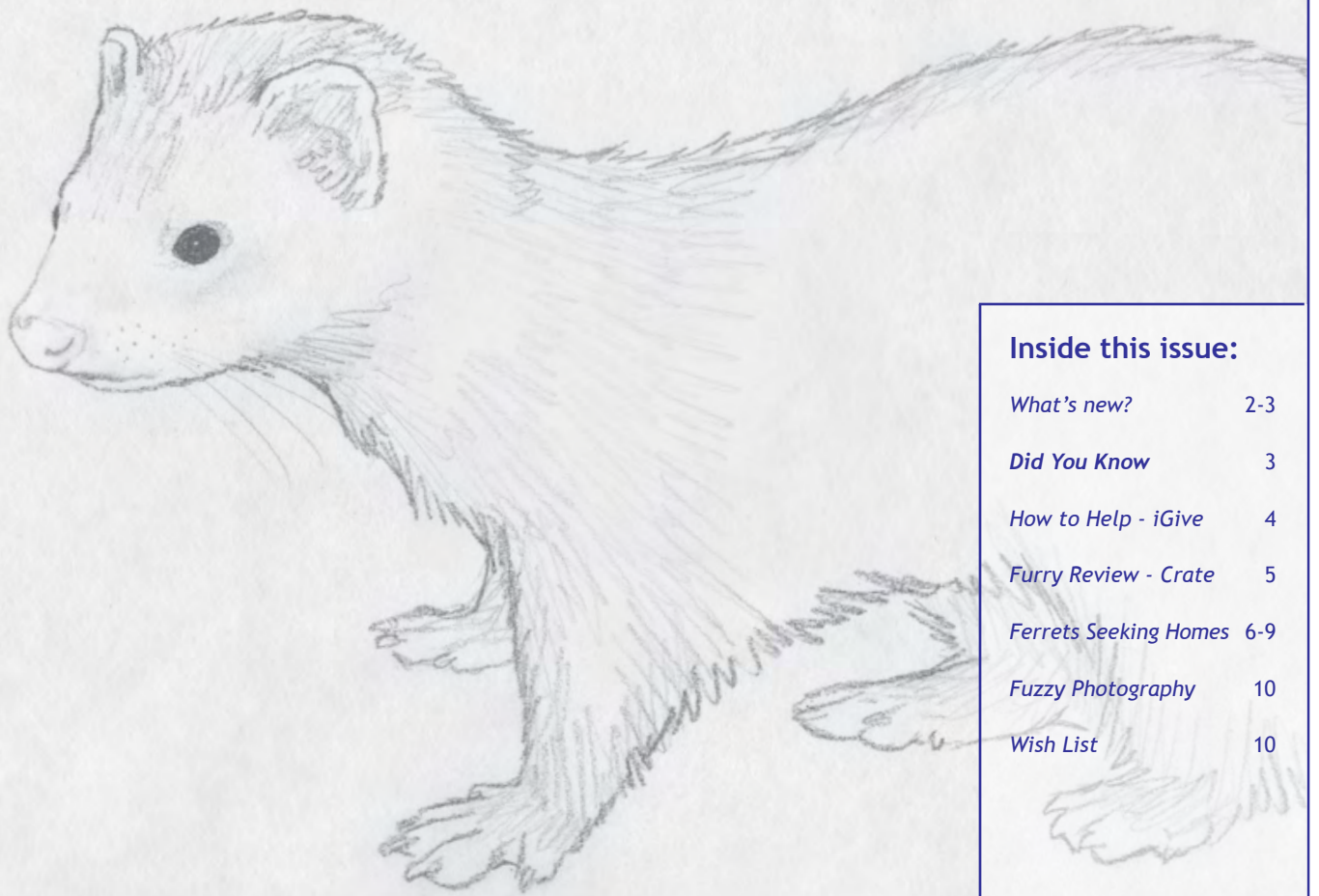


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# Paws-It!

Washington Ferret Rescue & Shelter

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## How to Contact Us!

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206.442.2025

**Shelter Email:**  
[washingtonferret@yahoo.com](mailto:washingtonferret@yahoo.com)

**Website:**  
<http://washingtonferret.org>

## What's new?

### WFRS NEWS

On September 26th, 27th & 28th we were invited to be designated charity for the RainFURrest '08 convention. Over the 3 day event, more than \$1700 was raised for the shelter. Thank you to everyone involved for all your support. We hope to participate again in the future!

On November 15, 2008 the WFRS board met, and elected new officers:

President:	Kevin Farlee
Vice-President:	Jeremy Peterson
Secretary:	Elizabeth Kamaka
Treasurer:	Laurie Teudt
Co-Director:	Rhonda Nye

The shelter will be closed on Saturday, December 27th, 2008.



### *In Memory*

*In August 2008, we lost a treasured volunteer at Washington Ferret Rescue & Shelter, James Papworth. He and his mother, Diane have fostered many geriatric and special needs ferrets thru the years. A special thanks to all who have donated to the shelter in James memory. He is remembered fondly and is sincerely missed.*

## What's new?



## Donation Collection Bins

This holiday season we will have donation collection bins at the following locations. Also, you can always donate at our website.

- Eastside Avian & Exotic Animal Medical Center
- Bothell Feed
- Also during outreaches at Dennys Pet World, Totem Lake on Sat. Dec 6th and at Petco, Kirkland on Sat. Dec 13th

## Wish List

Totally Ferret, Marshalls, Zupreme, 8 in 1 Ultimate Crunchy, 8 in 1 Ultimate Soft Moist, 8 in 1 Ultra Blend, Ferretone, Ear wash, Q-tips, Barndry Litter, Oxbow Carnivore Care, Bounty or Brawny paper towels, Laundry soap, Glad forceflex Large garbage bags, any size ziploc bags

## Did You Know

*Do you have a few seconds to fill out a free sweepstakes entry form online? It could win pet supplies for you or the ferret shelter!*

*Drs. Foster and Smith, the online pet supply store, is giving away 25 \$100 and 5 \$500 gift certificates from November 21 - December 15.*

*Just be sure to link through iGive if you plan on doing any shopping after signing up for the Sweepstakes so that Drs. Foster and Smith will donate 3.6% of your purchase price to WFRS! (see page 4)*

*<http://www.drsfostersmith.com/general.cfm?gid=824>*

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Celebrate **25 YEARS** with our 25 days of Christmas

# sweepstakes

ONE **\$100.00** gift certificate  
winner each day for 25 days

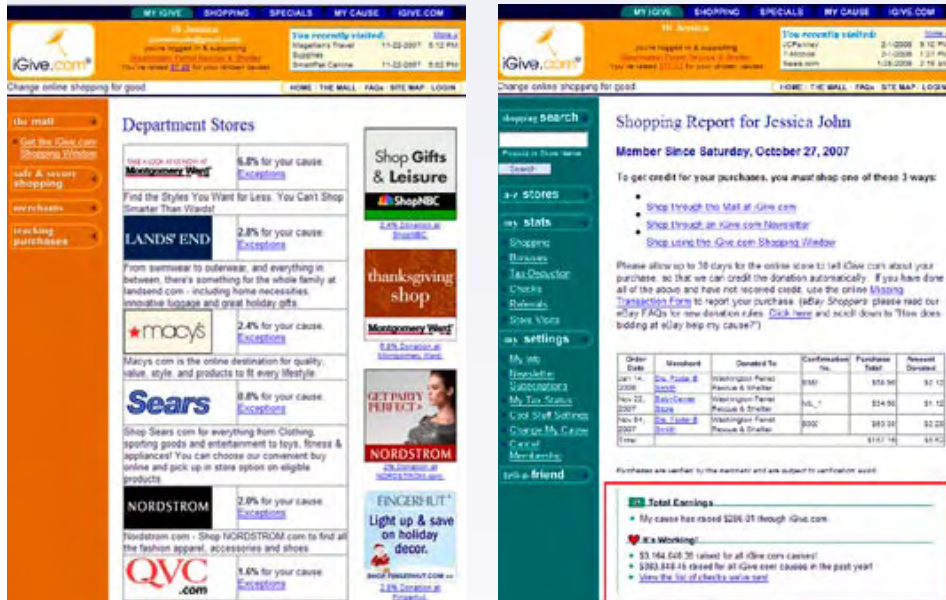
Enter each day for your chance to win!  
Sweepstakes daily from November 21-December 15

no purchase necessary!

One new daily winner for 25 days receives a **\$100.00 gift certificate** from November 21 December 15!  
No purchase necessary to enter & win.  
2 ways to enter online:  
Shop with us this holiday season - every order you place between November 21 through December 15 allows you to express enter our daily Christmas giveaway with only one click during checkout! Or fill out our **online entry form**: no purchase necessary. One entry per household per day. A new sweepstakes and a new winner each day. [See rules here.](#)

**BONUS SWEEPSTAKES**  
one new winner each day for 5 days will win a **\$500.00 gift certificate** from December 16-December 20. Enter daily for your chance to win!

# How to Help WFRS \*FOR FREE\* with iGive!



Recently, I was doing some online shopping at PotteryBarn.com, and I remembered that if I simply navigated through a website called iGive back to PotteryBarn, then continued my shopping as usual, I'd earn several dollars for WFRS! That's because Pottery Barn has promised to donate 2.4% of all sales that route through iGive to the charities of our choice. I started thinking about all of the other holiday shopping that I need to do: buying plane tickets would earn the shelter \$8.15 through Hotwire.com (0.8%), one pair of boots at Piperlime.com (6%) would earn \$15.00, several reference books from Amazon.com (2%) would earn \$3.80, and so on. That is a pretty good return for a few extra mouse clicks!

iGive is an online "mall" that helps participating businesses donate a percentage of each sale to a cause of your choice. Most of the larger online merchants, including department stores and travel sites, and many, many specialty stores are participating (see *some* examples at right and screenshot 1), and promise donations from 0.8 - 14% of each purchase! As an added bonus, donations made to WFRS by iGive in your name are tax deductible (see iGive tax FAQ)!

iGive keeps track of donations and shows the cumulative money earned by you and everyone for WFRS (screenshot 2, though the info is outdated). So far the shelter has earned \$318.52. If everyone on our mailing list made one \$100 purchase through a 2% iGive merchant, we would earn \$1500 for the shelter, *at no cost to any of us!* Additionally, iGive will donate an extra \$5.00 to each *new* user's charity, which could be hundreds of dollars more. That would be quite a Christmas present!

To make things more convenient, or if (like me) you have trouble remembering to use iGive, you can download the "iGive Shopping Window", a program that automatically routes your purchases through iGive when applicable. Otherwise, shopping through the iGive "mall" is easy and satisfying; it also has a search feature that will find specific products within many (but not all) of the participating stores and let you compare prices and donation percentages.

Considering the ease of registration and use, I hope that many more of us will use iGive this season, and that WFRS will be a beneficiary of our regular holiday shopping!

To try it out, follow the link below then click the iGive button on WFRS's site under "Shopping for Pet Supplies" (that way WFRS will automatically be set up as your charity):

<http://www.washingtonferretrescue.org/support.html#shop>

Thank you for your support!

## Some of iGive's Merchants:

- 1-800-Pet Meds - 4.8% for WFRS
- Ann Taylor - 2% for WFRS
- Apple iTunes - 2% for WFRS
- Apple Store - 0.8% for WFRS
- Babies "R" Us - 1.2% for WFRS
- Banana Republic - 2% for WFRS
- Barnes & Noble - 2.8% for WFRS
- Bed Bath Store - 3.2% for WFRS
- Best Buy - 1.2% for WFRS
- Bloomingdale's - 1.6% for WFRS
- Boscov's - 2% for WFRS
- Brookstone - 4.8% for WFRS
- Dell Home & Office - 1.6% for WFRS
- Discovery Channel Store - 4% for WFRS
- Disney Shopping - 2% for WFRS
- Drs. Foster & Smith - 3.6% for WFRS
- eBay - Special Rate
- EBGames.com - 2% for WFRS
- ESPN Shop - 2% for WFRS
- Expedia.com - 0.8% for WFRS
- Ferret.com - 3.6% for WFRS
- GameFly - 4% for WFRS
- Gap.com - 1.6% for WFRS
- Godiva Chocolatier - 3.2% for WFRS
- GUESS.com - 3.2% for WFRS
- Hilton Hotels - 1.6% for WFRS
- Home Depot - 1.6% for WFRS
- Hotwire - 0.8% for WFRS
- JCPenney - 1.2% for WFRS
- Joann.com - 3.2% for WFRS
- Kmart.com - 0.8% for WFRS
- Kohl's - 1.6% for WFRS
- Lands' End - 2.8% for WFRS
- LaneBryant.com - 2% for WFRS
- Linens 'N Things - 1.2% for WFRS
- Macy's - 2.4% for WFRS
- Montgomery Ward - 6.8% for WFRS
- Musician's Friend - 2.8% for WFRS
- NORDSTROM.com - 2% for WFRS
- Office Depot - 2% for WFRS
- OfficeMax.com - 1.6% for WFRS
- OldNavy.com - 1.6% for WFRS
- Orbitz - Special Rate
- Overstock.com - 2.4% for WFRS
- PETCO - 3.6% for WFRS
- PETSMART - 5.2% for WFRS
- REI - 2% for WFRS
- Saks Fifth Avenue - 2% for WFRS
- Sears.com - 0.8% for WFRS
- Sierra Club - 4% for WFRS
- Staples.com - 2.8% for WFRS
- Starbucks Store - 4% for WFRS
- Sur La Table - 4% for WFRS
- T-Mobile - Special Rate
- TaxCut - H&R Block - 8.8% for WFRS
- The Body Shop - 4.8% for WFRS
- Toys "R" Us - 1.2% for WFRS
- Travelocity.com - 0.8% for WFRS

It goes ON and ON- See iGive for their list of 730+ stores: <http://www.igive.com>

## Furry Review - Bergan Comfort Carrier - \$34.99

I bought the small black Bergan Comfort Carrier after my little beasts finally tore a hole in their old carrying crate. After using it for a couple of months I can report that it is a great little bag for taking two or three ferrets out for short excursions. (I still use a larger hard crate with hammock and litter box for longer trips.) My boys love going out in it, and run to get in whenever I jingle their harness bells and set the crate on the floor. In fact, I have to be careful to let them go to the bathroom before putting the crate down, or they will plant themselves in there and won't budge even when I KNOW they have to go!

I love how light the bag is (only 2.5 pounds!) and like that it has extra shoulder strap attachment points on the sides, since I prefer to cross the strap across my chest. I also like that the bag collapses relatively flat when not in use, though this ability sacrifices some smoothness in the mesh top (you can see how it rumples a little in the photos.)

My only negative might be that the plastic zippers seem a little fragile, so I've been taking care to be gentle with them. But all in all, it's a great design, and I am very happy with it.

Right now the bag plus extras is on sale for \$35 (down from \$50) at Drs. Foster and Smith (it's \$35 for just the bag at Amazon).

*Remember to go through iGive to raise \$1.26 or \$6.26 for the shelter!*



### The Bergan Comfort Carrier Plus

- \* Soft-side pet kennel with removable fleece pad to comfort dogs or cats
- \* Features five sides of mesh ventilation panels, rigid steel frame, and more
- \* Includes convenient, collapsible travel bowl, zippered treat bag, and leash

Economical pet travel carrier loaded with comfort and amenities. Soft-side dog carrier includes a thick fleece interior pad, five sides of mesh ventilation, collapsible nylon travel bowl, zippered treat pouch, and leash for your pet's comfort. Also includes two nylon carrying handles, padded shoulder strap, two zippered end entrances (one unzips only half-way to allow the pet to peek out), and three accessory pockets for owner's benefit. Carrier edges are reinforced with steel rods to retain shape and protect your precious cat or dog. Made of durable nylon with wipe-clean interior. Fleece pad easily removes for machine washing. Airline approved. Measures 8-1/2" wide x 17" long x 10" high; weighs 2-1/2 lbs. For pets up to 10 lbs.

\*The Bergan Comfort Carrier also has the unique Pet Connect small 6-inch zipper on top that allows for easy hand access to comfort your pet on the go. (Very useful for wily escape-minded ferrets!)

Do you have a ferret-related product that you would like to review for the WFRS community? Send your review (preferably with a couple of pics) to Jessica at [ferretnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ferretnewsletter@gmail.com)

## Ferrets Seeking Homes

*Please see the adoptable pet list on our website for current availabilities. Adoption fees are \$100 for one ferret, \$175 for two, and we have a foster program as well. All ferrets have been vaccinated against Canine Distemper & Rabies and have been spayed/ neutered & descented (unless noted).*



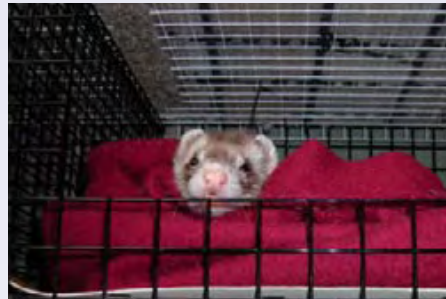
**Jane** is a beautiful, highly energetic 2.5 year dark sable female. She has bright eyes and a distinct personality. She doesn't play well with the other ferrets at the shelter, so it would be best for her to go to a home with no other ferrets.



**Ret** (2y, albino male) & **Foxy** (1y 2m, champagne female) will need to be adopted together. They are prone to biting, so should go to an experienced home.



**Spike** (dark sable) and **Lady** (sable) are two sweet-natured middle-aged girls (4y) who are depressed being at the shelter. They are bonded and will need to stay together. Please help us keep their stay here at the shelter a short one!



**Frederick** is a 2 year old dark dable boy & **Nicole** is a 2 year old light sable girl. They are bonded and will need to go to a new home together. Come see these cuties soon!



**Bubba, Latte & Ari** are a 7 month-old Sable boy with bib, a 7 month-old Sable girl with bib and a 5 month-old Sable girl. All three are young and energetic!



**Bandit and Snowflake** are three beautiful girls all 3 years of age. Their colors are silver, albino and champagne with bib & mitts. Come visit them on Saturday between 10 and 3pm!



**Fatty & Saphira** are a 2 year old Chocolate and 1.5 year old Sable. Both are fantastic girls.



**Stoker & Le Stat** are two big handsome boys between 3 and 4.5 years old. Stoker is the champagne & Le Stat is the sable with a bib and kneepads.



**Bear** is a sweet and playful 4.5 year old silver male He has lots of love to share.

## Ferrets Seeking Homes



Looking for a fun group? This is it! All three are silver. **Bonnie** and **Clyde** are 3 years old and **Elmer** is almost 5.



Meet **Monster** & **Zombie**! These boys are 3 & 4 years old with a lot of fun and love to give.



**Smokey** and **Bandit** are both 2 years old. They are looking for a stable home that can provide an abundance of love mixed with gentleness and understanding.

**Thank you** to the loving families who have provided forever homes for needy fuzzies in the past!



**Itchy** & **Scratchy** are two petite girls. Both approx. 4 years old and full of energy.



**Salt** is a 4 year old silver female and **Pepper** is a 3 year old sable female. Extremely sweet girls.



**Smokey** is a 3.5 yr old sable female and **Bandit** is a 3.5 yr old silver male. Great group, stop by and meet them on Sat. 10-3pm.



**Charlie** is a 1 year old adorable silver female. Come see her this Saturday between 10 and 3.



**Punky** is a cute silver girl and **Smudge** is a pretty dark silver girl. These cuties should go to a new home together.



**Duncan** is a 3 year old sable blaze boy; **Connor** is a 3 year old chocolate boy & **Meghan** is a 3 year old dark sable girl. They are now available for adoption!



Meet **Roxie** & **Capone**. More about them coming soon!

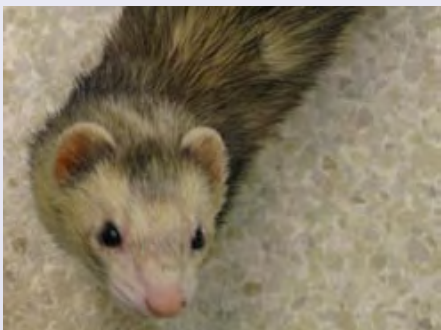
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**Yahoo** is a 1 year old male silver and **Kasey** is a 2 year old light sable. They are both very curious and sweet. Come see them Saturdays between 10am and 3pm.



**Coco** and **Coon** are two cuddly and affectionate girls. These two are cage mates and should not be separated.



**Cooper** is a 10 month old bundle of energy! He's very friendly, likes to climb and is curious about everything.



**Sox** is a 3.5 year old female DEW. She's very friendly and loves to play. Come meet her soon!



**Dax**, **Xylan** and **Roxie** are all between 3 and 4 years old. This is an extremely friendly and energetic group! Dax is a champagne male, Xylan is a female chocolate and Roxie is a female albino.



**Sassi** is a 7 month old sable girl that certainly lives up to her name. She's very sweet and easygoing.



**Marley** is a 2 year old silver boy and **Crackers** is a 1 year old silver girl. They're both very friendly, curious and adorable.



**Ann** is a 1 year old silver female blaze and **Andy** is a 2 year old male sable. Ann is rambunctious and curious while Andy is a little more laid back. Come meet these two cuties this weekend!



**Facehugger**, **Jaws**, **Baby** and **Tank** are 4 friendly and energetic boys. Facehugger is a 4 year old sable, Jaws is a 4 year old albino, Baby is a 3 year old sable with kneepads and Tank is a 4 year old chocolate. This is a wonderful, energetic group!

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**Dot** and **Psycho** are two rambunctious girls. Dot is a 2 year old silver, and Psycho is a 1 year old sable. Dot has an issue with nipping and should go to a patient owner willing to train her.

**Teddy** is a dark sable boy and **Lilly** is a silver mitt girl. They're both 3 years old. These two fuzzies are cage mates and should not be separated. Please help us keep their stay here at the shelter a short one!



**Bill** is a 5 year old male silver and **Ted** is a 4 year old champagne. They're adorable and cuddly.



**Lil' Bit** is a 1.5 year old silver girl with a blaze and **Thievin'** is a 2 year old silver mitt boy. These two are both biters, and Lil' Bit is deaf. They will need to go to a patient, experienced owner and should not be around small children. These two should not be separated.



**Hannibal** is a 7 month old male DEW and **Elena** is a 1 year old female silver. They're both very friendly. They are bonded and will need to stay together.



**Cinnamon** & **Nut Nut** are beautiful 3 year old girls. They're both very friendly and loving. Cinnamon is a light sable and Nut Nut is a silver. These girls will both need to return to the shelter once a month to receive lupron injections. They are cage mates and should not be separated.



**Alcatraz** is a very young chocolate sable boy. He was found in the Kirkland area and was brought in by a good samaritan on 10/26.



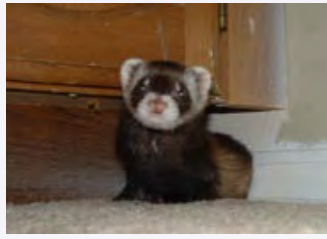
**Chauncy** is a silver boy with a bib, and **Yogi** is a silver panda boy. These two are very sweet!



**Posha** is a 5 year old dark sable male and **Piper** is a 3 year old sable female. These two friendly, affectionate fuzzies need to go to their new home together. Could it be yours?

## Fuzzy Photography

Do you have a great picture of one of your fuzzies looking especially adorable or getting into (safe) ferrety mischief? Send it, along with a description or one or two paragraph short story, to Jessica at [ferretnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ferretnewsletter@gmail.com)



*Above and Left: from Ashlee Lopez, owner of Sadie (8-month-old girl, found hiding under a bush after someone dumped her in the trash!), Phoebe (4-year-old girl), & Cody (4-year-old boy).*

*from Emily in Lynnwood; Top L, Trouble and Gizmo. We got them shortly before Chaos passed on. Still with us now. Top R, "In the flowers" My old ferret Chaos. Sadly, he's not with us anymore. Left, My kitty Zoe and Chaos. People thought I was crazy for letting them play together, but they were fast friends!*

Thanks for the updates and cute pics everyone!  
-WFRS

## Yes, I want to help Washington Ferret Rescue & Shelter!

### Enclosed is my donation of:

- \$5.00 ( )
- \$10.00 ( )
- \$20.00 ( )
- Other ( )

Please make your donation payable to Washington Ferret Rescue & Shelter (or WFRS) and mail to:

**13603 100th Ave NE  
Kirkland, WA 98034**

OR

Use any credit card to donate through WFRS's Paypal link now!

Contributions are tax-deductible under 501(c)3 regulations of the Internal Revenue Service. Appropriate receipts will be mailed for your records.

### Our Wish List:

- **Donations** of money or time are always needed and greatly appreciated!
- **Hammocks, Security Cubes**—homemade or store bought, we can always use hanging sleep sacks of some sort.
- **Wood stove pellets** for litter (found at Safeway, local hardware stores, Bothell Feed, etc.)
- **Cages or carriers**- clean, dirty, we don't care!
- **Volunteers** to wash laundry, scoop boxes, scrub cages and cuddle ferrets.
- **More foster homes!** Do you have room in your home for a few extra fuzzies for a few days/weeks? Do you have any medical training or are you interested in learning? Let us know!
- **Ferret Food** (Mazuri, Totally Ferret, Marshalls, 8 in 1's Ultra & Ultimate Blends)

( ) I am moving! Please see below:

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**Thank you for your support!**