed*

Halloween can be a festive and fun time for children and families. But for pets? Let's face it, it can be a downright nightmare. Forgo the stress and dangers this year by following these 10 easy tips.

**1. Trick-or-treat candies are not for pets.** All forms of chocolate -- especially baking or dark chocolate -- can be dangerous, even lethal, for dogs and cats.

**2. Don't leave pets out in the yard on Halloween.** Surprisingly, vicious pranksters have been known to tease, injure, steal, and even kill pets on Halloween night. Inexcusable? Yes! But preventable nonetheless.

**3. Keep pets confined and away from the door.** Not only will your door be constantly opening and closing on Halloween, but strangers will be dressed in unusual costumes and yelling loudly for their candy. Putting your dog or cat in a secure room away from the front door will also prevent them from darting outside into the night ... a night when no one wants to be searching for a lost loved one.

**4. Keep your outdoor cats inside several days before and several days after Halloween.** Black cats are especially at risk from pranks or other cruelty-related incidents. In fact, many shelters do not adopt out black cats during the month of October as a safety precaution.

**5. Keep Halloween plants such as pumpkins and corn out of reach.** Although they are relatively nontoxic, such plants can induce gastrointestinal upset should your pets ingest them in large quantities. Intestinal blockage can even occur if large pieces are swallowed. And speaking of pumpkins ...

**6. Don't keep lit pumpkins around pets.** Should they get too close, they run the risk of burning themselves or knocking it over and causing a fire.

**7. Keep wires and electric light cords out of reach.** If chewed, your pet could cut himself or herself on shards of glass or plastic, or receive a possibly life-threatening electrical shock.

**8. Don't dress your pet in a costume unless you know they'll love it.** If you do decide that Fido or Kitty needs a costume, make sure it isn't annoying or unsafe. It should not constrict movement, hearing, or the ability to breathe or bark and meow.

**9. Try on pet costumes before the big night.** If they seem distressed, allergic, or show abnormal behavior, consider letting them go in their "birthday suit". Festive bandanas usually work for party poopers, too.

**10. IDs, please!** If your dog or cat should escape and become lost, having the proper identification will increase the chances that they will be returned.

From: <http://www.petmd.com>



## 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. (Any thank you notes received are forwarded to our donor.)



## Cat of the Month

*Kelly here!*

*Boy am I happy to see you! I'm currently searching for my very own forever hooman! Is that you?*

Kelly is a sweet boy who loves attention. He came to us sadly after his owner passed away. The owner was also one of our founders as well. It is always heartbreaking when a pet loses his hooman and his only home he has ever known. Here at the shelter he is quiet but perks up every time someone enters the room. Kelly just wants to be with people and have a lap to sit in. He is the purrfect lap cat. He will soak up all the attention you're willing to give him. This sweet boy really does deserve a home where he can get lots of love and attention. Could that be your home? Perhaps your lap?

## Dog of the Month

**Bobby Mac** here! I'm a fun-loving boy just looking for my forever home! I'm just a puppy so I need to be taught how to be the best dog I can be. I look big in this picture but I'm actually only 12 lbs. and I won't get much bigger. I'm just all legs. And I like to run and play! Do you? I came here at just 3 days old with my two brothers. I am so much fun too! Oh and did you see my sparkling green eyes. Aren't I so handsome?

*Photos by S J Derby*

Adopted since last newsletter:

**Cats:** Goldie, Rapunzel, Belle, Jasmine, Courtney, Stacy, Taylor, TC, & Michone

**Dogs:** Elsie, Bevo, Sadie, Lily, & Cooper

## Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog

In honor of Adopt a Shelter Dog month, we are pleased to announce that with each dog that is adopted in October, we will provide a free "Spa Day" certificate.



