

# THE BIG FIX (830) 896-6053

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## Hello Summer!



All of us at the Big Fix would like to express our gratitude to **Freeman-Fritts Animal Shelter** for all their years of support. They have been an important part of our ability to afford to have most of the feral cats in our community spayed/neutered, vaccinated and returned to their colonies to live out their lives free of the dangers of mating and over-population. When feral cat colonies are allowed to naturally die out and their numbers kept in check through sterilization, it is of benefit to everyone—especially the cats!

Please remember Freeman-Fritts animal shelter when you are ready to **adopt** a new fur-ever cat/kitten or dog/puppy. They have a beautiful, clean no-kill shelter for you to meet your next family pet. Also remember an elderly neighbor or elderly family member as Freeman-Fritts has several mellow older pets ready to be loved.

Their adoptions are handled by an application process which can take up to 24-48 hours as decisions are made by an application committee. Don't be intimidated by this process as they want to be sure every pet they adopt out receives a good home.

Their adoption fees are \$50 for cats and



\$75 for dogs. What do you get for these fees? Each cat will have already been spayed or neutered, vaccines will be current, checked for viral diseases, microchipped, and they will have had a veterinarian examination. If adopting a young animal, any booster shots that are needed will be free to any pet adopted and brought back to Freeman-Fritts for those boosters.

Dogs will have the same services already provided plus they will have been screened for heartworm. You will need to purchase a year's worth of heartworm prevention medication—available to you at a discount.

Dedicated, hard-working employees and volunteers socialize the animals, learn their history, and work with them to find out any potential issues. For instance if you already have a dog in your house-

Do you love gardening? Help keep your pets safe by reading this wonderful, informative article—*"Safe Gardening with Dogs and Cats: Common garden plants poisonous to pets"* by popular gardening blogger Stephanie Rose: <https://gardentherapy.ca/plants-poisonous-to-pets/> and *"Houseplants that are poisonous to pets"*: <https://gardentherapy.ca/houseplants-that-are-poisonous-to-pets/>



**Did you know... that white cats and cats with white ears or noses can get skin cancer if they spend a lot of time outdoors? Sunscreen is not recommended due to their grooming habits, but you can help them avoid it by keeping your pets indoors from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

We are a 501c(3) non-profit organization and our work is primarily sustained from tax deductible donations. Contact (830) 896-6053 for more information or to become a volunteer. What type of volunteer help do we need? Trappers, telephone counselors, transportation for vet visits, and more. Your help is vitally important to our success and we are grateful for your continued support!

hold you would want to adopt a cat that was not terrified to be in the presence of a dog.

Adopting a pet from Freeman-Fritts assures you a fully-vetted pet and you won't need to take them to the vet for their annual check-up and shots for a year. They are located at: 515 Spur 100

Freeman-Fritts is a one-stop shop for all your pet needs. They not only have an adoption shelter, but also low-cost basic pet care (including a spay-neuter clinic), boarding for pets, professional grooming, and ongoing public education. Pet supplies and gift items are available in the reception area.

Again, **thank you Freeman-Fritts** for providing our community with much needed, low-cost pet services!



Yikes! A female cat can have over 100 kittens in her lifetime!

Looking for an unusual name for your new kitten? Try one of these: Acrobat, Audi, Bingo, Bonzai, Boomerang, Carnival, Echo, Giza, Mai Tai, Nimbus, Saffron, Sonic, Sorbet, Taser, Tidbit, Uber, Visa, Whirl, Yoga

You can find out which cats and dogs are presently available for adoption at Freeman-Fritts through their Facebook page or on the Pet-Finder.com website. Of course you can always visit their shelter in person and meet Batman & Rufus who work in reception.

Is there a Cat Lover on your gift list? A gift to *The Big Fix* is a wonderful way to celebrate your shared love of cats and to make the world a better place for them. We will send a card notifying your honoree of your thoughtful gift in their name. Your tax deductible gift of as little as \$10 will allow us to continue our mission. Your donation goes directly to (and only to) humane trapping, neutering, and veterinarian care. Simply fill out the form below and enclose it with your gift donation. Checks should be made out to: *The Big Fix* and mailed to: The Big Fix, P.O. Box 294003, Kerrville, TX 78029.

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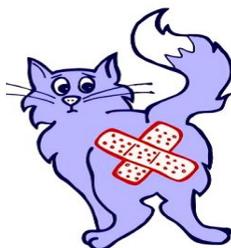
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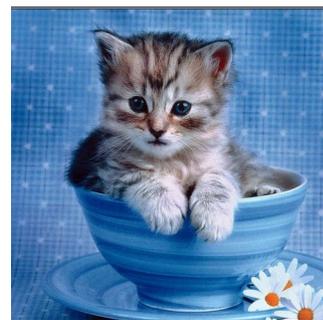
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**We Thank You for your generous support!**



Ever wonder why they don't sell mouse-flavored cat food? When Scientists tested it, the cats didn't like it!

At what age should you adopt a kitten? Experts prefer at least eight weeks. That way the Mother cat has had time to teach the little ones some 'cat manners' and they are ready to be weaned. Good luck with your new pet!



If you find kittens outdoors should you take them in? You want to be sure the mother has truly abandoned them before you intervene. Watch from a distance to see if the Mother returns. An outdoor cat must leave her kittens to get food and water for herself. She will usually return to them within a few hours.

Check out our website to educate yourself on caring for cats, read our past news-letters, or make a much needed donation to help our cause. We are only staffed with volunteers.

