

Paws-It!

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Simple Tips to Help Your Local Ferret Shelter

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You may want to help your local ferret shelter but either don't have extra time to volunteer or aren't sure what to do. No problem. Here's a list of ideas that can get you started spreading the good word about WFRS or another local shelter. Just implementing one or two items on the list might result in helping the shelter or possibly getting a deserving ferret adopted. Wouldn't that give you a warm and fuzzy feeling inside?

can buy really cool ferret clothing and gifts that actually help WFRS? Check it out at www.cafepress.com/wfrs a portion of each sale is donated to the shelter.



- Include the WFRS link as part of your email signature or a tagline such as "check out these adorable ferrets."
- If you have a website, link WFRS to it.
- Did you know you

- Share ideas on the WFRS or your local ferret shelter forum.
- Check out a ferret gathering at meetup.com and share helpful ideas there.

- Purchase a car sticker at WFRS and proudly display it on your vehicle.
- Include WFRS or another ferret shelter in your will.
- Contribute an article to Paws-It! or another ferret newsletter.
- Bring your ferret to the park on a leash or in a carrier and introduce your fuzzy friend to people.
- Adopt a ferret from your local shelter, not the pet store.
- Adopt a second ferret. Fuzzies are even more fabulous with a friend or two.
- If allowed, bring your pet ferret to your child's school for show-and-tell day for fun and education.

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- Bring your ferret to a senior center to educate senior citizens on ferrets and ferret shelters. Discuss the benefits of having a ferret as a pet.
- Just say No! to animal testing on ferrets or any animal.
- Participate in fundraisers for WFRS or your local ferret shelter.

What's New?

Ferret Frolics! Please join us for this year's Ferret Frolics at Kirkland's Marina Park from **noon-4pm on Sunday, June 24th**. There will be games galore and weasels aplenty! Think you have the best kisser; the fastest racer; the most yawny ferret? Come out & show your stuff! Please bring a copy of your ferrets' medical records—ferrets should be current on Rabies & Canine Distemper vaccines to participate in the ferret games.

Oodles of weasels: We're continuing to see high numbers of incoming ferrets. If you've been

When someone you know is looking for a pet, discuss the joys of having a ferret as a pet. Believe it or not, some people don't know the first thing about ferrets. Hey, we were all newbies once.

Remember, one person can make a difference. If everyone reading these ideas picked one item on the list and did it, imag-

wanting to add a weasel or two to your family, we certainly have every age, sex & color for you to visit with! Please fill out an online adoption application & come see us soon! We're open every Saturday from 10am-4pm.

* www.washingtonferret.org/application.html

Let's talk numbers! As of June 12th, 2007, the Washington Ferret Rescue & Shelter is currently housing 83 ferrets on-site at its facility, has 7 ferrets in temporary homes and has 56 in permanent foster care. This year, to date, the Washington Ferret Rescue & Shelter has re-

ceived 99 ferrets, has adopted 67 ferrets and has placed 6 in permanent foster care.

For more information or to find out how you can help in other ways contact WFRS, www.washingtonferret.org/volunteer.html



Ferrets Seeking Homes ...



Adoptable Ferrets

Please see the [adoptable pet list](#) on our website for current availabilities. Adoption fees are \$100 for one ferret, \$150 for two, and

we have a [foster program](#) as well. All ferrets have been vaccinated against Canine Distemper & Rabies and have been spayed/neutered and descented (the latter is unless otherwise noted).

Animal is a 2 year old DEW girl and **Mr. Ferret** is a 2 year old sable boy. They were surrendered to our shelter last weekend and are now ready to find a new home! Come visit them today!

Aries is a 1 year old albino female & **Maximus** is a 1 year old

chocolate boy. We'd love to find a home for these cuties where they can stay together.

Bailey (2.5 yr, dark sable, F), **Bueller** (2.5, dark sable, M) & **Buster** (2 yr, choc sable, M) came in as a trio. They should go together to a new home. They're very sweet ferrets and would make a wonderful ferret family for someone!

Bear (2 yrs, sable f) & **Noodles** (2 yrs, dark sable m) owner sadly could no longer keep them. They are very sweet, sociable



kids and would love a new home for the new year!

While darling, these babies have already learned how to bite. All the girls will require ferret-savvy homes that can teach them a new set of manners. They are all Real Canadian ferrets. **Ceres** (3 m/o sable female), **Terra** (3 m/o sable female), **Vesta** (3 m/o sable female). They are all healthy, have been vaccinated and are all set to go home with you!

Buddy, Cinnamon & Maple are back at the shelter. Buddy is a 5 year old sable boy, Cinnamon is a 6 year old champagne girl & Maple is a 5 year old sable girl. Their previous owner is providing all of their supplies with their adoption. Please come meet them today!

Cecilia is an adorable dark sable girl. She is about 3 months old, loves other ferrets and is the cutest little girl!

Chubbs is a 3.5 year old dark sable girl and **Riesling** is a beautiful 2.5 year old champagne boy. They have been vaccinated, tested for parasites and are all set to go home with you!

Cocoa, George and **Bandit** came back to us. George and Bandit are 1.5 year old crazy sable boys and Miss Cocoa is a 2.5 year old sable girl. They are a darling group and love other ferrets. Come visit them today!

Doodles (3 yrs, m, silver), **Inspector** (4 yrs, m, silver sable) & **Snacks** (4 yrs, f, dark sable) arrived at our shelter on Sat, 9/9. We would love to find them a home together. They're all wonderful ferrets!

Ferris is a 2 year old sable mitt boy & **Sadie** is a 1.5 year old sable female. They are friendly, happy ferrets and are all set to go home with you!

Ferris (1.5 y/o black mitt male), **Dexter** (2 y/o chocolate male) & **Chloe** (3 y/o sable female) have been at the shelter since the end of September. They are sweet kids and are ready to find a new home together. Please come visit this ferret family soon!

Hansel & Gretel were wandering beside the road. They're about 2.5 years old and are now all caught up on their vaccinations and are all set to go home with you!

Isis is as cute as a button, and has a great personality. She doesn't like other ferrets, and will need to be an only fuzz. She is a sable mitt girl that's around 4 yrs old.

Lilly (4 yr DEW female), **Lilo** (4 yr silver female), **Sammy** (4 yr silver male) & **Chami** (5 yr sable female) were surrendered to our shelter in June. We've love to see them find a new home soon so they don't have to spend much time at the shelter. Please let us know if you'd like to meet these sweethearts.

Marshmallow is a 3 year old albino boy & **Cocoa** is a 4 year old dark sable girl. They are a lovely pair of ferrets and would love a new home.

Misty is a 1.5 year old chocolate

female & **Rascal** is a 2 year old dark sable boy. This pair didn't come in together, but they've become such good friends. We'd like to see them either go together or with families that have ferrets already.

Pookie & Tiny are shelter returns as their owner is moving to California and cannot take them with her.. Pookie is a 3 year old DEW boy; Tiny is a 6 year old albino male; and **Missy** is a 1-2 year old dark sable girl. They are very sweet kiddos that just need a loving home!

Rascal is a 3.5 year old sable boy & **Buddy** is a 3.5 year old sable guy with white toes. They would love to go home for the holidays - come meet them today!

Rip is a 3.5 year old silver blaze boy, **Priscilla** is a 3 year old dark sable girl & **Scampy** is a 3 year old champagne girl. We'd like to place this 3-some together as a group. Won't you come meet them?

Roxy is a 6 year old sable girl & **Zoey** is a 3 year old dark sable female. Roxy & Zoey are very sweet, little girls and are quite healthy at this time. We'd love for you to meet them!

Rush is a 1 year old silver blaze boy & **Tigger** is a 1 year old sable boy. These ferrets are great with children, have wonderful temperaments and would





happily join just about any playgroup.

Sandy is a 4 year old DEW girl & **Rizzo** is a 2 year old dark sable girl. These adorable girls would love to find a family of their own very soon!

Snap (3 mos, sable mitt, F), **Crackle** (3 mos, albino, M) & **Pop** (3 mos, marked white, M) came to us because they had prolapsed rectums and were pretty bitey. They're doing well at the shelter and should be ready for adoption very soon!

Sparky is a 4.5 month old sable boy. He's a very sweet boy and we expect him to be adopted quickly! He's in with Snap, Crackle & Pop and is getting along with them well.

Stella is a 1 year old silver/sable cutie. She is all up to date on her vaccinations and is ready to go home with you! Come see her soon!

Stella2 was left in a parking lot. She is 2.5 years old and is a very cute little sable girl. She gets along well with other ferrets and would love to join your play group!

These cuties arrived shortly after Thanksgiving this year... thus the themed names! **Apple Crisp** is a 1.5 year old sable boy w/ white paws, **Ham** is a 1.5 year old sable boy, & **Giblet** is a 1.5 year old sable boy. They can

be split into pairs or adopted as one big, happy group!

Meet the Muppets! **Beeker** is a dew girl, **Kermit** is a cute blaze boy & **Fozzie** is a silver sable boy. This group can be placed in pairs or as singles with other ferrets.

Tigger is a 3 year old silver male; **Scruffles** is a 5.5 year old light sable girl; **Pooh** is a 3 year old chocolate male & Belle is a 9 year old sable female. We'd really like to place this ferret family together, but they can be split into pairs if necessary.

Vlad & Slinky are 2-3 year old chocolate colored ferrets. They would love to find a home of their own with humans to spoil them rotten. They've had a rough go of it these past few months and sure deserve a good home.

Willow (4 yr, sable, F); **Orion** (3.5 yr, silvermitt, M); **Topaz** (2.5 yr, champagne, M); **Winter** (2 yr, DEW, F); **Othello** (2 yr, silvermitt, M) & **Autumn** (2 yr, sable, F) arrived together as a group. 3 of them are microchipped, and came up as a result of a shelter transfer. The other 3 are from a local humane society. This group can be adopted out to people with other ferrets, or as pairs.

Foster Ferrets

Note: We do not charge an adoption fee for our foster ferrets, though many of them will require a vet visit (or several!) in their golden years. The Shelter provides medical care and any medications, obtained at the shelter, that your ferret will need in exchange for a monthly donation to help cover your ferret's

medical costs. Even just a few dollars, once a month, helps keep our foster program running, so that we are able to continue helping elderly/ill ferrets.

Leslie is a 2.5-3 year old chocolate mitt girl. She will need to return to the shelter once each month for a Lupron injection. Please contact us for details.

Lucy is a 5 year old sable girl & **Angel** is a 4 year old bald (adrenal) girl. Angel will need to return to the shelter once each month for a Lupron injection. These are very sweet ferrets that deserve a great home. Come meet them today!

Miss Wiggles lost her cage mate recently and then was surrendered to the shelter. She has adrenal disease and will need to return to the shelter each month to receive a Lupron injection. Would you be able to give this cutie a permanent home? Contact us at the shelter for more info!

Suzie (3.5 yr sable female), **Daisy** (3 yr silver mitt female) & **Lucy** (3.5 yr chocolate mitt female) were surrendered to our shelter together. They are adorable and we'd love to place them all as a big group. If you're interested in adding a ferret family to your home, please contact us soon! Lucy has adrenal disease and will need to return to the shelter once each month for a Lupron injection.



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www.washingtonferret.org

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Our Wish List:

Donations of time or money are always gladly accepted & 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, the Grange, etc.)

Cages or carriers—clean or 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 & The Ferret Store's Superior Choice)

() I am moving! Please see below:

() Yes, I know of someone else who would like to receive the newsletters.

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