

Paw Print #25 April 2013



Spring?

It LOOKS like spring, but it's still pretty cold here in New England! I keep trying to turn the heat off and the ferrets in the shelter huddle together and make pathetic faces until I'm forced to turn the temp back up.

But the longer days mean all the ferrets, even the oldies, get happy and hopping. FACT is hopping into spring, too, with our annual public fundraising event, set for May 4. We've revamped our usual Frolic this year to more of a conference format and hope it sparks renewed interest both from regular attendees and potential new participants. Read all about **Ferretopia** below!

We're planning another event for June - a Caretaker Spa Afternoon! To be held in a Newington salon, it will feature haircut/styles, makeovers and consultations, psychic readings, and snacks. We want to offer massages and nail art, too - if you or someone you know has these skills, please have them contact us. More info will be sent to all when details are confirmed.

L. Vanessa Gruden
Shelter Director

Ferretopia

A Celebration of Ferrets!

Saturday, May 4 Noon to 4 p.m

Wallingford Grange Hall, 586 Center Street, Wallingford, CT

- **Free Hourly Mini-Seminars:** Why Vaccinate?; Bathing; Living with a

Adoptable Ferrets of the Month



Jazz & Lilly came to us via a concerned social worker in northeast Connecticut who was working with a family. The animals were being neglected and she had serious concerns for the safety of this pair of 2-3 year old ferrets. Jazz is a handsome chocolate with white mitts and a serious love of toys. Jazz will stash any and every toy. I like to think of it less as a "hoarding problem" and more that he's a VERY NEAT ferret who likes to make sure the toys are tidily placed behind the pet bed. Lilly is a dark eyed white who wants to nip. She's one of those ferrets who will "marinate" your hand - then taste it! She doesn't break skin but she will give you a hard pinch..I have tricks to work with this kind of behavior, but she needs a patient, consistent owner who will continue with her retraining. Jazz & Lilly need a home together. They get along GREAT with other ferrets, though Lilly may bully timid types a bit.

For an adoption application, please e-mail info@ferret-act.org.

Blind Ferret; Which Food is Best?

- **Exclusive Ferret Supply Vendors:** Specialty Beds & Sleepers; Ferret Artwork, Jewelry & Gifts
- ***Specialty Ring Judging:** See how your pet compares to grooming & temperament standards
- ***Dental Scraping, Ear Mite Exam & Ear Clean/Nail Clip:** learn to clean ears & clip nails yourself
- **Silent Auction:** bid on unique ferret & human goodies to benefit homeless ferrets

*Separate fees: \$6 per specialty ring entry, \$25 dental scraping, \$5 ear mite exam, \$10 ear clean/nail clip

Admission: \$ 7.50 per adult \$12 couple \$2 for child under 12

Attendees receive a Gift Bag of samples, coupons, toys & free ferret book.

Current donors include 1-800-PetMeds, JohnPaulPet, a division of Paul Mitchell products, Subway of Hamden (1200 Dixwell Avenue, in the Hamden Plaza) and Missie Morris, aka The Crazy Coupon Chick. Want to get involved? We're accepting goods & products for our Silent Auction, which raises funds to pay veterinary bills for shelter animals. A small number of vendor booths are also available. [Contact us!](#)

Ferrets should have distemper vaccination and be in carrier or on leash.

Come & spend the afternoon with your furry companions!



Sale Item of the Month

Thanks to those who visited and joined the Canine Distemper Facebook page! Check back - they have created some fun, personalized plushies you can purchase to support the Canine Distemper emergency fund.

OR - you can decorate your very own plushie and help our FACT's general fund! These terrific little plush ferrets are available on the ferrettreasures.com website or you can order one direct. They measure approx. 8" long and 5" high.

Their price is \$7 each plus the shipping cost of \$2.50. (Please [contact us](#) for international shipping rate.) You can mail a check or paypal funds to info@ferret-fact.org and we'll ship one right out.



Wish List

Here's a list of things the ferrets always need!

PLEASE do not ship heavy or bulky items; the postage costs can far outweigh their value. They can be safely left inside our screen door or in the garage.

Bounty paper towels

Postage stamps - any denomination

E-certificates to ferret.com

New, unopened bags of Totally Ferret or Marshall ferret food; any variety

New, unopened bags of 8 in 1 soft/moist food (great for oldies with dental problems!)

Tall garbage bags - handle style only, please! Available at Stop & Shop and Big Y

Fragrance-free liquid laundry detergent

Gift cards to grocery stores such as Stop & Shop or ShopRite

Staples Rewards Member? Donate your unused rewards - just print and mail to us

Leave us a note with your name & address and we're happy to send a donation receipt.



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