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1,500 Ferrets Saved

This month FACT rescued our 1,500th ferret. While we are proud of our achievement and glad we've been able to help so many, wouldn't it be great if we WEREN'T needed anymore? The most important long-term goal of any nonprofit organization is to put itself out of business. In our case, it would mean that every ferret had a loving and permanent home and every owner knew how to care for their pet well. It would mean every mainstream humane society would accept and have room for any abandoned ferret, and that retailers only sold them to serious, educated, committed owners. We're not there yet, sadly, but FACT still keeps working toward that end.

Our little #1500, Diego, is a 5-month-old baby. Cute and silly, Diego was rehomed by his owner to another family in an apartment building. Within a week, the new family (wisely!) realized that their young daughter was not going to keep up with his care and cleaning. When they tried to call the original owner to return him, their calls went unanswered.

Ferrets currently in our shelter range from 5 months to 5 years - what they all have in common are their need for some wonderful human to love them. Are YOU that person? Contact us to adopt! You won't regret it.

L. Vanessa Gruden
Shelter Director

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There's only one week left to contribute to the Kipu Kisses! Fundraiser and be entered into the drawing for the photo print of a leaping ferret. The drawing for the print will be held on August 1. While, of course, we're grateful for any donation, if you want to be entered in the prize drawing, donations must be made in multiples of \$10. Everyone who donates \$10 or more receives a 5" long oval magnet featuring our adorable little fundraiser, Kipu.

To donate and enter for the drawing, simply send your gift via paypal to donation@ferret-fact.org and note it's for the Kipu Kisses Fundraiser.

Ferrets Magazine Ends

We're sorry to share that Ferrets magazine, published by Bowtie, Inc., will not be published any longer. Many long-term ferrets owners remember the bi-monthly magazine fondly - it had great articles and good, current information. But the costs of print publishing have outpaced readership, and Bowtie had to suspend publication of the single annual issue, too. Hopefully they will be able to continue to publish Critters, which has info about ferrets as well as other small animals. And their website, continues to publish relevant articles. Visit their [site](#) & sign up for the e-newsletter to show your support!



Options for Ferret Checks

One of our members found a company making ferret checks. [Check](#)



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Limited Edition Ferret Shirts

While 1FerretsTreasures sells these fun "bling" hotfix appliques by themselves, if you're anything like me, your iron died from neglect a long time ago. And hotfix - a way to attach metallic studded designs to fabric, can be tricky to apply. Never fear! Ann Gruden has created a limited selection of women's t-shirts just for the non-crafty among us. A bonus! - They're on sale for only \$12 each. Shipping is reasonable, too! There's still plenty of summer left in the North and those in the South can wear ferret love all year long. To see the full selection and order, visit [this site](#).



Summer 2012 Sale Continues

Visit [this link](#) to see our summer specials! We have some great deals on pouches & t-shirts and necklaces created by our busy shelter director featuring some adorable new ferret charms, among other items. Here's a selection of the necklaces - they're only \$7.00 and each is different. Please note that we have sold out of many adult-sized t-shirts from the Summer sale flyer- all we have left are 2X and 3X.



Thank You for Helping!

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Advantage has them listed under their “wildlife” section. They are reasonably priced, starting at \$13.95 for 150 single checks. They come in four different colors per pad (2 poses, 1 single and 1 pair of ferrets). FACT has checks with the image of our departed & greatly loved Mira. We get them from Artistic Checks. You can upload your own photo - you even have the option of using up to 4 personal photos. Their prices start at \$20.95 for 1 box. One caution - to use your own photo, you will need to crop it to the right size **before** uploading. And it's easier to use a photo that is not terribly detailed or dark; in order to make sure you can read the actual writing, the company has to fade your photo, so start with one that will accept that without losing too much. A nice centered closeup, for example, works pretty well without obscuring the payment information.



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