



# Washington Ferret Rescue and Shelter

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## The Rewards of Fostering!

When I took Bandit into my home she was very tiny. She was bald on her butt, down her tail and had very little energy.

The first night I brought her home she stayed out and played for three hours. Once she got used to my house, she was only played for about thirty minutes a day. She was just too tired to do anything more.

I had her three weeks before her next Lupron shot was due, and very rapidly she started to put on weight and her hair

grew back. She would now stay out and play for almost an hour.

When she got her second Lupron shot she again lost energy. .Not like when I first got her, but still, it was a noticeable amount. It didn't last long this time though!

It has now been two months since I Bandit came home and she is better than ever! Her hair has fully come back in and she has gained a lot of weight. She is definitely very healthy looking.

She really enjoys hu-

man contact and when I sit down and play with her, she'll stay awake about 2-3 hours! She gets along great with my cat and my ten year old dog (whom she HATED when I first got her). She still doesn't get along with other ferrets.

The Lupron shot though has done wonders for Bandit. If you could see her now you'd never know she has adrenal disease.

*Written by: Brandy Walker, Foster mom for WFRS.*

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### Before & After; Sponsoring a ferret!

Thanks Kim C. for sponsoring Bandit! Look how great she looks! And thanks go out to Brandy for being such a great foster mom!

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Want to sponsor a ferret? Check out our website & click on "Sponsor".

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## Let's Play Ball!

As Erika Matulich, PhD, stated, "Ferrets are extremely intelligent animals with excellent problem solving skills." So, what does that mean for all the ferret owners out there? How can we possibly provide them with the challenge they need?

### Let's Roll!

Toys that roll, such as plastic balls, can cause immense fun for the ferret, as they push, roll around and chase the ball. You might also try wind up toys, that move by themselves or even remote controlled cars... this surely will result in your ferret running around with glee!

### What's that Noise?

Ferrets love to chase things that jingle or beep, so try purchasing a plastic ball filled with bells. Squeaky toys are also a great joy. You might even try training your ferrets to come to you when you squeak the toy... an easy way to round up your ferrets!

### A Hole in One!

As I am sure you all are aware, ferrets love hiding places and they especially love tubes. This allows them to run, burrow and play in the tube. You might try using the flexible dryer hose, or even the black drainage tubing from Home Depot. For those

wanting a nice pink, blue, green and yellow tubing, check out your local pet store or [www.theferretstore.com](http://www.theferretstore.com) for ferret-safe hoses.

### Buried Treasure!

A fun way to keep your ferrets entertained is to fill a plastic box with rice and cut a hole in the side. Your ferret will have so much fun running in and out of that box, digging and digging for the buried treasure... which of course they will never find. That is the fun of it. They will never give up trying, and will have hours and hours of play trying to find that buried treasure.

## What's New at Washington Ferret Rescue & Shelter

### **Volunteer:**

A special thanks goes out to Megan Reuther. She is one of the main volunteers at the Shelter who comes out to clean litter boxes and play with the ferrets 2 nights a week as well as Saturdays. Whenever a ferret needs extra TLC or lots of love and attention, Megan takes that ferret home to nurse them back to health. Megan has devoted so many hours to helping the Shelter ferrets. You may also have noticed the drastic change in our website! Megan is responsible for updating and designing the new website. Our website draws a lot of traffic and praise from those who visit it! I can honestly say, I don't know what the Shelter would do without her!

### **Volunteer:**

Another thanks goes out to Ryan and Helen Hodges. Ryan is the one who ensures our website is up and running. He is a Network Administrator who offers his hosting services to us for free. He and his wife are also volunteers and foster 4 great ferrets from our Shelter (Latte, Cappuccino, Spunky and Doodles). And to top it off, when one of the Shelter Volunteers found a black lab on I-405 a few weeks ago, both Megan and then Ryan and Helen fostered this dog until her owner was located!

### **Great News:**

Inglemoor Animal Hospital has agreed to give all shelter ferrets adopted from the shelter a complementary vet visit. Many thanks to them!!

### **Exciting News:**

The Ferret Calendars are here! Only available through the Shelter, the Ferret Company Calendar will not be sold in stores or from The Ferret Store! Order your copy now from WFRS. Only \$14.95 (shipping included)!

### **Yard Sale:**

Coming next Spring, we are going to be hosting our first WFRS Yard Sale. We are currently gathering any donations that could be sold to benefit the ferrets at the Shelter. If you have any items that you would like to donate, please contact Liane at [liane@ferretlovers.com](mailto:liane@ferretlovers.com). Thanks for your support! We will let you know as soon as a date is chosen.

## Conifur Northwest

This year we had a great turnout at Conifur Northwest in Tacoma!

Our volunteers brought their ferrets, their cages, Ferret Calendars and lots of attention to go along with it!

This is the second year Conifur has invited our non-profit organization to attend their event.

This wonderful group of people held a charity auction, which raised

over \$900 for our Shelter. As well, the donation jar on our table also raised over \$300!

We are so grateful for their support and kindness. Their donation through the Charity Auction will go towards food for the ferrets, as well as Lupron shots for the ferrets with adrenal disease. Each batch of Lupron costs the Shelter over \$600. These funds are

very much needed and appreciated.

A special thanks goes out to James Birdsall for being such a generous host at Conifur and for printing our last batch of Newsletters at no-cost!

We couldn't do what we do without all your support and generosity. Conifer is one of our biggest fundraisers ~ and just look at how much good it does for all those fuzzybeans!

## Over the Bridge

We would like to remember those fuzzies who brought so much joy into our lives and others.  
The time they spent with us was too short.

**Orion**—Orion was loved and will be dearly missed by Megan and Geoff. He had the most fulfilling and loving life a ferret could ever dream of. He was so full of love and crossed the bridge too soon.

**Simon**—Simon was one of the many shelter ferrets on Lupron. After he received his most recent shot, he began to go downhill. He had a sudden stroke and passed be-

fore finding a forever home.

**Ling Ling**—Ling Ling was loved by her foster mom, Diane and her sister, Panda. She came into the Shelter and needed a lot of love and attention. She had a wonderful life with Diane and she will be dearly missed.

**Emmett**—Emmett came in with a group of ferrets all looking for new homes. Several of them took sick,

and although every possible effort was made, Emmett just did not pull through. He is missed by all that came to know him.

*It should be noted that Lorayne & Liane have been trained to give medications and fluids by injection to ferrets, and both have spent many sleepless nights caring for these 'special needs' babies. Thank you both for all that you do!*

## ... New Arrivals!

**Hershey & Marshmellow**—These 2 ferrets, a 3 1/2 year old dark eyed white and two year old light sable are always ready to play. They are very loving and are entertaining to watch.

**Cinnamon**—A fun active 1 year old sable, she needs an experienced ferret owner due to the fact she is a bit nippy.

**Eva & Dolly**—Again, two great ferrets, both about 1 yr old, who would love some attention and kisses.

**Garrett & Spencer**—2 fun loving ferrets, full of energy. They lost their home due to their owner's diagnosis with cancer. Do you have a place for them in yours?

**Ashley, Spazz & Bear**—3 ferrets, all under a year old. These girls need someone who has lots of time to play with them. They love cats and have a great time playing with each other.

**Sable & Sandy**—These two ferrets are looking for someone to love them to bits. Sable plays like there's no tomorrow and Sandy is a more laid-back guy.

**Rocky & Cocoa**—These 2 sable girls are both 4 years old. They were very well taken care of and pampered. You would never know their age by the way they act! We are fostering them due to their age, not due to any medical problems.

**Scout**—This 3 year old blaze loves other ferrets and people. He went right into his new cage and snuggled in with ferrets he had never seen before. He is loving and is in need of some TLC.

**Maisy**—This 8 month old girl is all that a ferret should be: full of spunk! She's currently rooming with Taz, and seems to get along with everyone. She's adorable and we don't expect her to be at the shelter for long.

**Taz**—Taz is 11 months old, left at the shelter because he "stinks". Well, contrary to that opinion, we find him to be sweet, cuddly & lots of fun!

**Sugar & Nestle**—These 2 ferrets, a 3 yr old albino and 2 yr old sable have had a really rough start in life. They were living with a young man who did not have enough time or care enough to ensure they had food

and water. His mother would sneak into her son's room to feed these guys. Finally, they gave them up to us before neglect seriously injured them. Despite the lack of care, these guys are fun and very affectionate.

**Bonnie & Clyde**—This 3 yr old silver and 3 1/2 yr old sable are happy healthy ferrets. Their owners were moving and decided they did not fit into their move.

**Seven, Snoogins & Leopold**—These are the triplets that we can never tell apart. They came in with a group of \*9\* ferrets one evening. They get along great with other ferrets and each other and are only 2 yrs old.

**Hanni**—Hanni came in with the nine mentioned above. She's a little girl that just grew in her winter coat. She gets along great with other ferrets and looks wonderful!

**Ronin, Dusty & Roxi**—These three ferrets all came in together. Dusty and Roxi will go as fosters, since Roxi is older and is very attached to Roxi. Ronin is a very sweet boy that will hopefully find a home soon.

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mailed for your records.

### Our Wish List:

1. Blankets, sheets, anything that the ferrets might use to cuddle up in.
2. Wood stove pellets (i.e. those found at The Grange in Issaquah for example)
3. Any cages or carriers
4. Volunteers to wash laundry or cuddle ferrets
5. Walking and playing with the ferrets during the sunny, warm months
6. Ferret Food (Totally Ferret & The Ferret Store's Superior Choice)

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