

# FREEMAN FRITTS

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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.

## April 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 June 2017.**

### **In this newsletter:**

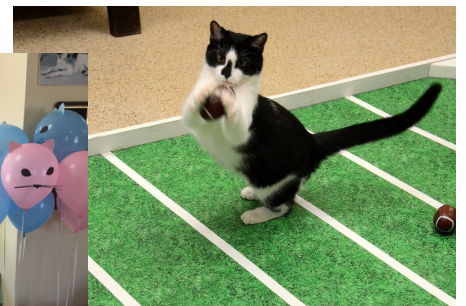
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## Happy Spring 2017!

### **2017 KITTEN SHOWER - A HUGE SUCCESS!!!**

A HUGE THANK YOU to the many friends that attended our Kitten Shower and brought so many wonderful supplies, gift cards, and donations for our feline friends! Spring is always a busy time for kittens and we are now well-stocked with supplies to help the kittens get their lives off to a good start. Your support is truly appreciated!



Freeman-Fritts welcomes the first kittens of the year! Winner of the naming contest at the baby kitten shower named them Latte, Cheeto, and Cream! Saving more newborn orphan kitten lives! This beating heart helps kittens eat better, fall back asleep faster and be less restless. Thanks, Bob Nelson, for this photo.

## Happy Tails - Olive's Story!

All of our animals have a story, of course - some we know and some we can only guess. Olive, a beautiful tabby girl, came to us as a kitten and happily was soon adopted.



But last year one of our staff members happened to see her on-line - for sale!! Luckily, she recognized Olive and quickly acted to insure her safety by bringing her back to the shelter. Unfortunately, since we saw her last, all claws on all four feet had been removed! Can you imagine how defenseless she was?

She joined her shelter mates waiting for her next home. Where was Olive's ideal human companion? As fate would have it, a wonderful young man was looking for his ideal kitty companion. He also has a story of being susceptible to cat scratch fever. Hmmmm... who would be better than Olive for this kitty-loving human?! A match made in Heaven is what we say, and a happy ending for all!

## Springtime Safety Tips for Pets

[www.asPCA.org](http://www.asPCA.org)

Spring has sprung, and with the change of season, our thoughts turn to Easter celebrations, spring cleaning and much-needed home improvement projects. Before you embark on seasonal chores or outdoor revelry, take inventory of potential springtime hazards for your furry friends.

*\*If you suspect your pet may have come in contact with or ingested a potentially poisonous substance, contact your local veterinarian or the **ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center** immediately at (888) 426-4435.*

✿ **Easter Treats and Decorations** - Keep lilies and candy in check - chocolate goodies are toxic to cats and dogs, and all true lilies can be fatal if ingested by cats. And be mindful, kitties love to nibble on colorful plastic grass, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe vomiting and dehydration. Moreover, while live bunnies, chicks, and other festive animals are adorable, resist the urge to buy them - these cute babies grow up fast and often require specialized care!

✿ **Screen Yourself** - Many pet parents welcome the breezy days of spring by opening their windows. Unfortunately, they also unknowingly put their pets at risk—especially cats, who are apt to jump or fall through unscreened windows. Be sure to install snug and sturdy screens in all of your windows.

✿ **Buckle Up!** - While most dogs love to feel the wind on their furry faces, allowing them to ride in the beds of pick-up trucks or stick their heads out of moving-car windows is dangerous. Flying debris and insects can cause inner ear or eye injuries and lung infections, and abrupt stops or turns can cause major injury, or worse! Pets riding in cars should always be secured in a crate or wearing a seatbelt harness designed especially for them.

✿ **Spring Cleaning** - Spring cleaning is a time-honored tradition in many households, but be sure to keep all cleaners and chemicals out of your pets' way! Almost all cleaning products, even all natural ones, contain chemicals that may be harmful to pets. The key to using them safely is to read and follow label directions for proper use and storage. Please visit the ASPCA's **Poisonous Household Products** page for more information.

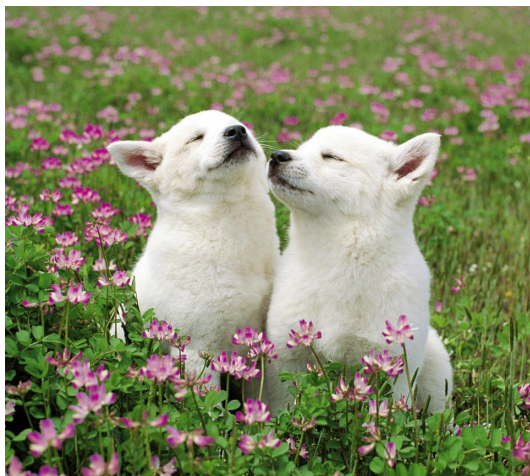
✿ **Home Improvement 101** - Products such as paints, mineral spirits, and solvents can be toxic to your pets and cause severe irritation or chemical burns. Carefully read all labels to see if the product is safe to use around your furry friends. Also, be cautious of physical hazards, including nails, staples, insulation, blades and power tools. It may be wise to confine your dog or cat to a designated pet-friendly room during home improvement projects.

✿ **Let Your Garden Grow—With Care** - Pet parents, take care - fertilizers, insecticides and herbicides keep our plants and lawns healthy and green, but their ingredients may be dangerous if your pet ingests them. Always store these products in out-of-the-way places and follow label instructions carefully. Many popular springtime plants—





including rhododendron and azaleas—are also highly toxic to pets and can prove fatal if eaten. Check out [our full list](#)—of toxic and non-toxic plants for your home and garden.



✿ **Ah-Ah-Achoo!** - Like people, pets can be allergic to foods, dust, plants and pollens. Allergic reactions in dogs and cats can cause itching, minor sniffing and sneezing, or life-threatening anaphylactic shock to insect bites and stings. If you suspect your pet has a springtime allergy, please visit your veterinarian as soon as possible.

✿ **Pesky Little Critters** - April showers bring May flowers - and an onslaught of bugs! Make sure your pet is on year-round heartworm preventive medication, as well as a flea and tick control program. Ask your doctor to recommend a plan designed specifically for your pet. Please visit the ASPCA's [Fleas and Ticks](#) page for more information.

✿ **Out and About** - Warmer weather means more trips to the park, longer walks, and more chances for your pet to wander off! Make sure your dog or cat has a microchip for identification and wears a tag imprinted with your home address, cell phone and any other relevant contact information.

## Random Critter Stuff!



## Cat of the Month – Meet Buster!

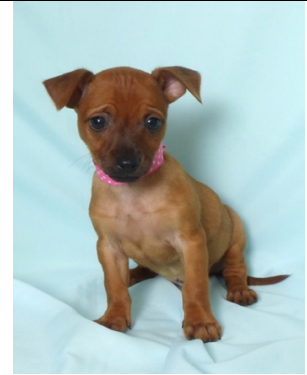
I'm Buster. Friendly and playful, what more could you want in a feline companion? I may hold back bashfully the first time you meet me, but it doesn't last. I'll follow you around like a puppy dog and reach up to gently touch your face with my paw. I'm a people-cat, and I'm not afraid to show my love. Born in 2011, I came here as a baby, and was bottle-raised by our vet. I'm a healthy, happy-go-lucky kinda boy. My bags are packed, and I'm ready to go to my forever home!



## **Dog of the Month – Meet Selena!**

Allow me to introduce myself, my name is Selena! My brothers Felipe, Tomás, Pablo and sisters Gabriella, Natalia, and I are all looking for forever homes! We are itty bitty Chihuahuas but full of life and ready to take on the world... with you by our side, of course! We are only 9-10 weeks old, so we are just babies and are learning all the things we need to know to grow up to be the best puppies on the block. We just want to make you proud! Want to be our forever buddy?

*Photos by S J Derby*



## **Adopted in March!**

**Meows:** Macy, Twinkles, Charity, Blue, Penny, Elmer, Pumpkin, Beans

**Bow-Wows:** Bella, Mae, Nora, Skye, Ruger, Raine

## **Regular Reminders & Save the Dates!**

**Save the Date: May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Big Give SA 2017**

**Animal Welfare Society-Freeman Fritts Animal Shelter**

**A 24-hour period of on-line giving**

### **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"><li>• TidyCats – Scoop – for Multiple Cats</li><li>• TidyCats – Non-Clumping</li><li>• Baby Food (Gerber Stage 2 Chicken)</li><li>• Meow Mix, Fancy Feast Dry &amp; Canned (Pate)</li><li>• Friskies Canned – Pate</li><li>• Pupperoni</li><li>• Dog &amp; Cat Beds, Baby Blankets, flannel throw blankets</li><li>• Large Cat Trees &amp; scratching posts</li><li>• Break-away Cat Collars (both cat &amp; kitten sizes)</li><li>• Dog collars &amp; leashes (small &amp; medium preferred)</li><li>• Cat Toys, Dog &amp; Puppy Toys (ropes, stuffed toys, and Kongs)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dawn Dish Soap</li><li>• Clorox Bleach</li><li>• Clorox Wipes</li><li>• Fabuloso (Citrus &amp; Fruits, Ocean Paradise)</li><li>• Paper Towels</li><li>• Large Covered Litter Boxes</li><li>• Cat Litter Scoops</li><li>• Hand Towels</li><li>• Towels (All Sizes)</li></ul>