



# CASCADE SUMMIT

NEWS FROM CASCADE FERRET NETWORK VOL. 8 ISSUE 3 / SUMMER, 2007

## 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](http://www.cascadeferret.org)



### Ferrets

During April, May and June of 2007 the Cascade Ferret Network took in 6 ferrets and found homes for 13 ferrets, 5 of which were through referrals. Two shelter ferrets died during the second quarter of 2007. Miranda was barely alive when she was brought in just before Christmas by her owner to be euthanized. She was a skeleton with fur, her body was contorted into a knot, and she only weighed 286 grams. Dr Ramsell could not bring herself to euthanize this little girl without trying to give her the medical treatment her owner did not provide, so the owner relinquished ownership to CFN and the rehabilitation procedure began with fluids, hand feeding and antibiotics. A month later, Miranda

did not look like a skeleton any longer, and weighed over 500 grams, but despite lots of care, love and attention, Miranda's health began to decline again. If we had gotten her sooner she might have recovered but no matter how tough things got, she never gave up. The second shelter ferret to cross Rainbow Bridge, was Bartholomew, who had lived in the same foster home as his cage mate, and probably his brother, Barnaby, since 2002. He will be greatly missed by both.

Veterinary care for the spring months of 2007 included chemotherapy treatment for one ferret, diabetes treatment for one ferret, a lymph node biopsy and 10 lupron injections to alleviate symptoms of adrenal disease.

CFN traveled more than 560 miles during April, May and June of 2007, in the course of transporting ferrets and educating the public. There are currently more than 50 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 2007.

#### 2nd quarter 2007

##### Revenue

Adoption fees.....	\$145
Donations (Cash).....	\$2,083
<u>Merchandise profit</u> .....	<u>\$475</u>
TOTAL.....	\$2,703

##### Expenses

Vet/medical costs.....	\$1,901
<u>Other</u> .....	<u>\$506</u>
TOTAL.....	\$2,407

## 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 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 2007. *Lisa Verdon* spends hours formatting the newsletter for CFN. 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, stapling, folding, labeling and stamping the newsletter, and keeping our web page updated: *Kelli Carlson, Dr. Katrina Ramsell, Jennifer Fresta, Julie Tench, Lavon Grabn, Rebecca Bogorad, Brad Holt, 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 all the individuals who donated equipment or supplies during April, May and June of 2007.

*Petsmart* donated a maze of plastic tubing and connections with balls and crinkly tubes that had been used in a chinchilla enclosure. *Moreland Veterinary Clinic* donated three boxes of distemper vaccines, *Marie Lockwood* donated a bunch of stamps. *Brent Fogeron and Jennifer Turay* donated ferret cages and supplies. *Stacy Varner* donated a truck load of ferret paraphernalia collected over years of having very spoiled pets. Every toy and type of bedding imaginable and some unimaginable twice over along with cages, tubes, litter-pans, water bottles, food bowls, leashes, harnesses, nest boxes, etc. was donated. Lots of this stuff found new homes at Ferret Awareness Day along with earning money for CFN.

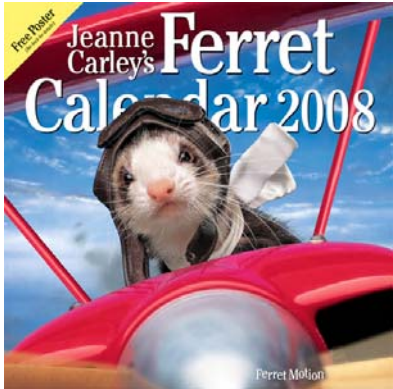
The only item appreciated as much as the donation of time or supplies is the donation of money! CFN is grateful to the following people for donating money to CFN during the second quarter of 2007: *Outback Septic Services* and *Southern Oregon Sunroom Skylights* (*Joel Perkins and Laura Norton* of Grants Pass), *Kat Schroeder, Jennifer Turay, Lena Bartel, Dee Holmes, Sally Filler, Lisa & Steve McLennan, and Northwest Compounders.* *April Hampshire* of *Furretti, Colorado*, had a fund raiser for CFN in April that raised \$80. An anonymous employee at *Yahoo!* donated \$100 to CFN and *Leonard Bottleman* donated \$300 with matching funds from his employer, *Oracle.*

**THANK YOU**  
**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, Dr. Katrina Ramsell and Dr. Melinda Surrency* 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](mailto:joey@q7.com), *Performance Foods, Inc., The Ferret Company and Hyper-fur.*

**Jeanne Carley's Ferret Calendar 2008**



**"Ferret Motion"**

One again, the Cascade Ferret Network will be selling Jeanne Carley's calendar to raise money for the organization. This is what Jeanne says about her latest calendar: "I think it is my best calendar ever! I'm very proud of my 2008 edition, *Ferret Motion*. It was quite a bit of work, and very costly to produce with more expensive props and backgrounds than other calendars, but I think the results are worth it! I hope you agree." Some of the types of ferret motion featured in the 2008 calendar include a ferret rickshaw, a ferret bungee jumping, ferrets driving, flying, boating, sledding and disco dancing. The calendar can be purchased from CFN in person by arrangement (call or email), through Southwest Animal Hospital, or via paypal through our web page. The calendar sells for \$14.95. If you buy more than two calendars the additional ones are only \$12.95.



## Event Reports

### 6th Annual Ferret Awareness Day "Ferret out a Friend" Oregon Humane Society July 22<sup>nd</sup>



CFN's annual fund raiser, Ferret Awareness Day, was a magical day of fun and adventure. The theme was "Arabian Adventure" and thanks to the music, decorations and costumes provided by *Teresa Kaminski* and *Mary Jo Andersen*; an exotic, enchanting atmosphere was created. Over 100 people and about 50 ferrets were tempted into our Arabian lair and helped CFN raise over \$1,250. Many were members of the general public, curious about ferrets after viewing the hour long special about ferrets aired on PBS earlier in the month, and were charmed by the shelter ferrets in the huge playpen set up in the middle of the room.



Two families were able to "ferret out a friend" after meeting a special shelter ferret during the event. Participants could make a wish and try their luck at winning a special prize at the "Jinni's Game of Chance".

Lots of people took advantage of getting a special photo taken of their pet with the fantastic themed photo props provided by the talented *Kitty Mackey*. There were turbans for the sultan ferrets and veils and scarves for the princesses or belly dancers.



People could also get their ferret fortune read by our mystical fortune teller using a set of special ferret tarot cards. Others tried their luck at winning one of the great raffle prizes or silent auction items available. Great bargains were had at the new and used merchandise tables where a mountain of great stuff was for sale.



Three experienced ferret vets were present to provide discounted ferret exams and *Dr. Ramsell* gave a

presentation on common ferret health issues.



Entertainment occurred throughout the day with belly dancing by three talented volunteers: *Teresa Kaminski*, *Contessa Dent* and *Monica Tweet*. One of the dancers even included a shelter ferret in her performance!



The following volunteers helped make this event possible: *Sally Filler*, *Brent Filler*, *Steve Baron*, *Jennifer Fresta*, *Heather Christy*, *Noni Becknel*, *Lavon Grabn*, *Jamie Stamberger*, *Cherrie Westover*, *Lisa McLennan*, *Teresa Kaminski*, *Leslie Dempsey*, *Amy McNamee*, *Amy Danewicz*, *Julie Tench*, *Carla Almaraz*, *Michelle Richelien*, *Sandy Streit*, *Kitty Mackey*, *Contessa Dent*, *Monica Tweet*, *Dr. Ross Weinstein*, *Dr. Melinda Surrensy*, *Dr. Katrina Ramsell and her father*, *Roger Findlay*, *Mary Jo Andersen*, *Elayne Barclay* and *Leonard Bottleman*.

(For more great photos of Ferret Awareness Day, go to the CFN website!)



# Thanks to the following businesses and individuals that donated to make Ferret Awareness Day such a success:



Oregon Humane Society  
Aloha Computer Tutor  
The Ferret Company  
Drs. Foster & Smith  
Ferrets magazine  
Absorption Corp



Ferret Depot  
Northwest Compounders  
Hill's Pet Nutrition  
Superpet  
Premier Pet Products  
D+D Commodities  
Path Valley Farms



Performance Foods (Totally Ferret)  
Southwest Animal Hospital  
North Portland Veterinary Hospital



April Gallaty  
Nancy Winter  
Kitty Mackey  
Sandy Streit  
Sally Filler  
Leslie Dempsey





**International Ferret Congress  
2007 International  
Ferret Symposium  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> - June 24<sup>th</sup>  
Portland, OR**

Over 100 ferret enthusiasts from all over North America attended this annual event. The 2 ½ days of the event were jam packed with activities starting at 8:00am and continuing into the evening. There were several really wonderful presentations worth mentioning:

**\*\*Joel Vanderbush** gave a very entertaining and interactive presentation on using ferrets in education programs. He uses ferrets in all his animal education programs ([www.animalia.usat](http://www.animalia.usat))

**\*\*Bob Church**, one of my favorite people in the world, managed to give his two presentations despite being sick enough to have to spend several extra days in our beautiful city in the hospital. He spoke about applying a natural history approach to ferret care. He talked about the natural history requirements of wild polecats and compared them to the way we care for our pets in the U.S. and the impact this has on their health and happiness.

**\*\*Travis Livieri** talked about the black-footed ferret reintroduction program. You can read about it at <http://www.prairiewildlife.org/>

**\*\*One of the best talks was from an animal trainer, Joan Orr**, speaking about clicker training with ferrets. I highly recommend you check out her web site to see the techniques and the amazing results that can be accomplished

[http://www.clickerbunny.com/article\\_clickerferret.htm](http://www.clickerbunny.com/article_clickerferret.htm)

**\*\*Dr. Mark Burgess and Dr. Katrina Ramsell** of Southwest Animal Hospital gave presentations. Dr. Ramsell does most of the vet work for the shelter ferrets and she was given an award by the IFC for her work with new ferret diseases.

**\*\*Dr. Bob Wagner** had some very exciting information on a potential vaccine to prevent adrenal disease and a new treatment he has been using with great success in place of adrenal surgery.

**\*\*Kathy Fritz**, of the Ferret Nook Shelter in Wisconsin, gave a workshop on blood glucose testing and CFN was given a brand new glucometer by the organization Support Our Shelters <http://www.supportourshelters.org>

Other activities included a lunch with table topics. CFN hosted a table on the topic of fostering ferrets, CFN was also involved in a couple of entertainment activities intended to break up the monotony of hours of presentations. Several CFN ferrets modeled wedding outfits. *Annie* was the bride complete with veil and a bouquet. Her photo was featured in the last issue of *Ferrets* magazine! She was accompanied by two bridesmaids: *Mathilde* and *Minnie Me*. CFN also provided props and a volunteer for a skit, "Ferrets Eat the Darnedest Things!" You can view a video of the skit at the following web address: <http://minky.ferretsunited.net/Ferrets%20Eat%20the%20Darndest%20Things.wmv>>

CFN had a booth at the event to sell merchandise and we were very successful. Some of the items sold out quickly, in particular items donated by *April Gallaty* and quilted wall hangings created by *Kitty Mackey* and wooden door hangers made by *Teresa Kaminski*. CFN sold more than \$500 worth of merchandise.

CFN would not have been as successful if it weren't for *Sally Filler*, who helped set up and staff CFN's booth during the entire event. She also helped by saving lunch for me when I had to run an errand. CFN also had help from *Lavon Grabn*, *Nancy Winter* and *Heather Besse* who helped with packing up.

One of the other vendors at the event was a new business called *Dooking Ferret* from Seattle, Washington. They have some hysterical ferret cartoon strips that I recommend you check out at their web site:

<http://www.dookingferret.com/>

**Shelter Benefit Dinner  
June 21<sup>st</sup>**

This dinner, to benefit local ferret shelters, was orchestrated by *Renee Downs*. Renee was the moderator for the IFC symposium and enjoys cooking. She has put on similar dinners across the country for several years now, before the annual International Ferret Symposiums. The dinner took place at the Oregon Ferret Shelter in Oregon City and about 50 people attended the event. The \$500 in donations was split between CFN and the Pacific Ferret Shelter Network. Thanks go to the following CFN volunteers that provided transportation to and from the hotel for dinner guests and who got stuck in some of the worst traffic I have ever seen on I-205 (it took almost an hour to get to Oregon City from the airport!): *Elayne Barclay*, *Sandy Streit*, *Sally Filler*, *Kelli Carlson* and *Lavon Grabn*.





### Albino Abby



#### A Raisin for Your Thoughts With Albino Abby

Dear Albino Abby,

It's hotter than a pile of sleeping ferrets in a flannel sleepy sack! How's a ferret supposed to cool off in the "dog" days of summer?

Coat Blowing Katie Ferret –

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--Dear Coat Blower,

There's many ways for a ferret to cool off! Some of my human's favorites is freezing a 2 liter bottle and putting it in a towel in the bottom of my cage. All you gotta do is lay up against it! It's great for those short 10 hour naps!

Another great way to cool off is to have your human get a large shallow container. Throw it in the tub with just a little water trickling in and some ice cubes and Cheweasel pieces; or fill it with room temperature water and gather all the water proof toys and toss them in to be "rescued" from drowning. It's a snorkeling good time!

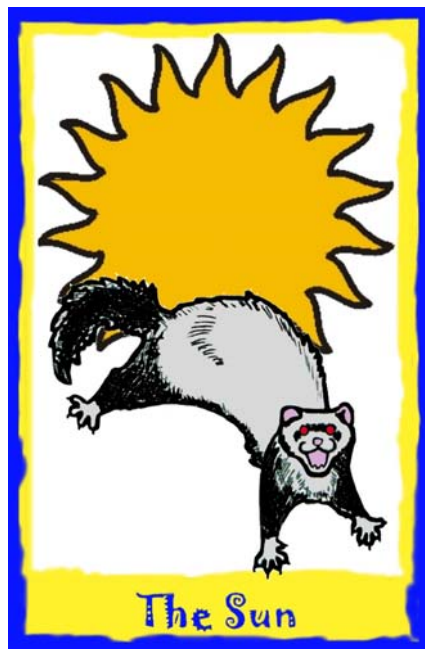
Stay cool!

- Albino Abby

Are you a ferret with problems? You don't know how to handle your human's insistence that you can't have all the Ferretone you want? Are you having trouble deciding who should sleep on the bottom of the pile? Write in and ask! I'll give you the best ferrety advice around. E-mail your questions and stories to: [albinoabby@gmail.com](mailto:albinoabby@gmail.com). Be sure to include "Ask Albino Abby" in the subject line!



### Just for Fun



#### FERRET TAROT

YOUR CARD: The Sun

The Sun represents a positive event that's coming your way. Enjoy the fun and the freedom of playing with your human and revel in the carefree happiness that is being a ferret. You will be rewarded with the experience.

View the entire Ferret Tarot set at: [http://www.falconsmeow.com/prodcat4\\_1.html](http://www.falconsmeow.com/prodcat4_1.html)

### CFN Foster Parents

Thanks to the following individuals that provided foster care from April through June 2007. In addition to providing foster care, many of the foster parents listed below also help CFN by paying for the prescription diets and medications of their foster ferrets.



- Kelli Carlson:** Cyrano & Roxanne, Lancelot & Lily, Elly Mae
- Karen Kloeck:** Truffle
- Debi Currier:** Calaban, Oscar & Calvin, Dookie & Yuki, Wasabi & Sushi, Loki & Bowen
- Jennifer Fresta:** Emerson, Rapunzel
- Katie Hanson:** Barnaby & Bartholomew
- Carla Almaraz:** Tattletail, Jules
- Lavon Grahn:** Zima, Sophie, Sweetie, Zoe, Domino & Balboa, Blackberry & Buffy
- Rebecca Bogorad:** Violet & Daffodil
- Chris & Amy Christian:** Zest
- Marilou Chamberlain:** Penny, Sheba & Amber
- Elayne Barclay:** Annie, Mathilde, Becca, Slinky, Miranda, Boomer & Mindy, Minnie Me & Mister
- Teresa Kaminski:** Boo & Elliot
- Amy Daniewicz:** Bilbo
- Marie Lockwood:** Tasha & Teddy, Xander



## Quality of Life

### Enrichment: Specific Enrichments: Memory By Bob Church\*

An important characteristic of intelligence is memory; that is, the ability to remember events and locations over a long-term period. Part of the reason ferrets have such high scores in learning-set exercises is due to the ferret's memory. This makes evolutionary sense; polecats who remember where the frogs hide or the hamsters burrow will do better in the long run than those that have to hunt for them each time they go looking for food. Most carnivores have exceptional memories, but because ferrets are mustelids, and members of the Mustelidae tend to specialize in hunting patterns, that emphasizes searching rather than stalking or chasing; and having a good memory is vital to the success of the species.

Using memory enrichments to improve a ferret's condition is easy, but it requires daily enrichment at first, followed by weekly and then monthly reinforcement. Some of the enrichments already described require the use of memory, such as placing a treat under one of a number of cups. The difference is, in the learning-set enrichments, the ferret remembers HOW to find the solution, but in memory enrichments, they remember WHERE to find a treat or obtain a goal. In other words, you WANT to make the enrichment take place at the same place, in the same way each time. You are enriching MEMORY!

1. My Cup Runs Over: using magic markers, paint a black design on a white paper cup. Place the cup

randomly within the playroom, along with a few undecorated ones. If a ferret tips the decorated one over, place them on a table and give them a treat. It will not take long for them to associate tipping the cup to being specially treated, and not placing the treat inside the cup insures the association is by memory, not scent.

2. The Outside Stinks: buy an inexpensive perfume you would NEVER otherwise wear. Walk through the ferret playroom, and perfume the air. Immediately, take the ferrets outside for a walk. Each time you are taking the ferrets outside for a walk, perfume the air with the scent. Soon, they will associate outdoor fun with the scent.

3. Remember When?: take monthly visits to someplace special, such as a room not normally open to the ferrets, or a garden while on the normal outdoor experience. They will remember objects and activities once they visit it enough.

4. Toy Story: find a fun activity, such as tunneling in a child's pool full of dirt, and snake a long tube (black sewer pipe is wonderful) to the isolated location. Randomly change activities for each individual enrichment, but keep the pipe as the entrance portal. The ferrets will never know what they are getting into, but they will remember the pipe is the way to get there.

5. For Old Acquaintances: if an owner is going to be gone for some time, place one of their old sweaty undershirts into a couple of Ziploc bags and store them in the freezer. Once a week or so, thaw it out and let the ferret experience the smell and memories of the missing owner. This is also effective for a departed ferret; just save the old bedding or toys.

\*Reprinted from the Ferret Mailing List, July 2003

## CFN Ferret Sponsors

Thanks to the following individuals that provided financial support by sponsoring a shelter ferret...

Thanks to all the *Special Needs* sponsors:

**Anna Wellborn & Mike Eadie** (Zima, Sophie & Annie)  
**Clyde Prince** (Zima)  
**Peter Muhlhausler** (Bilbo)  
**Rebecca Bogorad** (Diego)  
**Laura Satterfield** (Lance & Mister)  
**Fran Harris** (Tattletail)  
**Dee Ann Holmes** (Lance)  
**Ann Lynde** (Sweetie)  
**Julie Andrecia** (Mister, Lance & Bilbo)  
**Aron & Barbara Segal** (Lance)  
**Coreasia Lind** (Zoe & Harley)  
**Roger Findlay** (Miranda)  
**Jackie Gross** (Lance)  
**Crystal Johnston** (Daffodil)  
**Robin Micherone** (Bilbo & Lily)  
**Tika Wolff** (Cyrano)  
**Adrien Pettit** (Mathilde)  
**Beth Felix** (Diego)  
**Kat Schroeder** (Minnie Me & Mister)  
**Lisa & Steve McLennan** (Calaban)

Thank you to the following people, who were *Intake Sponsors* paying for the vaccinations and ADV testing of newly arrived shelter ferrets:

**Sally Filler** (Slinky)  
**Lisa & Steve McLennan** (Roxanne & Cyrano, Wasabi & Sushi)  
**Joel Perkins and Laura Norton** (Tasha & Teddy)



# 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!



## Jules' Story

Jules is a recent arrival that could use some "special needs" sponsors. During one of the really hot stretches in July, CFN got a call from a vet clinic in Hillsboro that had had a ferret dropped off by someone who had rescued it from a busy road. The vet said he seemed dehydrated, but that he had responded to the treatment they had given him and was doing much better. My main concern was getting the ferret picked up before they closed because it was already rush hour and Hillsboro is at least a 45 minute drive from my place. I thought of a CFN foster parent located in Hillsboro and called them to see if they might be able to pick this guy up. I really wasn't concerned about his condition, since the clinic had not mentioned him being in need of immediate vet care, but I'm glad the foster parent is ferret-wise and was able to assess Jules' need for immediate vet care. The following is from Jules' savior, Carla:

"After getting a call from Elayne, I picked up a 4-5 year old ferret that, to my experienced eye, had serious medical problems. He couldn't stand on his hind legs, his eyes were sunken and lifeless, he had dark feces on his rear end, and the skin on his neck indicated that he was severely dehydrated (this was during the 100+ degree weather). When I pointed this out to the vet tech, she said they had been offering him food and water, which obviously wasn't sufficient. I called CFN's wonderful vet, Dr. Ramsell, and she examined him that night. It appeared from the x-rays and was confirmed by a radiologist that his ilium (part of the pelvis) was definitely fractured and he may have also injured his back. Treatment was fairly strict cage rest and supportive care including antibiotics and medicine for potential internal bleeding.

Thankfully, Jules has been a model patient, willingly eating massive amounts of soup, which resulted in an increase in his initial weight of 795 grams (1.75 lbs.) to a healthier 1,075 g. (2.3 lbs.) within a fairly short time. He also, patiently, tolerated the twice daily injections of antibiotics and fluids, all while he gave massive kisses. He went with me to work daily for weeks to receive feedings. Slowly, he started to hoist himself on his back legs when he went to the bathroom and, eventually, he was able to move his tail to the side too. After a few weeks, Dr. Ramsell allowed Jules to walk a little on flat surfaces but I mostly carried him to smell and see various things to keep him stimulated. Over the last several weeks, he has started to be able to use his back legs and tail more than I ever thought would be possible. I have to watch Jules like a hawk to be sure he doesn't climb onto anything and fall. He is scheduled for a follow-up x-ray later this month to check on his lengthy healing process."

Sponsorships would help pay for Jules' medical bills. If you become a "special needs" sponsor for Jules, in return you will receive photos and quarterly updates on how he is doing for a year. If you are interested in becoming one of Jules' "special needs" sponsors, send CFN a note and a check for \$60 or go to the CFN web page ([www.cascadeferret.org](http://www.cascadeferret.org)) and follow the instructions to sponsor him online. Like all contributions to CFN, your sponsorship is tax deductible!



~Blackberry~



~Buffy~

## Blackberry and Buffy's Story

Blackberry and Buffy are looking for a new home. They arrived in July because their elderly owner could not afford to pay for their vet care. Blackberry is a 4 year old sable and Buffy is a champagne 2 year old. Blackberry has a small growth on her chest that needs to be removed, but otherwise seems healthy. She was rescued from a neighbor who was neglecting her. Her rescuer wanted to give her a companion, so Buffy was purchased from Petco a couple of years ago.

They have lived around cats and dogs, but Buffy is a bit aggressive with cats. Buffy is also a very accomplished climber. She uses leverage and wits, and gets just about anywhere she wants to go. She is warming up nicely to humans; previously they were acknowledged,

but not especially interesting to her. Now she recognizes people as 'friends' and seeks them out instead of running from them; her play level is way up from when she arrived. Blackberry has been an exceptionally sweet girl, but is still reserved even though she enjoys the company of humans; she and Buffy have made new friends and are amiable to the other ferrets in their foster home. Blackberry and Buffy are both from Marshall Farms. If you think you can provide these girls with a permanent loving home, please contact CFN at (503) 231-0887 or email us at [ferret@cascadeferret.org](mailto:ferret@cascadeferret.org).





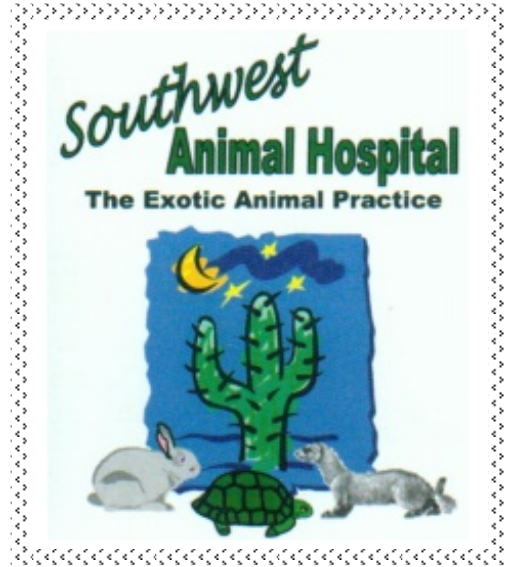
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## Merchandise for sale...



\*Socks with our Jolly Roger "Dead Socks Tell No Tales!" design on both sides. The socks are a natural color in crew style and come in small (6-8) and medium (9-11) sizes. The design is woven into the sock and the socks are made from the highest quality cottons and ultra spun acrylics (sensura yarn and spandex) which makes for a very, very soft and very high quality sock. Socks are \$7 each.

\*We also have: **20' clear flexible tubes** (as seen in the PBS program "Ferrets: In Pursuit of Excellence") for \$20

\*Chewasels (chicken, banana, molasses, carob, and raisin)  
package of 3 (\$5.95)      12 pack (\$19.50)  
sampler 4 pack (\$7.50)      sampler 6 pack (\$10.98)

\*Foamy fries (original, raisin, chicken, and beef)  
package of 6 (\$5.50)      jumbo 24 pack (\$19.95)

\*Ferret Art (many shirt designs and colors available)  
-- purchase through the CFN link to the Zazzle on-line store:  
[www.cascadeferret.org](http://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



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## WANTED: CFN Secretary

### Duties:

- \*Attend BOD meetings (2-3 hours, every other month) and take notes on what is discussed and decided.
- \*Type up notes for a permanent record of the meeting.
- \*Print and keep copies of meeting minutes.
- \*Read email from other board members every 24 hours and respond within 24 hours.
- \*If you can help, PLEASE contact CFN at 503-231-0887 or email us at [ferret@cascadeferret.org](mailto:ferret@cascadeferret.org)  
(THANK YOU!)

### □ CFN WISH LIST □

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

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