

FREEMAN FRITTS

AWS Freeman-Fritts Animal Shelter & Clinic

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Clinic Hours: Monday - Friday, 7:30 – 12:00 and 1 - 5:30

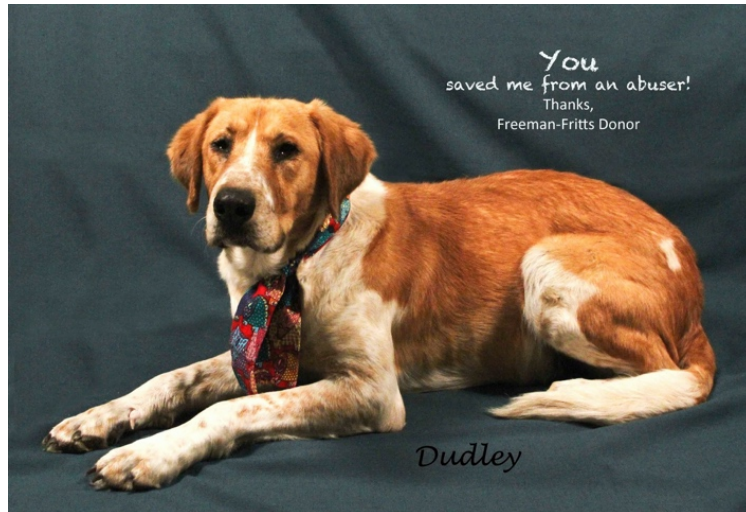
Shelter Hours: Monday - Friday, 10:00 - 11:30 & 1:00 - 4:30

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.

April 2018 Newsletter



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Special Dates & Thanks You's & Shout Outs!

National Pet Day! April 11th – Celebrate your furry friends!!

National Volunteer Week! April 15th – 21st - Thank you to all of you that volunteer at FF!
We couldn't do what we do without you... and the kits and pups wouldn't be nearly as happy!

And... Hip Hip Hooray for the Big SA!!!
Our Big Give donors (count them – 79!) contributed
over \$6700 to the Elsa Fund!!!
THANK YOU!!!



And... another SHOUT OUT!!!

The Starkey Elementary School Student Council in Kerrville came to visit the clinic and shelter. They brought items for our furry friend with them. Not only was it great to have visitors, but their generosity and thoughtfulness is sincerely appreciated!

The staff and critters at Freeman-Fritts say
Thank You, Starkey!!!

The Tails of CJ & Cammy!

On February 14, 2013 two orange and white kitties were born - one male and one female. At 2 months old they were rescued from Kerr County Animal Services by Freeman-Fritts Animal Shelter. The kitties, now named CJ (short for Charlie) and Cammy were adopted in April 2013, but were returned in January 2014. These two kitties have been together at Freeman-Fritts since then and have grown a lot in size and beauty.

Then on February 8th of this year CJ and Cammy were adopted together by a loving couple. That may not sound too special, but for us here at Freeman-Fritts, it really was. At first the couple was going to adopt only one cat, but we explained to them that it would be very hard on the cats as they had been together since birth, and they eagerly decided to adopt both.



Since moving into our new shelter almost 2 years ago, CJ and Cammy have occupied their own run which was sponsored by the Passionate Nuns of Kentucky. Now why is THIS special? A few years ago one of our Freeman-Fritts members came across a picture of this group of nuns and noticed that they were holding a dog and a cat. She thought they must love animals so she wrote them and asked them to pray for our little shelter. They sent us a donation for our shelter and they continue to support us by their prayers.

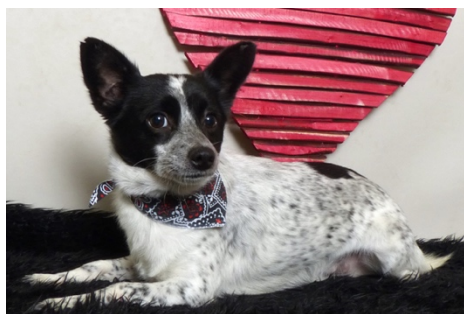


And, there's another thing! On February 8th when CJ and Cammy's new owners came to pick them up, we were having a Volunteer Appreciation get-together at the shelter. The adopting couple went into the visitation room with their two carriers. CJ and Cammy were then taken in and after sniffing around a little each went voluntarily into separate carriers as just to say, "Well, let's go!" All the staff and volunteers cheered the couple and the two cats. It was such a wonderful adoption scene!

All of this might seem like a coincidence, but we do not think so. When two older cats get adopted together by a young couple we consider this a very special blessing. We are

grateful every day for the wonderful people who adopt the animals, those that support us by volunteering and many other means.

BARK of the Month – Meet Marvel! 🐕



Marvel is the name! That's right, I'm a superhero! I may be small, but I'm a courageous and tough little guy! I'm a Chihuahua mixed with, well, I'm not quite sure... I'm less than 8 lbs and only a year old. I came from the streets of San Antonio, unwanted and unclaimed. But I was rescued and now I am ready for my forever home! I would prefer a home with no kids. I think I was mishandled at some point in my life and can be a little touchy, so kids can make me very nervous. Other than that, I love toys and love to play, and I'm full of spitfire and spunk! I know we will have blast if you give me chance! Come meet me today!!

MEOW of the Month – Meet Gemma! 🐱

Can you resist this cute face? I bet not! My name is Gemma! I'm the MOST fabulous kitten here! Cutest looks and best personality, but shhh! I try not to say too loudly around the others. I'll be your best friend forever. And I bet you are wondering why it took so long for you to find out about me! Well, your guess is as good as mine! I was bottle raised as a teeny tiny baby and I've been loving every minute of life since they saved me! I'm only about 6 months old, but I'm ready to start my life with you! Aren't you ready to take me home?



Photos by S J Derby

We've Been Adopted!

Meows: Roy, Esme, Andy, Joey, Daisy, Penny

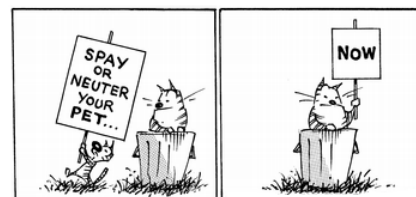
Bow-wows: Rascal, Prancer, Koko, Archie, Roxi, Selena, Kerry, Pebbles, Sadie



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

10+ Signs Your Cat Could Be Sick

Warning Signs

- 1 Change in Appetite**
Eating too much or too little could signify disease.
- 2 Stinky Breath**
An odor coming from your kitty's mouth could mean gum disease or tooth decay.
- 3 Outside the Litter Box**
Causes of this annoying habit can indicate a disease.
- 4 Weight Change**
Could be an indication of thyroid disease or even cancer.
- 5 Behavior Change**
A classic sign of this could be hiding.
- 6 Grooming Change**
Dull or greasy coat, which could indicate a skin disease.
- 7 Activity Change**
A sudden increase or decrease in activity could indicate an overactive thyroid or arthritis.
- 8 Sleep Pattern Change**
If your cat is a heavy sleeper and is now up all night, or sleeps longer than normal.
- 9 Stress-Induced Behavior**
A change in your cat's routine, such as a new pet, remodeling or loud noises.
- 10 Voice Change**
Naturally quiet cats who start to be more vocal or chatty cats who become quiet.

Pet Health Network

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11 Reasons It Rocks to be a Dog Mom

- ♥ Impromptu date nights only require a peanut butter kong.
- ♥ No college tuition.
- ♥ No braces. Overbites just make puppies cuter!
- ♥ Sleeping in. (At least after they are potty-trained!)
- ♥ No complaints about naps.
- ♥ Puppies never outgrow Santa.
- ♥ Or the Easter Bunny.
- ♥ Fur babies are always happy to see you.
- ♥ They embrace your craziness.
- ♥ They love school!
- ♥ You never have to give them away. No weddings. No leaving the nest.

Not so Mommy...