

FREEMAN FRITTS



AWS Freeman-Fritts Animal Shelter & Clinic
515 Spur 100, Kerrville TX 78028
830-257-4144

www.freemanfritts.com

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.

March 2017 Newsletter

Reminder: FF is still remodeling!

Please be careful entering our facility! All facilities are still open and available, including boarding, grooming, and veterinary services. We anticipate completion in May 2017.

In this newsletter:

- ❖ You and Your Pet Belong Together!
- ❖ Cat & Dog of the Month
- ❖ Adopted in February!
- ❖ Regular Reminders



FREEMAN FRITTS

Baby Kitten Shower

Saturday, March 25th 1-3 pm



Join us for cookies, lemonade, kids games and a kitty superbowl or bring your shower gifts for the kitties anytime before that.

Gift cards from
HEB, Walmart,
Pet Supplies Plus
a cute card
with cash
unscented baby wipes

Gerber's baby
food chicken-
second stage



Pet Ag nurser
bottles and
nipples

kitty toys

KMR powdered
milk replacer

Esbilac
powdered milk
replacer

515 Spur 100, kitty corner to the Ag Barn
check us out at www.freemanfritts.com or on Facebook

You and Your Pet Belong Together!

Recently, a kitty was found and brought to us to be scanned to check for a microchip. Yay! She was! Her chip was actually implanted in Germany. So even though tracking down that info was a bit trickier, and unfortunately they had not yet switched their information since they moved here, we did it, with lots of help around the world I might add! Her name was Daisy. She had a little girl missing her so much and the reunion was indescribable. The joy in their eyes to have their kitty who had been missing for weeks, was back in their arms.

Just a few days ago we got a call from a lady who found a dog miles from our clinic, that we had chipped. She was stolen 5 YEARS AGO! Could you imagine that feeling. The only problem was they didn't register their chip!! It did however track back to us(chip implanter) but if you've moved and changed phone numbers all that will fail you. Thankfully in this case she was able to be reunited!

We had another kitty named Pork, lost for over a month who's mom had just had him chipped. The guy who found him was headed to animal control but, something had him stop at our clinic first. So with everyone holding their breath as we scanned him, the scanner beeped! Pork was chipped!! After contacting the microchip company, we found the owner.

Those are just some of the many stories of success from microchipping your pet! Please consider making an appointment today to microchip you pet. And if you haven't registered your chip or it needs to be updated, now is the time! MICROCHIPS TRULY SAVE LIVES!!



We have seen so many cases of dogs and cats being lost but thankfully reunited because of a microchip. The microchip gives your pet the best chance of returning home to you if lost. However, a microchip **MUST** be registered along with your current contact information in order to identify you as your pet's parent and contact you.

When your dog or cat gets lost, it can become frightened. Occasionally causing it to dash into dangerous, unfamiliar territories. This often means that ID tags fall off in the chaos. If someone finds your dog or cat and they bring them to a shelter or vet, they can perform a simple scan of their chip and get vital information. This includes the dog's name, your name, address and phone number, as well as other crucial info. Without a chip, if their

ID collar is lost, it can become near-impossible for rescuers to identify your pet.

If stolen, microchips are key as well. It's a brutal thought, but the reality is that dogs do get snatched off the streets, outside of stores and cafes, and right out of your yard. Thieves remove collars, but they rarely remove microchips. It's something that must be done with the help of a vet. The chip doesn't help them escape, or be discovered, but if they should happen to break free, or you find out who stole them, and need to prove that it's your dog, the microchip will save their life. The news is lousy with stories of pet abductions and owners having a hard time proving ownership. The law is not on our side in most areas, so make sure you have irrefutable and guaranteed proof should disaster strike.

Microchip FAQs – Common questions & misconceptions about pet microchips:

Q: Will it hurt my pet when he gets the microchip implanted?

A: It won't hurt any more than a routine vaccination – having a microchip implanted doesn't even require anesthetic. The chip's only as big as a grain of rice. The procedure is performed at your veterinarian's office and is simple and similar to administering a vaccine or a routine shot. The microchip comes preloaded in a sterile applicator and is injected under the loose skin between the shoulder blades. The process takes only a few seconds, and your pet will not react any more than he would to a vaccination. And it only costs around \$25 to \$50, depending on your vet.

Q: Will a microchip tell me my pet's location?

A: Pet microchips are not tracking devices and do not work like global positioning devices (GPS). They are radio-frequency identification (RFID) implants that provide permanent ID for your pet. Because they use RFID technology, microchips do not require a power source like a GPS. When a microchip scanner is passed over the pet, the microchip gets enough power from the scanner to transmit the microchip's ID number. Since there's no battery and no moving parts, there's nothing to keep charged, wear out, or replace. The microchip will last your pet's lifetime.

Q: Why does my pet need a microchip when he already wears a collar with tags?

A: All pets should wear collar tags imprinted with their name and the phone number of their pet parent, but only a microchip provides permanent ID that cannot fall off, be removed, or become impossible to read.

Q: Isn't microchipping only for dogs?

A: Both cats and dogs need to be microchipped. Cats often do not wear collars, and may not have any other form of ID. A recent study showed that less than 2% of cats without microchips were returned home. However, if a cat is microchipped, the return-to-owner rate is 20 times higher than if the cat was not microchipped.

Q: Can anyone with a scanner access my contact information from the chip?

A: Microchips carry only a unique identification number. If your pet gets lost and is taken to a vet clinic or animal shelter, your pet will be scanned for a microchip to reveal his unique ID number. That number will be called into the pet recovery service, and you will be contacted using the contact information on file with your pet's microchip.

****It is vital to keep your contact information up to date so that you can be reached.**

Q: How many times do I need to microchip my pet?

A: A microchip will normally last the lifetime of your pet because it is composed of biocompatible materials that will not degenerate over time. The HomeAgain® microchip has the Bio-Bond™ patented anti-migration feature to help ensure the chip stays where it's implanted. Also, since microchips require no power source and have no moving parts, there's nothing that can wear out and need to be replaced.

Q: My pet has a microchip. Is that all I need to protect him if he gets lost?

A: A microchip is only the first step! You must register your pet's microchip to give your pet the best protection. Register your pet's microchip in a national pet recovery database such as HomeAgain with your contact information, so you can be contacted when your lost pet is found. Also, remember to keep your contact information up to date whenever you move or change phone numbers.

Sources:

Bonus Benefits of Microchipping Your Pet

<https://www.petfinder.com/dogs/lost-and-found-dogs/microchip-bonus-benefits/>

<http://hellonuzzle.com/3-benefits-microchipping-pet/>

Microchip FAQs: <https://www.petfinder.com/dogs/lost-and-found-dogs/microchip-faqs>

Cat(s) of the Month – Meet Tracy & Troy!

Hi there! I'm Tracy and this is my brother, Troy! We are the life of the party! We were bottle raised after we were born in a feral cat trap. Our mom got spayed and released back since she was feral. But we got lucky, the nice cat lady here at the shelter bottle fed us like her very own, hour after hour. That's a lot of hours. But now we are healthy and strong ready to begin our new life!

Tracy and Troy are two peas in a pod. Both of them are so lovable. We'd love for the two to go together, if possible. They both purr instantly. Troy thinks life is a blast and loves to play in his water bowl, all paws in! Tracy is a darling little girl, who loves attention from anyone and everyone! Are you in love? How could you not be?



Dog of the Month – Meet Abby!

Hello there! My name is Abby and I'm just the sweetest! My paw-fect family who can provide me with the attention and structure. I really am perfect - I give excellent kisses, I know a few commands and, well, I'm just beautiful! I'm an affectionate girl that loves to give kisses and being petted all over.

Abby is a big love who is friendly with everyone she meets. She's extremely smart and easily trained. Born in 2009, Abby is a boxer mix. She is still playful but is also well mannered. With her friendly demeanor, good energy and her dedication to pleasing people, Abby will make a great companion. Abby is a little bit picky about her doggy friends, but with the right introduction, she may be able to have a canine pal. Abby spent several weeks at animal control waiting for her owner, her time was running out and they never came. Now that she is here she is preparing herself as a senior girl to find a true forever home. Could that be yours?



Photos by S J Derby

Adopted in February!

MEOWs: Sammy, Sarabi, Bubba, Taylor, Shelby

WOOFs: Buddy, Frankie, Romo, Maggie

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.*

As always, the gifts that keep on giving!

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)