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YOUR Help is Needed

Did someone declare it was “Dump Your Ferret Week” and not notify us? I grit my teeth on popular moving holidays like Memorial Day or 4th of July, when abandonment calls are common. But when on a random spring weekend 6 different people within a 48-hour period want to give up their ferrets, it’s truly disheartening. And that was in addition to the 4 or 5 others during the previous week! How is it when people want to obtain an animal, they won’t bother to look to a shelter but when they want to be rid of an animal, they seem to find one readily? Sorry to sound so depressed, but we don’t have much happy news for this issue.

We received word that a fellow ferret shelter, the Washington Ferret Rescue in Washington state, is battling a far worse nightmare. Without their awareness, a ferret whose companion had just died of distemper was brought into their facility. As I write, over 25 ferrets are dead and an unknown number more are sick and could also die. Along with their caretakers, we grieve for this loss. FACT has already donated \$250. And we are asking every one of you to help. If you have a paypal account, you can make a donation [here](#). If you don’t, go to your checkbook or wallet RIGHT NOW, then make out an envelope addressed to: **Washington Ferret Rescue, 12514 128th Lane NE, Kirkland, WA 98038**. Wrap a note around your donation that says, “FACT asked me to send this” and mail it. Please don’t wait; the need is immediate.

What makes this more tragic, to me, is that if those ferrets had been adopted, they would be alive today. These animals died without ever having the chance for a new, loving owner. **Please:** Pledge not to purchase from a pet store or breeder until **every** unwanted ferret has a home. Always remember that your choices make a difference in an animal’s life - or their death.

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Ferrets for Adoption

Itchy & Scratchy: Pair of 3 year-old-boys, champagne & chocolate roan. Their owner was moving. One (not sure which is which!) tends to be nippy and needs an experienced owner. Get along well with others.

Sandy, Stevie & Cinammon: This trio came to us from a man who lost his home and is living out of his car. They were living with friends, but he was unhappy with the care they were getting and asked us to take them in. At 3, 5 and 4, respectively, chocolate Sandy, naked Stevie and sable Cinammon are nice ferrets who like each other and others. Realistically, it looks unlikely their owner will be able to take them back. **AVAILABLE FOR FOSTERING—SINGLY OR IN PAIRS.**

Bob: I call him the Bob-O-Pedic. This is a SPECIAL little fellow...a soft 3 year old sable who will fall asleep on your lap with his head on your hand. He would love a home where no one beats him up, because he is timid around other ferrets. Bob’s owner had mental health issues and left him in an apartment in Bridgeport. **AVAILABLE FOR FOSTERING OR ADOPTION.**

Snowball: A 3-4 year old, BIG albino guy! We’re still trying to get the data on where exactly Snowball originally came from—while we had adopted a ferret to the owner who decided to surrender him, we didn’t adopt Snowball to them. A mystery! But he’s a big, healthy guy. He does tend to beat up others, so would be best with youngsters who won’t mind. **AVAILABLE FOR FOSTERING.**

Rascal: 1-2 year old sable with little white mitts. Cute little fellow surrendered due to is owner entering the VA hospital. Likes other ferrets and great with people.

Chance & Champ: Pair of 4-5 year old sable boys. The owner “gave” them to her sister, who “gave” them back, then the owner got pregnant. One has a pretty naked back end & tail, which we’re hoping a melatonin implant will help. Big guys who get along well with others. **AVAILABLE FOR FOSTERING.**



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Events - The Ferret Frolic

On a more cheerful note, FACT is pleased to announce our annual Ferret Frolic will be held on Saturday, May 21st at the Wallingford Grange Hall. This is THE event of the year for ferret lovers!

An important addition this year is a Vaccination Clinic strictly for ferrets, sponsored by the East Hartford Animal Clinic. Canine Distemper and Rabies vaccinations will be only \$15 each. To make sure enough vaccines are on hand, please call the Clinic office at 860.282.8989 before 5/14 to reserve shots. There will also be a nail clipping/ear cleaning service for \$10 per ferret. Dental scrapings, which can help clean built-up tartar, will be \$25. Vendors selling ferret-related gifts and bedding will include wildlife artist Clara Rodriguez and Ferret Treasures, the fund-raising “subsidiary” of FACT. The popular Silent Auction of goods will have special and unique gifts for all pet lovers.

Fun games and specialty rings based on your ferret’s age will also go on throughout the day. Please bring your pet on secure leash or in a carrier/small cage and plan to spend the day!

Admission: Adults: \$5 for adults, \$1 for children under 12.

Entry fees per ferret, per entry: Fun Games: \$1.

Specialty Rings: \$6.

The Wallingford Grange is located at 586 Center Street, Wallingford, CT 06492. For directions:

<http://www.mapquest.com>.

Featured Ferret Treasures Sale Item: Photo Frame Closeout





Puck

We still have some of the Montville neglect case ferrets seeking homes! They've been here since **Thanksgiving**—can't someone open their heart to one?

Rachel: 1 year old dark pewter/sable mitt. Scared when she arrived, Rachel may beat up oldies but likes to play with youngsters.

Puck: 3 year old dark-eyed white Puck was named because he arrived with a sort of “reverse Mohawk” - naked down his back and hairy on the sides. He now has hair! Puck looks great and gets along well with others.

Need more information about adopting or Fostering a ferret in our shelter? Just [e-mail](#) us! Live outside the Connecticut region but want to help support FACT's work for homeless ferrets? You can donate using paypal via our site: [Make a Donation](#). Thank you for caring about homeless ferrets.

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Made by E & S Imports, these resin frames feature 3 adorable dark-eyed white ferrets in a three-dimensional design. Nicely detailed and pretty accurate. They measure 9” wide and 8” tall. The plastic-covered insert will take a 4” x 6” photo. These are selling on amazon and Ebay for \$17 and up. We have only 5 of them left and I'm sick of looking at them - which means YOU can snap up a bargain at only \$10.00 each. *Please note: we only have the dark-eyed white version.* Secure shipping for 1 is \$7.50 for anyone EAST of the Mississippi River; \$10.00 for anyone WEST of the river. (Sorry! Blame the US Postal Service.) We will discount postage for an order of more than one; contact us if you require International shipping. To purchase, just e-mail [FerretTreasures](#). Your purchase helps the homeless ferrets cared for by the FACT shelter. Thank you!