



CASCADE SUMMIT

NEWS FROM CASCADE FERRET NETWORK VOL. 8 ISSUE 4 / FALL, 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 leave a message for CFN at (503) 231-0887 or email us at www.cascadeferret.org



Ferrets

During July, August and September of 2007 the Cascade Ferret Network took in 12 ferrets and found homes for 5 ferrets. Two long time shelter ferrets passed away during the third quarter of 2007: Truffle and Zima.

Truffle arrived as a 3 year old in 2001 after being rescued from a neglectful home. She stayed in the same foster home until she crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

Zima arrived in 2001 and because she was deaf and diagnosed with a heart murmur, no one wanted to adopt her. She lived the next 6 years as a foster ferret. She developed cataracts and glaucoma, which meant she could not see or hear, but her poor eyesight and deafness did not hamper her enjoyment of life. Her heart murmur never caused her any

health problems and she was on daily eye drops to help with the glaucoma. Toward the end of her time with us she was diagnosed with lymphoma. Zima was a beautiful ferret, her nice long white winter coat was about as soft as it could get, and few ferrets showed such a willingness to be held for long stretches at a time like she did. She also made the most endearing soft, happy chuckle noises. She will be greatly missed.

Veterinary care for the summer months of 2007 included diabetes treatment for one ferret, a series of x-rays, and 20 lupron injections to alleviate symptoms of adrenal disease.

CFN traveled more than 570 miles during July, August and September 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 third quarter of 2007.

3rd quarter 2007

Revenue

Adoption fees.....	\$75
Boarding.....	\$145
Donations (cash).....	\$1,250
<u>Merchandise (gross).....</u>	<u>\$1,713</u>
TOTAL.....	\$3,183

Expenses

Vet/medical costs.....	\$3,872
<u>Other.....</u>	<u>\$533</u>
TOTAL.....	\$4,405

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 2007. *Brandon Barnett* and *Sandy Streit* both provided care for CFN ferrets while their foster parents were out of town. *Heather Christy* transported a ferret from California to Portland and her parents, *Tom & Christy Claassen*, and sister, *Adrienne Claassen*, rescued another



ferret they found left on the side of the road in a cage in Medford, which they transported to Portland. Several people have been extremely helpful to a CFN foster home. *Jamie Stamberger, Jeni & James Lee, and Lisa McLennan* have all provided Lavon Grahn with much appreciated assistance in caring for her many foster ferrets, taking photos of the ferrets, and helping her with computer issues. *April Gallaty* provides quarterly creative input for the newsletter and *Amy Daniewicz* maintains the CFN scrapbook. *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 Grahn, 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 July, August and September of 2007.

Jeff Mulcaster and Sandy Streit both donated cans of a/d. *Anne Phillips* donated several bags of ferret food. *Heather Johnson and Keeli Adams* donated cages and supplies, and *Shirley Reese* donated a set of back issues of *Ferrets* magazine.

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 third quarter of 2007: *Rebecca Bogorad, Julie Andreca, Elizabeth Sissung, Chris Emery, Teresa Kaminski, Marie Lockwood and Katie Hanson.* *Jeff Mulcaster* is a special and generous CFN supporter who wrote out 12 post dated checks at the beginning of the year so that CFN gets a \$100 from him every month during 2007.

Tribute to Calaban



~Calaban~

Calaban and his cagemate, Tempest, came to CFN at 8 months of age in the summer of 2003. Both were biters with no social skills, and didn't know how to be "ferrets". Calaban was afraid of any loud sounds, very jumpy at sudden moves, and froze when picked up. But in spite of a bad start, Calaban proved to be an amazing little guy. He learned to play and interact with other ferrets. He discovered he liked soup and treats. The first time he did a war dance, he stopped with a stunned look on his face as if saying, "what did I just do?"

Poor Calaban had many health issues: a bad heart, adrenal disease and insulinomas. He had to take four medications daily, plus monthly lupron injections. Eventually Calaban got hit with a nasty tummy bacteria that he could not overcome. Even with subcutaneous fluids up to three times a day and twice daily injections of an antibiotic cocktail, his body just kept getting weaker. But his spirit stayed strong. He would surprise me by standing and eating his kibble and drinking water on his own while waiting for his soup. He was determined to beat the odds. He would lay still for the fluids. Even on his last day this amazing little guy was not going to give up. His little body was shutting down and in pain, but when we went for a ride, his head came up to see where we were going. He insisted on being on my lap. We talked of the Rainbow Bridge. When we arrived at the clinic he snuggled with me. When the vet gave him the first shot and the pain went away, once again that little head came up, eyes popped open "wow no pain, what happened?" I wanted so bad to give him more time! We had our last chat; I asked him not to be mad at me and hoped that he would understand that I couldn't let him suffer and be in that much pain. Even though in his mind he wasn't ready for "home", we said our good-byes as the vet gave him the last injection.

I have never had a personal pet, or foster furbaby with such a strong will, such a strong spirit to live. He wasn't going, no way, no how. An amazing little guy he was. He went on many trips, to many places. He went for car rides and hotel stays. He met people and ran around in parks and rest areas, taking in all the new sights and smells. Calaban went on his last trip on Oct 24, 2007.

*By Debi Breitenbauch,
Calaban's one and only foster parent.*



Event Reports

Petsmart Fall Adoption Event September 16th Vancouver, WA



Photo: Lisa McLennan and Minnie Me peeking over top of playpen

CFN ferrets and volunteers were at the fall adoption event at the Vancouver Petsmart. It was a very busy day with lots of people wanting to see the ferrets and learn more about them. Thanks need to go to the wonderful humans that helped: *Lavon Grahn, Lisa McLellan and Jamie Stamberger* as well as the ferret ambassadors that sacrificed their afternoon nap time: *Mister & Minnie Me, Oola, Rapunzel, Emerson, Buffy & Blackberry.*

Albino Abby



A Raisin for Your Thoughts With Albino Abby

Dear Albino Abby,

My humans are deliberately driving me nuts! They've brought out a tree and shiny toys and long shiny string and lights and it's EVERYWHERE! However, they won't let me near it and when I do get near it, I get squirted with a water bottle, and I'm told "NO" or if I do get a nibble in, the things I get my mouth on are covered in bitter apple! BLEH! What's going on and why can't I play with all this great stuff!?

Sadly, No Baubles for Me –

--Dear No Baubles,

Your humans are just trying to protect you while celebrating a holiday. It seems that around this time every year, they bring out fragrant trees and shiny "ornaments" and "garland" and "icicles" to decorate for their parties. However, the plants and trees can be poisonous to you and the ornaments can break and cut you and the garland and icicles can bind up your stomach and make it hurt. Rest assured that all their extra holiday proofing is for your safety. However, be sure to make their holiday fun by playing with the paper and bows and running off with the tape when they are wrapping presents!

- 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!

★ Just for Fun ★



FERRET TAROT

YOUR CARD: Six of Wands

The holidays are upon us wee little weasel and there is a fat man out there! He is roaming around on December 24th and he's bringing treats and toys to all the good little ferrets out there. If you see a fat man in a red suit in your house, don't nip his toes or steal his cookies and milk, for he is the bringer of many great treats, toys and sleepy sacks. By showing him what a good weasel you are, you will triumph with a loot haul like you've never seen!!!

View the entire Ferret Tarot set at: http://www.falconsmew.com/product4_1.html



Quality of Life

Enrichment: Specific Enrichments: Problem Solving By Bob Church*

All the ferret's intelligence and memory come together to create an animal quite adept at problem solving. Problem solving is just as it sounds: the ferret is challenged to figure out a solution to a particular problem. One problem for owners is that ferrets that have never had the opportunity to solve problems need a "breaking-in" period where they learn HOW to solve problems. This breaking-in period is no different in ferrets than it is with humans, which is why good teachers always ease students into academic programs rather than make them start the class running. With ferrets, especially those that have never had the opportunity to problem solve, it just takes a while to catch up to speed. Be patient and give them time.

I will give an example of setting up a problem-solving enrichment so ferrets can use their considerable brain power, but in reality, EACH application should be individually tailored to each ferret. Ferrets are unique, and one may be able to solve a problem that is beyond the abilities of another. Also, some may progress within the enrichment at a faster rate than others. Some, like Sweetpea or Carbone, might be able to work out a couple of dozen problems within a single enrichment, while others might max out at six. Finally, don't invent problems that are outside the ferret's natural abilities. Ferrets don't do well jumping distances or walking edges like cats, or fetching objects like dogs; they CAN perform such physical demands, BUT they should

be kept to a minimum. Tasks requiring smell discrimination, manipulating objects, crawling through tubes, opening boxes, etc., are more in the ferret's line of work. Most importantly, work slowly with each ferret, and NEVER worry if they catch on or not. Also, keep in mind the only way ANY ferret will perform an enrichment is if they are motivated, either for a treat or simple curiosity, so motivate them by letting them smell or see what they are working for. The object isn't to confuse or frustrate them, but to stimulate their mind. Try again, make the problem simpler, and give them a good hug.

Again, this example is just to demonstrate the use of problem-solving enrichments to stimulate a ferret; you need to work out your own enrichment to fit the needs of individual ferrets, as well as your objects at hand. In my group I have a half-dozen Einsteins of the ferret world that can work out problems entailing 20 or more steps to solve their puzzle, and they eagerly work through them when given a chance.

One last thing; only add a new problem in the sequence AFTER all other problems have been learned. Add them one at a time, but after they have been solved, you can randomly mix them up in the order they are encountered.

The Carbone Conundrum:

1. A six inch mailing tube is inserted into a secure box (cut to accept the tube). The entrance of the tube is blocked with a plastic cover that has a wooden block attached to the center to act as a pull or handle.
2. Inside the box (via the opened tube), a small wooden block has to be pushed from the center to the edge to act as a ladder.
3. Once on top of the box, a 4 inch wide wood bridge must be crossed to gain access to the next box over.

4. The egress from the next box can only be accomplished if a wooden block is pushed from the front of the exit.
5. Exiting the box to the top of a table allows access to a washed and smoothed tuna can containing a treat. If, after the treat is consumed, the can is pushed off the edge, then the magic human elevator carries Carbone to the folding table, where a second round of problems are encountered. When each problem is solved, a tiny drop of Nutrical or a few drips of baby chicken is awarded, as well as positive tactile and verbal encouragement is administered (I give them a hug and scratch while telling them what good ferrets they are).

Carbone's record is 22 problems, but Tui once did 30 before losing interest. Most of my ferrets will solve 10 to 12 problems before deciding a recess is in order. In each case, I work with ONE ferret at a time, so each ferret only gets one or two problem-solving enrichments a week. Sometimes if a ferret sees some other ferret working out the problems, they try HARD to join in, but some could care less -- they just want the treats. Do whatever you have time to do, as well as what your ferret is willing to do, but for the enrichment to work, you have to apply it regularly.

*Reprinted from the Ferret Mailing List July 2003





National Ferret News

Largest Ferret Rescue in History

If you have ever been to a ferret show and seen the huge, gorgeous ferrets competing for ribbons and trophies you can understand why someone would want to acquire a ferret directly from a breeder. If you are ever tempted to do that, please make sure to visit the breeder and see how the ferrets are cared for. Over the years there has been more than one ferret breeder that has had to have their ferrets "rescued" from horrible conditions. The most recent rescue was the largest to date. It occurred in Ohio on September 16th when some 580 ferrets living in unsatisfactory conditions were surrendered to a shelter. To find out more details about the rescue go to <http://www.ohioferretrescue.com>. This breeder had been breeding for many years, but had been of concern lately to many people that had visited the site. To see what the conditions were like, you can view a slide show on You Tube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eADmummyIkY> Note that the slide show includes photos of mink which were also being raised by the breeder.

The rescued breeder ferrets are of all ages and have not yet been vaccinated. All of these ferrets were breeders that will need to be sterilized and many are pregnant. The organizations involved in this rescue desperately need the help of the ferret community to properly care for this large influx of animals and those yet to come from jills that are pregnant and will be delivering babies this fall. Many of these ferrets have already been dispersed to other shelters throughout the US, including the Pacific Northwest, see this web page for a list of shelters that have taken in these rescues:

http://www.ohioferretrescue.com/information_links/information_links.htm#shelters

How can you help?

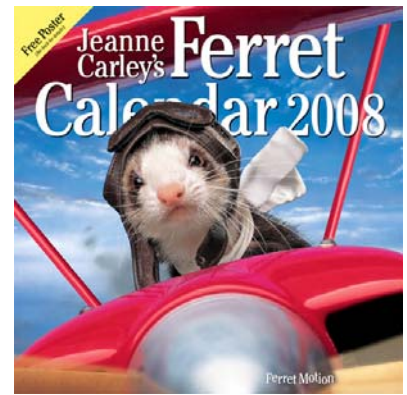
- *Contact a shelter that has taken in some Ohio rescues and see what they need most.
- *Contribute to the American Ferret Association's DMK Rescue Spay/Neuter Fund (www.ferret.org), which was specifically set up to assist qualified shelters who have contracted with Lori Sies' Ferret Dream House Rescue to rehabilitate and re-home ferrets originating from the DMK rescue situation. They hope that the ferret community will help this fund grow to a point where all of the DMK rescue ferrets will be surgically altered before the majority of them go back into breeding condition.
- *Adopt a rescue ferret, even if it isn't one of the DMK ferrets, all the shelters in the country are horribly overloaded with unwanted ferrets needing homes.

There is more fallout to this sad situation, in addition to the tremendous number of animals needing help. Some of the people and organizations (Ferrets Unlimited and Michigan Ferret Rescue & Adoption Inc.) who were trying to get changes made before the ferrets were surrendered, are now having to defend themselves against a lawsuit by the breeder. These other ferret advocates, organizations and shelters are having to raise money to pay lawyers to deal with legal issues incurred by this situation. To learn more about the pending law suit go to: <http://shetlerlawsuit.blogspot.com/2007/08/law-suit-against-shetler.html>

The following is from the director of Ferrets Unlimited: "We have now started a "starving attorney" fund here at our shelter, the funds will go to help our "starving attorney" in his gallant effort in defending those who have no voice and our shelter.

Please spread the word, you can copy and past this entire note. PayPal address for the "starving attorney" fund is shelter@ferretsunlimited.org, please put starving attorney in the subject. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you on behalf of the "starving attorney" and those he defends."

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. 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.



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!

Sterling's Story



Sterling has had a bleak history before arriving at CFN and he could use some "special needs" sponsors. CFN first heard about Sterling on July 11th when we were contacted by *Jill White* from the Haven Humane in Redding California. CFN has received multiple ferrets from this agency in the last year or so. CFN is part of a program that allows ferrets to be sent out of California, where they are illegal, to nearby states where they can find new homes. Before this program was started, ferrets were euthanized. The California Department of Fish and Game turned Sterling over to Haven Humane after confiscating him from his owner. The owner's home had been condemned and he was in jail on drug related charges. Poor Sterling

was found living in horrible conditions but he was luckier than the deceased companion he was found with before being taken to safety by the authorities. He arrived at the rescue agency underweight with thin, sticky, urine-covered fur, a weepy eye, missing the tip of his tail, and with a sore on his side. Jill gave him TLC until he could be transported out of the state on August 12th where CFN's southern Oregon foster contact, *Marie Lockwood*, met Jill and Sterling in Medford, Oregon. Jill brings these guys up to us on her own time without compensation for her driving. Marie was worried about Sterling's poor coat and since she was taking other ferrets to the vet she took Sterling along to a ferret experienced vet in Ashland. The vet felt that Sterling was suffering from an ulcer and prescribe medication to help him. She also confirmed that at one time his back right leg had been broken. He walks with a slight little limp but is not in pain. Marie also noticed that he was deaf. Marie had several other foster ferrets from Jill and one that was found as a stray near her town. She decided to adopt two of the 5 foster kids, but on August 21st she drove the rest, including Sterling, north on I-5 for a rendezvous in the Eugene area with a volunteer from the Portland area who took Sterling to his new foster home where he now enjoys the company of another older ferret, Diego, as well as the attention he gets from humans.

We think Sterling is about four years old and his new foster parent immediately noticed that his eyesight is virtually nonexistent but he is doing well with a beautiful new coat of silver fur although he is now showing some early symptoms of adrenal disease. Sponsorships would help pay for Sterling's medical bills. If you become a "special needs" sponsor for Sterling, 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 Sterling's "special needs" sponsors, send CFN a note and a check for \$60 or go to the CFN web page (www.cascadeferret.org) and follow the instructions to sponsor him online. Sponsorship as a Christmas present to a friend, family member, or overall ferret lover is always a great idea! Like all contributions to the CFN, your sponsorship is tax deductible!

Xander's Story



Xander is another Californian refugee looking for a new home in the Pacific Northwest. He is a three year old silver male with huge black eyes. He was surrendered by his owner to Haven Humane in Redding, CA in March of 2007. On April 14th he made the trip north with two other ferrets to our southern OR contact, *Marie Lockwood*, where he stayed until August 21st. In the four months he spent with Marie she found out that Xander is "the greatest sock thief of all time". She reported: "As soon as he spies a basket full of clean laundry he is in it looking for the socks. He takes all the paired socks, returning until he has them all! He then starts on the underwear. I think instead of keeping my socks and underwear in a drawer in the bedroom I should just store them under the couch!

He also likes to leap up your legs to get your attention for mock war but he is not a biter. He now rolls and tumbles with the best of them. I also think that he is a "scout" looking for things to get into and reports back to the rest of the crew." Xander is from Marshall Farms. If you think you can provide this gregarious, sock-loving, refugee with a permanent loving home with other ferret companions, please contact CFN at (503) 231-0887 or email us at ferret@cascadeferret.org.



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, Dr. Katrina Ramsell and Dr. Melinda Surrency at Southwest Animal Hospital, Dr. Ross Weinstein at North Portland Veterinary Hospital, Tom Eilers of Northwest Compounding, Joe Pruett at Q7 (a networking consultant) who setup and hosts our Internet domain -- joey@q7.com, Performance Foods, Inc., The Ferret Company and Hyper-fur.

CFN Ferret Sponsors

Thanks to the following individuals that provided financial support by sponsoring a shelter ferret during the 3rd quarter of 2007...

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 (Roxanne, Mister, Lance & Bilbo)
Aron & Barbara Segal (Lance)
Coreasia Lind (Zoe)
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)

CFN Foster Parents

Thanks to the following individuals that provided foster care from July through September 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: Elly Mae, Cyrano & Roxanne, Lancelot & Lily,
Debi Breitenbauch: Calaban, Oscar & Calvin, Dookie & Yuki, Wasabi & Sushi, Loki & Bowen
Jennifer Fresta: Xander, Marvin
Katie Hanson: Barnaby, Kit
Carla Almaraz: Tattletail, Jules
Lavon Grahn: Sophie, Domino & Balboa, Zoe, Blackberry & Buffy, Sterling
Rebeca Bogorad: Violet & Daffodil
Chris & Amy Christian: Zest
Marilou Chamberlain: Penny, Sheba & Amber
Elayne Barclay: Annie, Minnie Me & Mister, Oola, Mathilde, Emerson, Rapunzel
Cherrie Williams: Libby, Betty Boop, & Lola
Amy Daniewicz: Bilbo
Teresa Kaminski: Boo & Elliot





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



* **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.

- * **Jeanne Carley's Ferret Calendar 2008 – Ferret Motion** (see page 5)
 - \$14.95 for 1, or \$12.95 each if you purchase 2 or more
- * **20' clear flexible tubes** (as seen in the PBS program "Ferrets: In Pursuit of Excellence") for \$20
- * **Caddis bedding:** small square hammock, large rectangular hammock, circle den, hang-out house (tube)- \$5 each or set (without corner sleeper) for \$15
- * **Cheweasels:** (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)
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- * **Totally Ferret treats:** \$1
- * **Snake toy:** \$1
- * **Soc-R-ball:** \$1



FERRETY FUN



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.



*** Upcoming Event *
Santa Claws photo sessions
Petsmart, Vancouver, WA
December 1st & 2nd
11am - 4pm**

The sessions are fund raisers sponsored by Petsmart. The store supplies everything and the organization staffs the session by providing someone to be Santa, someone to take the photos and someone to be an assistant. The organization gets \$5 for each photo packet sold. This can be a very fun event to help out with. If you would like to help CFN raise some money, please contact us (503-231-0887 or ferret@cascadeferret.org) and let us know what days you can help and what "job" you are willing to do (female Santa's are acceptable!)

**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 (THANK YOU!)

**HELP CFN AND
SAVE A TREE!**

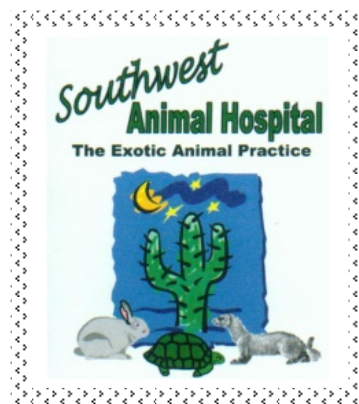
The *Cascade Summit* newsletter is being offered in an electronic format (Adobe Acrobat) with color photos. If you are willing to give up getting a hard copy in the mail, please let us know and give us your email address. We will notify you via email when the next issue of the newsletter is available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

□ 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

SOUTHWEST ANIMAL HOSPITAL

*"Quality compassionate veterinary care
for ferrets, rabbits, rodents, hedgehogs,
reptiles & other exotic pets"*



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