



CASCADE SUMMIT

NEWS FROM CASCADE FERRET NETWORK VOL. 7 ISSUE 4 / FALL, 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 July, August and September of 2006, CFN took in 10 ferrets, and found new homes for 15 ferrets. It was a sad few months for CFN foster homes with five shelter ferrets crossing the rainbow bridge during the 3rd quarter. Big Bear arrived with a lot of health issues, but thanks to his devoted foster parent, he enjoyed an entire year of special treatment (a much better and longer life than he would have had living in an aquarium in a high school classroom). Mr. Green Jeans arrived early in 2004 in terrible condition with a horrible, foul-smelling growth on his hind leg. His entire leg had to be removed, but that didn't hinder his love for life and his enjoyment of playmates at his foster home, where he lived until his recent death from adrenal disease.

April and Chihiro were heart breakers. April was featured in a previous newsletter. She barely survived the adrenal surgery she needed and seemed to be healthy once again, but suddenly took a turn for the worse with a severe bacterial infection and did not survive. Chihiro arrived in terrible shape and improved immediately, but then took a set back and never totally recovered again. Sadly, after her death, we discovered that she had lymphoma, which was probably why she was in such bad shape when we found her and why she responded initially but could not sustain it. She touched the hearts of her two foster parents, who she lived with during her short time with CFN. Candy, who arrived in 2001, reached a ripe age and recently died in her sleep while in a foster home with Truffle. Truffle is getting extra attention from her foster parents.

Veterinary care during the summer months of 2006 included: a surgery to remove a left adrenal gland, a surgery to remove hairballs and insulinoma tumors, a procedure to treat an abscess, placement of a catheter, treatment for spontaneous diabetes, and eleven Lupron injections to alleviate symptoms of adrenal disease.

CFN traveled more than 400 miles during the 3rd quarter of 2006 in the course of transporting ferrets and educating the public. There are currently 42 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 third quarter of 2006.

3rd quarter 2006

Revenue

Adoption fees.....	\$930
Donations (Cash).....	\$800
Merchandise profit.....	\$207
<u>Ferret Awareness Day (gross)</u>	<u>\$1,221</u>
TOTAL.....	\$3,158

Expenses

Vet/medical costs*.....	\$5,303
<u>Other</u>	<u>\$548</u>
TOTAL.....	\$5,851

(*Veterinary balance currently \$1,525)

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 July, August and September of 2006. *Lisa Verdon* spends hours formatting the newsletter for CFN. *Sandy Streit, Malia Norris and Brandon Barnett* have taken care of CFN foster ferrets while their foster parents have been out of town.

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 Grahn, Katie & Heather Daniels, Rebecca Bogorad, Leonard Bottleman, Elayne Barclay and April Gallaty.

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 July, August and September of 2006.

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. (Older ferrets don't always have the best litter-pan habits.) *Whitney & Ryan Davidson* donated a new very nice pet carrier.

The only item appreciated as much as the donation of time or supplies is the donation of money! 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 3rd quarter of 2006 from their employers *The Standard and PGE*.

Ferret Champions

To be a champion can mean more than one thing. A champion can be an advocate or defender, or someone that does battle for another's honor. A champion can also be someone that shows marked superiority. In this column I am going to focus on a person that is a ferret champion in all of these respects. The champion in this issue of the Cascade Summit is *Rebecca Bogorad*.



Rebecca with her first foster ferret, Natasha.

Rebecca is different from past Ferret Champions since she has never even owned a ferret! Rebecca started volunteering at the shelter about six years ago and was definitely one of the most reliable volunteers CFN has ever had. I always wondered why she was such a devoted volunteer. Most people that volunteer already have ferrets, or they intend to get ferrets. She said

she wanted to learn more about ferrets, but after months and months of seemingly enjoyable volunteer work with the shelter, it didn't seem like she was any closer to deciding to get one of her own. When I asked Rebecca why she started volunteering for CFN, the truth finally came out, "I originally volunteered at the shelter because I was researching ferret behavior for a character in a story I was writing. Then I got hooked. They weaseled their way into my heart."

When she started helping CFN Rebecca was between jobs, but eventually she got a new full time position as a data manager for health research. I wasn't as happy about her news as she was since it meant losing a very good volunteer. I was thrilled when Rebecca suggested she continue helping the shelter by being a foster home. I don't remember how it ended up that she fostered Natasha, but I think it was a match made in heaven and Natasha lived a very spoiled life with Rebecca, her husband and two teen-aged daughters, until Natasha's death last year. Natasha's grave is in a special place in Rebecca's back yard. Now Rebecca is the foster parent for the "flower girls", Daffodil and Violet.

In addition to being a foster parent, Rebecca pays for much of the special prescription foods her foster ferrets have needed. She has sponsored many ferrets over the years, donated lots of supplies, and provides a very appreciated service of transporting ferrets and supplies between CFN's vet on the west side of town and CFN foster homes on the east side of town. She is also a computer whiz and helps run a yahoo group page used by CFN's board of directors to communicate with each other. She has also been very helpful when board members have computer glitches.

When asked what she enjoys most about fostering ferrets, Rebecca said, "I most enjoy the way they can invariably make me laugh."



I love being able to give them a home environment until they can get adopted into a permanent home of their own. I find it amusing that they know that a certain series of sounds means that they are going to get their favorite treat -- soup. They will come running into the kitchen and get underfoot as I get it ready for them."

I hope CFN will be blessed with Rebecca and other Ferret Champions like her for many years to come! If you want to become a Ferret Champion, contact CFN (ferret@cascadeferret.org or 503-231-0887) about volunteering.

Quality of Life

Enrichment: Stimulating Those Sensory Cells (Modeling) by Bob Church*

A lot of ferret owners have the same problem I face: a horrid lack of free time. For me, this means I have to make whatever enrichments I have time to do, the best possible ones for my ferrets. I simply do not have time to waste giving ineffective enrichments when my ferrets NEED effectual ones. Since extremely little research has been done on the enrichment needs of captive pet ferrets, how can I determine the ferret's problem areas--the ones I should spend the most time on--if I want their enrichment program to be efficient AND effective? The answer is modeling; that is, to use the research on other animals, either those that are closely related, or those with similar life-ways to model the enrichment needs of domesticated ferrets. In terms of enrichment, while the model may not be absolutely perfect, we can be reasonably sure it is close enough for our purposes (we are not talking about rocket science, folks). There are two such species that have tremendous value for domesticated

ferrets--both having their enrichment needs researched (at least to some degree) and both having the research published so the information is readily available. These two species are the dwarf mongoose and the black-footed ferret; species where the enrichment needs have been studied for conservation or zoological display purposes.



Dwarf Mongooses (photobucket.com)

While dwarf mongooses are members of the *Viveridae* and black-footed ferrets are members of the *Mustelidae*, a close comparison of enrichment needs of both species show they are nearly identical. Because of the extremely close relationship between the black-footed ferret and the domesticated ferret, I consider their enrichment needs virtually identical; it follows that the needs of the dwarf mongoose can be used to model the needs of ferrets.



Black-footed Ferret (eparks.org)

There are some studies on polecats (IF they can be obtained, and IF you can have them translated as I have!), and a close scrutiny of those findings support the applicability of dwarf mongoose and black-footed ferret studies towards the enrichment needs of domesticated ferrets.

How exactly are these species physical, physiological and emotional needs for enrichment met? A lot of them are met by housing the animal in a caged environment that approximates the COMPLEXITY of a natural environment, either by providing an enclosure that contains natural objects (as seen in the dwarf mongoose photos), or by simulating such complexity using clearly artificial items, such as cinder blocks, artificial scents, hay, treat "browse", dryer tubing, etc. Remember the statement that complexity is closely associated with clutter? Try to find a natural forest or grasslands environment that lacks clutter; you won't, and it is unlikely you can find such a complex environment lacking clutter within a ferret's home as well. Complexity, novelty and randomness are important, but what systems in the ferret should be stimulated, and how should it be done? Based on studies done on dwarf mongooses, black-footed ferrets, polecats and my own work with domesticated ferrets, here are at least EIGHT different areas that should be at least periodically enriched: Intelligence, Memory, Problem Solving, Odor, Vision, Taste, Hearing and Touch.

*Reprinted from the Ferret Mailing List, July 2003

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 in the mail, 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.



A Story of "Fertitude"

The story that follows is inspirational. I got to know the author, Anne Phillips, many years ago after multiple phone calls she made to CFN after getting her first pair of ferrets. She was asking for help dealing with her very strong-willed sprite, who was having a hard time learning her manners.

Anne and her daughter have been strong CFN supporters ever since. They have fostered and adopted CFN ferrets over the years and have always gone above and beyond to do everything possible to give their ferrets a good quality of life. She called for advice when the situation written about below occurred. I told her I knew of many ferrets that were missing one of their hind legs or were even paralyzed in their hind quarters, and they seemed to have a very good quality of life, but the only ferret I knew about that had a non-functional front leg had not done very well. Anne had a very hard decision to make but her ferret's "fertitude" helped her make the right choice...

Mischief Overcomes Her Disability

By Anne Phillips



Mist

Mischief and her brother Pogo were secondhand ferrets. They had been returned to the pet store because "things just didn't work out." They were about six months old when the

pair came to live with Teresa (my daughter) and myself. Mist (alias Mischief, Misty and other names we can't mention) was a very tiny girl and has never weighed more than 1 ½ lbs. It quickly became obvious that both ferrets had been abused. Pogo would bite too hard and Mist drew blood from me every day for over a year. However, Teresa could do no wrong as far as Mist was concerned.

We taught Pogo not to bite so hard in a very short period of time. Mist took about 2 years before she stopped drawing blood from me and I still couldn't trust her too far. The first time we saw Mist actually play was approximately two years after she came to live with us.

Is all this background information important? I believe it is. A strong willed ferret can accomplish and overcome many obstacles. So, if you have a strong willed (difficult) child, it could possibly be a wonderful thing.

Mist was approximately eight years old. I had to leave for a week to attend a training class out of town. Just before I left, I noticed that maybe, ever so slightly that Mist was favoring a front leg. Teresa was coming over twice a day to take care of the kids. She told me that Mist was very swollen in her front knee joint and that it was getting hard for her to get around. I had no idea until I got home just how swollen her leg was. I envisioned cancer right off.

Off to the vet we went the next day. Dr. Burgess took an x-ray. He thought it might be a fast growing cancer that was rarely seen in ferrets; most often in dogs. She needed surgery and as soon as possible, not only for her pain, but because of the possibility of a very fast growing cancer.

Dr. Burgess operated on her that week. The only thing he felt sure of and I certainly believed too, that if this was cancer and grew in only one week from almost nothing to a huge growth we needed to do it now. The

only choice was to take the entire front leg or leave a small stub. Dr. Burgess felt that if it did turn out to be cancer, the entire leg should be removed for safety. Also, Dr. Burgess felt that if we did leave a small stub she would have more discomfort from it touching the ground when ever she tried to walk.

The surgery went well. After Dr. Burgess saw the growth, he was not sure that it was cancer. Pathology turned up no signs of cancer. It was believed that she had injured her joint and it had started to build up a calcification. What a relief it was when we found out there was no cancer.

The next question was would she be able to get around. She did have two younger but much larger boys to control at home. After her second day home she was hopping around on her three legs. She tired easily but this had been a major surgery and she wasn't young. Every day she did better and better getting around the house. She did great on carpet; it was the slick floors that were a challenge.

At her return visit to Dr. Burgess she was doing great. Everyone in the office wanted to see how well she got around. They were so surprised; she could even get up some speed.

It has been over a year since Mist went through her amputation. She still gets around and amazes us. She even sits up to beg. Last week she decided to chase one of the boys. I thought he was picking on her, but every time I picked her up and set her down away from the boys, she would run over and tackle him. After the second time of "saving" her, I realized she was the one starting it. So I let her do her thing. I have even seen her hop straight up in the air swing her head side to side and snapping at her invisible opponent. You know, the "war dance".

Mist is amazing. I can't help but believe she did so well because she has been, still is and always will be "determined". I also can't thank Southwest Animal Hospital enough



for getting her to surgery so fast and providing the best possible care. But even more, Dr. Burgess believed she could overcome her disability and live a happy and mobile life. She proved him right.



So, don't discount what your little friend can overcome. Just make sure that you are doing what is best for your baby with the help and advice from your vet.

Coming Soon!



**A Raisin for Your Thoughts
With 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. Be sure to include "Ask Albino Abby" in the subject line!

**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. 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) or at North Portland Veterinary Hospital (3000 North Lombard, Portland) for no additional charge for shipping. All proceeds will go to shelter ferrets.

~ CFN WISH LIST ~

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



To Those Who Have Gone Before

Hundreds of ferrets have passed through CFN since it was formed in 1998. Some have stayed for years, while others have stayed only a few weeks. Sometimes we get periodic updates from those who have adopted a ferret through CFN or have visited CFN events and were able to inform us about a ferret in his or her new life. More often we hear very little after the adoption and sometimes people appear to have dropped off the face of the earth; phone no longer in service, newsletter stamped "return to sender, no forwarding address". Sometimes out of the blue, CFN will get an email from someone that adopted a ferret telling us the sad news about the ferret's passing. While it is sad to hear that they have crossed the rainbow bridge, it is good to know they were loved and cherished by the people we entrusted them to and that these adoptive families honored their commitment to give that ferret a good home. CFN has gotten quite a few of those messages recently and it made us nostalgic to review all those who have passed through our care and have now passed on, so we went through the CFN web page which chronicles all the ferrets we have tried to help and listed the names of those that we are aware of that are no longer with us. We know there are many more that have gone who are not listed below, but rest assured, their memory will always be in the heart of the Cascade Ferret Network...





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!



In this photo of Bilbo you can still see the area that was shaved to treat the abscess in his anal gland area.

Bilbo's Story

Bilbo is in need of some "special needs" sponsors. Bilbo was found in Longview, cowering underneath a car in a parking lot. He looked pretty pathetic with an infestation of fleas, balding shoulders, and an abscess near one of his anal glands. He was also loaded with ear mites. He was named after Bilbo Baggins because he looked like he had certainly been on some sort of adventure and was a bit worse for the wear. Bilbo has put on quite a bit of weight and feels so much better now that he doesn't have vermin crawling all over his body sucking his blood and living in his ears. His abscess was drained and he was on antibiotics, which cleared things up beautifully. Now we need to address his adrenal disease issues. He was given an injection of Lupron to give him an opportunity to get over his infection and get used to his new environment. Bilbo is scheduled for adrenal surgery. Sponsorships would help pay for Bilbo's surgery. If you become a "special needs" sponsor for Bilbo, in return you will receive photos and quarterly updates on how he is doing for a year. If you are interested in being one of Bilbo's "special needs" sponsors, send the CFN a note and a check for \$60 or go to the CFN web page and follow the instructions to sponsor him on line. Sponsorship as a gift to a friend or family member is always a great idea! Like all contributions to the CFN, your sponsorship is tax deductible!

Evey's Story

Evey was turned over to the Cascade Ferret Network as a stray in May. She was named after one of the main characters in the movie "V for Vendetta". The character was a very strong-willed and heroic figure that lived through a lot of tragic events. We all thought Evey was through with her tragic events and would get adopted very quickly since she was young, pretty, sweet and friendly with other ferrets, cats and young children. Unfortunately, Evey's foster parent noticed a swollen vulva on Evey a day or so before her first appointment to be considered for adoption. She was young to have adrenal disease, but her swollen vulva could not be denied and she was scheduled for adrenal surgery. Even though it seems like having had adrenal surgery would be an advantage to being adopted (after all, CFN has already paid for one of the most expensive health problems a ferret typically gets), but in reality, most people looking to adopt won't even consider a ferret that has any sort of health problem in their history. If you are willing to give a new forever home to a wonderful ferret that has already had her left adrenal gland removed, please contact CFN to find out more about adopting Evey.





TIS THE SEASON TO GIVE THANKS...



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* 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* and *The Ferret Store*.

CFN Ferret Sponsors

Thanks to the following individuals that provided financial support for shelter ferrets

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 & Sweetie)
- Sean Borst** (Violet)
- Mika Gentili-Lloyd** (Mr. Green Jeans)
- Julie Andreca** (April & Lance)
- Aron & Barbara Segal** (Lance)
- Coreasia Lind** (Zoe)
- Jackie Gross** (Lance)
- Darlene Johnson** (Sally)
- Crystal Johnston** (Daffodil)

Thanks to our **INTAKE** Sponsors:

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

CFN Foster Parents

Thanks to the following individuals that provided foster care from July through September 2006. 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:** Irish, Claudia, Chihiro, Cyrano & Roxanne
- Karen Kloeck:** Truffle
- Debi Currier:** Tempest & Calaban, Oscar & Calvin, Dookie & Yuki, Maggie May & Yogi, Wasabi & Sushi
- Jennifer Fresta:** Mr. Green Jeans, Pedro, Godiva
- Katie Hanson:** Barnaby & Bartholomew
- Carla Almaraz:** Tattletail
- Lavon Grahm:** Possum, Zima, Sophie, Big Bear, Hobo, Chaya & Anya, April, Chihiro, QT & Sweetie
- Rebecca Bogorad:** Violet & Daffodil
- Chris & Amy Christian:** Zest
- Marilou Chamberlain:** Penny, Sheba & Amber
- Elayne Barclay:** Willow, Hillary, Annie, Aragorn, Legolas, Gimli, Boomer & Mindy, MacGyver, Slinky, Minnie Me & Mister, Maggie
- Katrina Ramsell:** Menehuni & Malia, Rico, Sally
- Krista Beaty:** Lance & Lily
- Amy Daniewicz:** Bilbo
- Sara Thompson:** Evey



Great Christmas Ideas



- *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



While Supplies Last!...

- *The Ferret Store donated four \$25 gift cards to CFN's last event, but they did not arrive until afterwards. We are offering each \$25 card to CFN supporters that contact us for a donation of \$20.
- *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 (Lombard) (dog or cat exam). Value \$43
 - 🌲 **Pet Samaritan**, East Burnside, Portland (free exam). Value ranges between \$41.30 - \$53.25



FERRETY FUN

- *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
- *Chewasels (chicken, carob, garden herb, molasses, banana, spice, and 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



Still not sure what to get for Christmas??

...Give the gift that keeps on giving!



Give a sponsored ferret (starting at \$30 for an "intake sponsor") as a Christmas Gift or make a donation in that special someone's name. For the donation they would get a nice ferret art card of acknowledgement and be put on the CFN mailing list to receive future newsletters.

Cascade Ferret Network
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UPCOMING EVENTS

6th Annual Northwest Pet & Companion Fair
April 21st and 22nd 2007
Saturday 9:30am -6pm
Sunday 9:30am-5pm
Portland Expo Center
www.petfairs.com

**Cascade Ferret Network's
6th Annual Ferret Awareness Day
Saturday June 23, 2007 (Time TBA)
Oregon Humane Society**

This is Cascade Ferret Network's main fund raiser for the year. We are thinking about an "Arabian Nights" theme, but we are still in the planning stages. We need your ideas! If you are interested in helping us plan the event, please contact CFN at (503)231-0887 or email us at: ferret@cascadeferret.org



Northwest Pet & Companion Fair ♥
Portland Exposition Center * April 21-22, 2007
Exhibits*Displays*Demonstrations*Pet Information
Entertainment - Activities - New Products - Pet Adoptions

CFN has had a booth at this event for the last 5 years. It is the largest general pet and adoption event in the northwest with 270 exhibitors and 40 non profit pet rescue groups. There are speakers, agility competition, workshops & demonstrations, a pet fashion show and a petting zoo. CFN will need volunteer humans as well as ferrets to help with this event. Volunteers get free admission to the fair. Please contact CFN, (503) 231-0887 or ferret@cascadeferret.org, if you are interested in helping staff our booth.