



CASCADE SUMMIT

NEWS FROM CASCADE FERRET NETWORK VOL. 7 ISSUE 3 / SUMMER, 2006

Network Status Update

Who We Are

The Cascade Ferret Network (CFN) is different from traditional ferret shelters: instead of housing the ferrets in a single place, the CFN depends upon a network of qualified foster homes, each of which cares for only a few ferrets at a time. This network approach to sheltering ensures our foster ferrets receive the highest possible quality of care. You can reach the CFN at (503) 231-0887 or www.cascadeferret.org



Ferrets

During April, May and June 2006, CFN took in 19 ferrets, including one all the way from California. New homes were found for 10 ferrets, 4 of which were through referrals. A referral is where the ferret finds a new home while it stays with its current owner. Two shelter ferrets passed away during the 2nd quarter: Frodo and Baby. Both were ferrets that had returned to CFN recently, after having been adopted previously; the adopter was unable to provide basic veterinary care. Frodo had surgery to remove a tumorous growth, but it quickly grew back and there was nothing more we could do for him. Baby, unfortunately, did not survive the right adrenal surgery she needed.

Veterinary care during the spring months of 2006 included: three x-

rays, two lymph node biopsies, one GI biopsy, one bilateral adrenal and two right adrenal surgeries, two insulinoma surgeries and a surgery to excise a tumor. A total of five Lupron injections were given to alleviate symptoms of adrenal disease.

CFN traveled more than 1,500 miles during the 2nd quarter of 2006 in the course of transporting ferrets and educating the public. There are currently 49 ferrets in the network.

Financial

Income from donations, the sale of merchandise, and fees from adoptions help to pay for the veterinary costs of the Cascade Ferret Network. The CFN relies on contributions to pay for food, bedding, litter and other expenses such as phone and utility bills. The following is a preliminary summary of the revenue and expenses for CFN during the second quarter of 2006.

2nd quarter 2006

Revenue

Adoption fees.....	\$365
Donations (Cash).....	\$1,421
<u>Merchandise profit</u>	<u>\$361</u>
TOTAL.....	\$2,147

Expenses

Vet/medical costs*.....	\$3,262
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$1,007</u>
TOTAL.....	\$4,269

(*Veterinary balance currently \$4,000)

care for CFN ferrets. A foster parent takes one or more ferrets into their home and cares for them as they would their own pets. The CFN is responsible for the ferret's medical costs and will provide a cage as well as other accessories. Some foster ferrets are short-term residents who may need a little extra time to recover from surgery or who are waiting to receive their vaccinations before they are placed into a permanent home. Other foster ferrets need extra attention to help them recover from a neglectful or abusive home -- these kids need anything from extra feedings each day to lots of handling and love to get them past problem behavior. (i.e. biting)

Another way to help out is to volunteer. There are lots and lots of opportunities for those who would like to contribute their time. Whether it's helping out at public events or assisting the organization to help it run more smoothly, ALL CFN volunteers are greatly needed and very much appreciated!

Volunteer Acknowledgement

The following people have been very generous to the CFN with their time during April, May and June of 2006. *Lisa Verdon* spends hours formatting the newsletter for CFN. *Allison & Ken Grimes* spent time setting up a database of businesses for which they printed and mailed letters asking for donations for CFN. *Clyde Prince* temporarily fostered some ferrets. In addition to fostering and helping at special events, the following people regularly volunteer their time to help CFN by serving on its board of directors, storing CFN equipment and supplies, transporting supplies and ferrets, interviewing potential new foster homes for shelter ferrets, interviewing those wanting to adopt ferrets, providing veterinary services, answering emails and phone messages, dealing with CFN accounting tasks and keeping

Helping Hands

Volunteers

The backbone of the Cascade Ferret Network is our team of devoted volunteers. The CFN's high standard of ferret care is only possible because of our foster parents and volunteers.

One of the most rewarding ways to help the CFN is to provide foster



our web page updated: *Dr. Katrina Ramsell, Jennifer Fresta, Julie Tench, Lavon Grabn, Sally Filler, Rebecca Bogorad, Leonard Bottleman and Elayne Barclay.*

Donations

The Cascade Ferret Network is a 501(C)(3) non-profit corporation, so your donations may be tax deductible. Donations towards the veterinary bill can be made directly to Southwest Animal Hospital. Call them at (503) 643-2137. Their address is: 6139 SW Murray Blvd, Beaverton, OR 97008.

Donation Acknowledgement

CFN is grateful to the individuals who donated supplies during April, May and June of 2006.

Julie Andreca saw that CFN needed a digital camera from reading the previous issue of the Cascade Summit. She donated an awesome brand new camera for CFN to use to get photos of the ferrets for the web page; and to have images of merchandise to sell on the web; and to document our public events. Thanks Julie! *Rebecca Bogorad* has been very generous with her time and donations of cash as well as supplies. She donated several gallons of laundry detergent that was much appreciated by some of the foster homes housing the oldest shelter ferrets that aren't so good about their litter pan habits any longer. *Sally Filler* donated supplies for the Ferret Awareness Day and *Allison & Ken Grimes* donated paper, envelopes, and postage for mailing our donation solicitation letters for the event.

The only item appreciated as much as the donation of time or supplies is the donation of money! Three individuals made very generous donations to CFN earlier this year, but were not acknowledged in the last issue of the newsletter: *Katie Hanson, Tricia Diaz* and *Kirsten Jenkins*. CFN apologizes for

this oversight! *Floyd Carley* continues to be very generous in his support of specific ferrets that have been featured in the newsletter. *Clyde Prince* is another generous supporter of specific ferrets. Several people make regular payroll deduction donations that are matched by their employers: *Darlene Johnson, Keeli Adams* and *Elizabeth Paul*, all had matching donations in the 2nd quarter of 2006 from their employers *The Standard* and *PGE*.

The following individuals made generous donations of cash to CFN during the 2nd quarter of 2006: *Andrew & Igrid Heckt, Rebecca Bogorad, Mark & Theresa Walker* and *Julie Andreca*.

HELP CFN AND SAVE A TREE

The *Cascade Summit* newsletter is being offered in an electronic format (Adobe Acrobat) with color photos. If you are willing to give up getting a hard copy sent to you, please let us know and give us your email address. We will notify you via email when the next issue of the newsletter is available online. The CFN will keep all email addresses private and never provide the list to any other organization for any reason.

Jeanne Carley's Ferret Calendar 2007 On Sale Now!



There are several ferret calendars available these days, but the best and original one is done by Jeanne Carley, a devoted ferret advocate. Because of the confusion with the different calendars produced by different people, she has named her calendar "Jeanne Carley's Ferret Calendar". Besides being the first and best ferret calendar, Jeanne's calendar also provides a way for shelters to make money to help ferrets because she allows shelters to buy the calendars at a discount for resale. Jeanne Carley's Ferret Calendar 2007 is now available through CFN (we still have 2005 and 2006 calendars left too, available for \$7). The theme of the 2007 calendar is "Ferret Fun!" There is a stoked surfer dude ferret on the cover, three sable kits having a screamingly fun time on a carnival ride, a series of shots of an albino baby "hatching" from an Easter egg, a parachuting princess, and a couple of ferret fans cheering on their favorite team, the Badgers. This calendar includes an extra goodie, a 12"x 24" centerfold poster of 3 adorable sable kits popping the top off their eggs.

The calendars can be purchased for \$14.95 (plus shipping). For multiple calendars per order: the first two are \$14.95 and each additional calendar is \$12.95. Payment can be made to the CFN via PayPal or you can mail a check to the CFN. For PayPal and mail orders you must determine the shipping cost; please contact the CFN and provide your zip code, the number of calendars you would like to order, and we will give you the shipping cost. E-mail the Cascade Ferret Network at ferret@cascadeferret.org or reach us by phone at: (503) 231-0887. You may also purchase the 2007 calendar at Southwest Animal Hospital (6139 SW Murray Blvd., Beaverton) for no additional charge for shipping. All proceeds will go to shelter ferrets.



Event Report

5th Annual Ferret Awareness Day
July 9th, 2006: "Yo Ho, Yo Ho,
A Ferret's Life for Me!"



Break out the grog (or Ferretone), CFN's pirate themed event held at the Oregon Humane Society was a fruitful feat of ferrety fun! CFN raised \$1,250 worth of doubloons to replenish its veterinary care treasure chest and the occasion drew more than 100 buccaneers looking for ferret booty and fun. The shelter ferret playpen was the most popular attraction and seven ferrets went to new homes because of the event. Huzzah! The pirate-themed photo set up was awesome thanks to the imagination of Kitty Mackey. There was a pirate ship for the ferrets to captain, and a Captain Jack Sparrow outfit for them to wear along with a matching outfit for the owner. Photo props included a bottle of raisin rum and a treasure chest full of raisins.



Vincent Tannahill provided another super photo prop, he attended the event in his personal ferret suit, and a very handsome sable hob he made! There were some fun pirate outfits worn by volunteers to add to the atmosphere. Many of those who attended the event left with booty they won at the raffles or silent auction.



The statue of Captain Jack Ferret, made especially for the event by Kitty Mackey, went to live near the coast at a volunteer's beach house. Kitty Mackey also designed a great logo for the occasion: "Dead Socks Tell No Tales".



This logo is still available on buttons (\$2.50) or stickers (\$.50). Contact CFN if you are interested in purchasing these items.



Several raffle prizes have not been claimed. If you won a raffle prize for a bag of Totally Ferret Baby Ferret formula, please contact CFN, the food has arrived and you can claim your booty. Please claim your raffle prize before the end of September, after that the food will be used for shelter ferrets.

We also have some great raffle prizes that were donated back to CFN by the people who won them. The prizes are all certificates for free exams at various veterinarians (more info on page 4). We want to get these into the hands of people that can make use of them while still making some money for CFN. If you would like to make a donation of \$25 to CFN in exchange for one of these certificates, please contact us by phone at: 503-231-0887 or email: ferret@cascadeferret.org.



Huzzah to the buccaneers listed below who contributed to the success of Ferret Awareness Day by volunteering their time on the day of the event!

A big thanks to: *Julia Steig, Elayne Barclay, Lavon Grabn, Jennifer Fresta, Julie Tench, Dr. Katrina Ramsell, Dr. Sarah Willcox, Virginia Coombs, Cherrie Williams, Heather Daniels, Sally Filler, Amy Daniewicz, Carla Almaraz, Kitty Mackey, Heather Christy, Adrienne Claassen, Tina Lurch, Vincent Tannahill and Nancy White.*



National Ferret Protection

**USDA Ferret Regulation Update
From the American Ferret
Association web page
(www.ferret.org)**

"In mid-2005 APHIS/USDA put out a request for public input regarding the amendment of the Animal Welfare Act to include ferret-specific regulations to govern the handling, care, treatment, and transportation of domestic ferrets. Thousands of ferret owners, veterinarians, ferret shelters, and breeders across the United States responded to this request in support of such regulations.

In spite of the overwhelming response in support of such regulations, the USDA is proposing in lieu of adopting ferret-specific regulations that they simply lump domestic ferrets into the same regulations that govern all warm blooded mammals, including, guinea pigs, elephants, and tigers, and tacking on an 8-week limit for shipping of said mammals.

There is no way to determine if a ferret kit has reached 8 weeks of age without dental eruption requirements. The above proposal from the USDA will not provide for this nor will it provide adequate protection to the domestic ferret as specifically outlined in AFA's September 2005 formal response. In essence, we will continue to see ferret kits in pets stores who have been shipped far earlier than they should, unable to eat the hard kibble provided them, and suffering from the lack of special care they so require with regard to handling, care, treatment, and transportation."

The USDA is meeting in mid-August to decide on the proposal.

Special Offers

Help CFN and help yourself!



CFN has three special offers on a first come first serve basis. For more information or to take advantage of these offers, please contact us by phone at: 503-231-0887 or by email: ferret@cascadferret.org.



1. The Ferret Store donated four **\$25 gift cards** to CFN to use at our FAD, but they did not arrive until after the event. We are offering each \$25 card to the first CFN supporters that contact us for a donation of \$20.



2. Certificates for free exams at the following veterinary clinics for a donation of \$25:

- ***Dr. Sarah Willcox, Bob Groves Lake Oswego Veterinary Clinic** on 3rd St. (first time exam and nail trim). Value \$41
- ***Dr. Ross Weinstein, North Portland Veterinary Hospital** on Lombard (ferret exam). Value \$43
- ***Dr. Dillon or Dr. Barnes, North Portland Veterinary Hospital** on Lombard (dog or cat exam). Value \$43
- ***Pet Samaritan, East Burnside, Portland** (free exam). Value ranges between \$41.30 - \$53.25



3. Special offer on a new food produced by **Totally Ferret for baby ferrets** (for more info go to <http://www.ferretstore.com/tf-01603.html>), these 3.5lb bags of food retail for approx. \$19, CFN will be selling them for \$15.



CFN Foster Parents

Thanks to the following individuals that provided foster care from April through June:

- Kelli Carlson:** Irish, Smokey, Claudia, Pixel, Chihiro
- Karen Kloeck:** Truffle & Candy
- Debi Currier:** Tempest & Calaban, Oscar & Calvin, Dookie & Yuki, Maggie May & Yogi
- Jennifer Fresta:** Mr. Green Jeans, Cappuccino & Latte, Evey
- Katie Hanson:** Barnaby & Bart
- Carla Almaraz:** Tattletail
- Lavon Grahn:** Padme & Anakin, Possum, Zima, Sophie, Big Bear, Hobo, Chaya & Anya, April, Banjo & Otter
- Darlene Johnson & Mike Darnell:** Sally & Neil
- Rebecca Bogorad:** Violet & Daffodil
- Chris & Amy Christian:** Zest
- Marilou Chamberlain:** Penny, Sheba & Amber
- Elayne Barclay:** Willow, Hillary, Annie, Aragorn, Legolas, Gimli, Boomer & Mindy, MacGyver
- Katrina Ramsell:** Menehuni & Malia, Rico
- Krista Beaty:** Lance & Lily
- Melanie Madrid:** Zute



Quality of Life

Enrichment: Making Complexity Simple by Bob Church*

The best way to describe what is meant by "complexity" is to go to the woods, sit on the ground, and record as many different smells, sounds, situations and things as possible. If you do the job correctly, as a ferret would, it could take days. An area the size of a front room in a typical wooded forest is incredibly complex, with quite literally thousands of potential investigations, foods, smells, sights, tastes, textures, sounds, physical challenges, problems to solve, and other things, ALL positive mental and physical enrichments. Contrast that with the typical cage containing a litter box, water bottle, food dish, hammock, and a couple of toys. The typical cage environment is the opposite of a complex one; it is sterile to the ferret caged within. The reason ferrets find typical caging conditions spartan is because they are domesticated polecats, and polecats are the end product of millions of years of evolution, having survived the complexity of the wooded forests and grasslands of Europe and Asia. They not only have the tools to survive in such an environment, but the mental abilities as well, including high intelligence, superb memory, and advanced problem-solving skills. Because of these abilities, MOST cages are the ferret equivalent of solitary confinement for humans, with little to investigate and even less to experience. If you really stop and think about it, housing ferrets in environmentally barren cages is a form of cruelty--in this case, mental cruelty. Even in the presence of toys and other ferrets, most cages are such bleak environments that ferrets sleep their lives away, stress out, or spend much of their waking moments in a struggle to find a way

out of the cage. The solution is to add complexity to both the cage environment as well as to the play experience. A complex cage environment is not necessarily one filled with a transplanted forest. While forests--by their very nature--are complex environments, such complexity can be approximated in an artificial environment by following a few simple rules. First, assume the largest possible cage is WAY too small. Depending on the richness of the local ecology, polecats can have a territory the size of a city block, which means they must be quite active to monitor the boundaries and chase off interlopers, find enough food to survive, locate shelter from weather and predators, and make babies. There is no cage in the world, not even a free-roam house, that can approximate such an environment. This is why I argued earlier that it wasn't the size of the cage--rabbit hutch or free roam home--that was important, but the CONDITIONS of captivity. You simply cannot design a cage (or home) large enough to accommodate a ferret's physical and emotional needs for space. Accept it and move on. Second, complexity BY ITSELF is just as limiting as novelty by itself. Remember the toy that was energetically investigated, then either hauled away to anguish in a dusty hidey-hole, or just ignored altogether? Once novelty wears off, if the toy has no other redeeming value it will be abandoned. Complexity is the same way; there has to be some sort of "newness" to the environment to insure ferrets will be prodded to continue exploring it. This can be done by frequently hiding "browse" in different locations; that is, hiding treats within the "complex landscape" for ferrets to, well, ferret out. I clean the room, rearrange or replace the playground furniture, change the bedding, spread a liberal amount of sweet hay and straw on the floor (increases odor, sound and

textural complexity, AND sops up messes!), and add "browse" treats liberally around the room. You should see the ferrets when I let them back it! Third, complexity isn't exactly associated with clutter, but the two are very hard to keep separate. Ferrets LIKE clutter, and clutter challenges ferrets in physical and sensory ways that a clean, open floor cannot. If you want a room to be complex, it will follow that it is also quite cluttered. If you don't like clutter, consider trading your ferrets in for pet rocks. Fourth, complexity challenges MULTIPLE systems, not one. A complex environment should challenge the ferret's problem-solving skills, memory, physical body, and senses (smell, vision, taste, hearing, touch). My ferrets die for baby chicken, so I dip a sponge in a diluted solution, then create "trails" within the room that can be tracked down to an area containing some sort of physical or mental barrier that has to be overcome to obtain the treat. Fifth, just because an old or sick ferret is old or ill, it doesn't necessarily follow they no longer have a need for complex challenges. Just modify complex enrichments for the individual ferret. For example, Tori the Tiger is blind and needs daily care. She is not capable of completing many enrichments, especially the physical ones, but each day I give her new odors to sniff, new foods, and allow her the dignity of choosing foods and bedding. The need for enrichment might be considered by some even more important for the old or ill. Last, the greatest complexity is found in situations that are not scripted. If the ferret cannot predict what will happen, then they are challenged all the more. One of the hardest things to predict is physical play with an owner. Physical play is a very effective enrichment, as I will discuss at greater length at a later time. Just being in an area with human activity can be a complex enrichment.

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YE BE THANKED!

All of us buccaneers at CFN would be remiss if we failed to thank the following businesses, organizations and just plain peoples who what helped us out with this here highly successful event! Ye be properly thanked, ye be!

- Oregon Humane Society*
- Ferret.com*
- The Ferret Store*
- Performance Foods (maker of Totally Ferret)*
- Southwest Animal Hospital: Dr. Ramsell, Dr. Burgess*
- Bob Grove's Lake Oswego Veterinary Clinic: Dr Willcox*
- Pet Samaritan Veterinary Clinic*
- North Portland Veterinary Hospital: Dr Barnes, Dr Dillon, Dr. Weinstein*
- Northwest Compounders*
- SuperPet*
- Caddis*
- Path Valley Farm*
- Ferret Depot, Hyper-fur (maker of cheweasels & foamy fries)*
- Bowtie (publisher of Ferrets Magazine)*
- Hill's pet nutrition (maker of Science Diet food)*
- Drs. Foster & Smith.*
- Erin McLaine-Bishop*
- Vincent Tannahill*
- Sally Filler*
- April Gallaty*
- Sandy Streit*
- Virginia Coombs*
- Nancy Winter*
- Kitty Mackey*



to be bathed because of odor issues, but once a ferret has been neutered, almost all odor issues are taken care of. There is no need to have a ferret de-scented to make them tolerable as house pets. A ferret that has not had its anal glands removed doesn't smell any different than one that has. Even if the anal glands have been removed, the ferret still has lots of other glands that are used for scent marking its living area. If you bath a ferret frequently it can actually stimulate those glands to be more productive to replace what has been removed from the coat by a bath. The key to the odor issue is to change the bedding a ferret sleeps in frequently, keep its ears clean, scoop the litter pan daily and wash it weekly. It is also important to have a cleanable surface covering the floors of the ferret cage and play area. Vinyl flooring works well or something made of fabric that can be easily washed. If a ferret starts to smell more strongly than it has in the past, that can be a sign the ferret has adrenal disease and a veterinarian should be consulted.

Nail clipping

Ferrets are one of the easiest animals on which to clip nails because their nails are clear and the quick can be easily observed and avoided. Ferrets are easy to distract with a treat while doing the procedure. Ferretone or other brand of oil-based skin and coat supplement is the standard distracter, but anything the ferret loves as a treat that can be poured or spread on the ferret's belly to distract it works fine. Place the ferret on your lap on its back and apply the "distraction" to its abdomen. Now you can carefully take each paw, observe the location of the quick and clip 1/8 - 1/4 inch away. If you get too close to the quick the ferret will jump. If you cut the quick it is painful and will bleed. To stop the bleeding, use styptic powder. Human nail clippers are recommended; you should avoid the guillotine style



Health Matters

Grooming Your Ferret By Elayne Barclay

Everyone looks and feels better when they have taken care of proper grooming. Luckily, with ferrets, grooming is an easily performed task for their owners. There aren't any special tools needed or fancy cuts to pay a professional groomer to provide. Like cats, ferrets do not need to be bathed for the purpose of keeping their coats looking good, they take care of that themselves. Most owners think their ferrets need



clippers used on dogs and other animals that have more rounded nails. Ferret nails grow very quickly and get caught on carpeting, towels and fabric of all sorts. The nails can also become very sharp and should be clipped at least every 2 weeks. Using the distraction method, nail clipping can be an enjoyable experience for both ferret and owner.



Ear cleaning

Ear cleansing is more difficult than nail trimming. To do a good job you must be able to scruff the ferret (grab the loose skin at the back of the neck) securely. Be sure to trim your nails so you aren't digging them into the ferret's nape. This is a very tough part of the ferret's skin, so don't be afraid to use some strength to successfully restrain them. Be sure to hold the ferret over your lap or tucked under your arm in case it gets free from your restraint. Cotton-tipped swabs with long wooden handles work best, they are sturdier with a smaller "head" than the swabs sold in stores for humans. The long handle also keeps human fingers away from ferret teeth. Use some sort of ear cleaner to loosen and dislodge the waxy build up. Do not use hydrogen peroxide or water when cleaning ears. Ferrets have lots of ridges and crevices in the ear for wax to build up in. Keep the swab parallel to the ferret's body, never perpendicular, and carefully scoop out the wax using as many swabs as needed to end up with clean ones by the time you are finished. Clean a ferret's ears as often as needed. Some rarely need it, others are completely blocked within a week of

being cleaned. If you see your ferret shaking its head or scratching specifically at its ears, it usually means there are ear mites. It is hard to know if they have ear mites for sure without looking at a swab under magnification. Many ferrets with clean ears have ear mites and many with very dirty ears have no ear mites. Excessive ear wax build up can be caused by adrenal disease or a yeast infection. If you are suspicious of any of these problems, a trip to the vet is warranted.

Many thanks to those who make a huge difference...

The Cascade Ferret Network has been helped by many people, all of whom deserve a big Thank You from the CFN and all of the ferrets who are currently in the network or have passed through. If you've made a donation, volunteered time or services, adopted a ferret, or helped out in any other way, you have made a positive difference to the quality of life for all ferrets past and present in the network.

Special thanks go to our primary service providers who give the CFN discounts or free services: *Dr. Mark Burgess* and *Dr. Katrina Ramsell* at Southwest Animal Hospital, *Dr. Ross Weinstein* at North Portland Veterinary Hospital, *Joe Pruett* at *Q7* (a networking consultant) who setup and hosts our Internet domain -- joey@q7.com, *Performance Foods, Inc.*, *The Ferret Company*, *Hyper-fur*, *Path Valley Farm*, and *The Ferret Store*.



CFN Ferret Sponsors

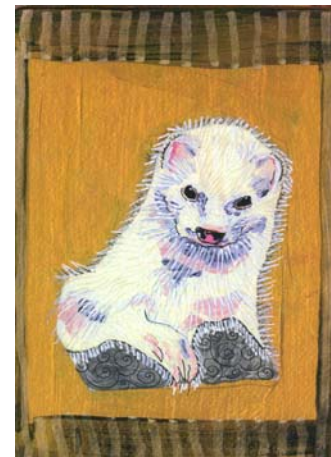
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Thanks to our SPECIAL NEEDS Sponsors:

- Anna Wellborn & Mike Eadie** (Possum & Annie)
- Clyde Prince** (Hillary & Zima)
- Peter Muhlhausler** (Maggie)
- Rebecca Bogorad** (Willow)
- Laura Satterfield** (Willow, Big Bear)
- Kathleen Pallari** (Irish)
- Fran Harris** (Tattletail)
- Dee Ann Holmes** (Hobo)
- Floyd Carley** (Hobo)
- Ann Lynde** (Zest)
- Sean Borst** (Violet)
- Mika Gentili-Lloyd** (Mr. Green Jeans)
- Julie Andreca** (April)

Thanks to our INTAKE Sponsors:

- Rebecca Bogorad** (Chaya & Anya, Malia & Menehuni)
- Leonard Bottleman** (Princess Pixel)





Ferret Stories

Each quarter we'll relate the tale of a ferret or two who overcame adversity to find a better life. We would also love to have updates on ferrets once they have found a home, so send us photos and stories!



Zute's story

Zute originally arrived at the shelter in March of 2004 as a 2 year old. She was found wondering on her own in Vancouver, Washington. Zute was as sweet as she was chubby and she was quickly adopted into a home with another ferret adopted from CFN. In April of this year, her owners contacted us when Zute's buddy had a health issue for which they could not afford to pay, and because we did not want the pair to be separated from each other, they were both surrendered to the CFN. Her cage mate was treated, but unfortunately, his cancer quickly returned after surgery and he passed away. Zute is now looking for a new home with another ferret companion. She is currently 4 years old but still very chubby with cute freckles on her nose and she loves to play with people. If you think you can make the commitment to give Zute the attention and needed veterinary care she will need for the rest of her life as well as provide her with a ferret companion, please contact the Cascade Ferret Network.



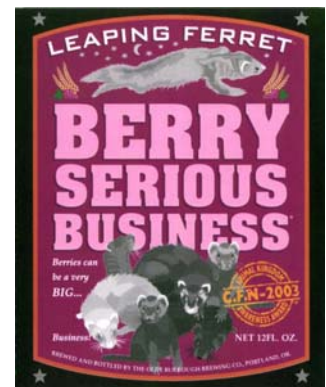
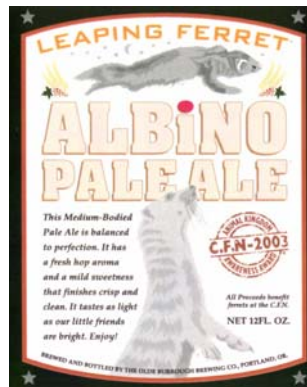
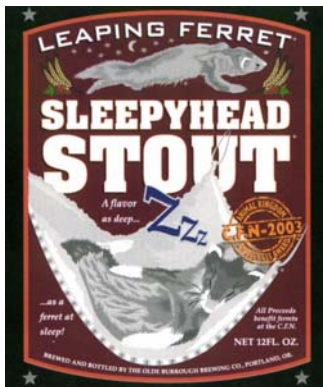
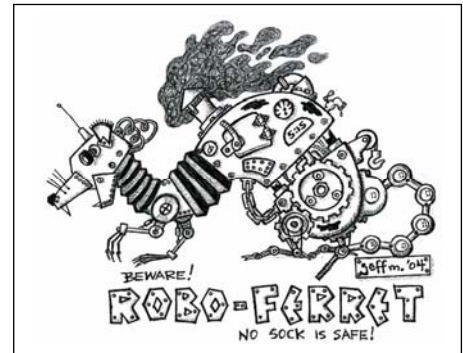
Lancelot's Story

Lancelot is in need of some "special needs" sponsors. Lance is a 5.5 year old albino and he lives with Lily who is a 4.5 year old silver. Lance and Lily were both rescued from abusive situations and have been living together now for about 4 years. Lancelot was rescued after having been kicked in the head and discarded by a previous owner, and he has been blind in his left eye ever since, but Lance's partial blindness has not slowed him down a bit! He is a sweet, gentle little guy, and he frequently begins a wrestling match with his ferret friends, only to find that the girls are too aggressive for him; but somehow he keeps going back for more. He loves to be held and enjoys giving kisses. Scratch him under his chin, and he just melts! Lance is slow and methodical while playing and exploring: he's just happy being in the company of his humans. Lance recently began losing his hair due to adrenal disease; however, he has been responding well to Lupron therapy, and has gained back some weight and as well as growing back some hair. Lily and Lance lived happily with their new owner for two years, before being left with a temporary caretaker when the owner moved to California; where it is illegal to own domestic ferrets. It has been two years now since the move and the temporary caretakers can no longer keep them, so in June of this year they were surrendered to be cared for by CFN. Lance needs help to pay for the veterinary care that he will need. Lance will need to have adrenal surgery, or will need monthly Lupron injections for the rest of his life. Sponsorships would help pay for Lance's treatment. If you sponsor Lance, in return you will receive photos of him and quarterly updates on how he is doing for the next year. If you are interested in being a "special needs" sponsor for Lancelot, send CFN a note and a check for \$60 or go to the CFN web page and follow the instructions to sponsor him online. Like all contributions to CFN, your sponsorship is tax deductible!



For the Ferret Lover in You

- *Ferret Art (many shirt designs and colors available)
 - purchase through the CFN link to the Zazzle on-line store: www.cascadeferret.org (price depends upon shirt style)
- *Erin Bishop's fantasy ferret designs T-shirts and cards
- *Leaping Ferret Beer T-shirts
- *Robo-ferret T-shirts
- *Ferret design buttons, magnets, stickers & decals: 25¢ - \$2.50
- *Custom button or magnet with your ferret's photo: \$5
- *Cards with Erin Bishop's Artwork: \$3



For your Lovable, Huggable Ferret



FUN FERRETY FINDS



- *Handmade hammocks and sleep sacks (very posh and custom orders are possible -- contact CFN): \$10 - \$30
- *Used cages (prices vary)
- *20 foot long clear flexible play tube (worth the price!): \$20
- *Totally Ferret treats: \$1
- *Cheweasels (chicken, carob, garden herb, molasses, banana, spice, raisin):
 - 3 for \$5
 - 4 for \$6
 - 6 for \$9
 - 12 for \$16.50
- *Caddis bedding small square hammock, large rectangular hammock, circle den, hang-out house (tube)- \$5 each or set (without corner sleeper) for \$15
- *Snake toy: \$1
- *Soc-R-ball: \$1

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- *Volunteers
- *Canned a/d
- *Stamps
- *I.V. pump
- *Ferretone
- *Quarantine homes
- *Monetary donations
- *Laundry detergent (scent and dye free)
- * Gift certificates to office supply stores
- *Bleach
- *Canned w/d
- *Copier paper
- *Litter
- *Foster homes
- *Boxes of facial tissue

