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Fall is Coming!

In many parts of the U.S., it's been a long, hot summer. Like the ferrets, when it gets hot & humid I pretty much lie around like I'm dead. Really, it wasn't even very hot when I took this picture!

FACT is excited to share a couple contacts we've made recently. One is Running For Rescues, an organization that helps raise money for animals in shelters. They were very interested in Malin's story, and wanted to help him out. Thanks to Jodi and Running for Rescues, Malin had two small skin tumors removed from behind his ears and had his teeth cleaned. He had to have one molar pulled. We're **very** grateful to Running for Rescues for paying his vet bill for these procedures!

Another group we have started working with is Helping Hands, who operates two thrift stores in southern Connecticut. Donations of goods to their stores can be directed to the nonprofit partner of your choice. When the goods are sold, 18% is given back to the partner. It's a neat idea! We've put more information on both these groups to the right.

The winner of the beautiful leaping ferret photo print was Stephanie S. of Assonet, Massachusetts. Congratulations to Stephanie and **thank you** to everyone who donated! You helped us pay a LOT of vet bills this summer!

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Visit us on Facebook and sign up for our Twitter feed for ongoing stories of ferrets and humans FACT helps!

Is YOUR Ferret Spoiled?

We received a request from a television producer who is interested in the most pampered pets in the country! They say: "VPE Talent is looking for pet owners who will stop at nothing to make their pets happy! Whether it's dressing your cat in couture, treating your pooch to a day at the spa, or commissioning a photo of you with your pot belly pig, if you will stop at nothing to treat and pamper your pet, we want to hear from you!"

The show, commissioned by Nat Geo WILD, will feature examples of pets whose owners give them the "all-star treatment." The application and more information is available at ThePetCasting.com.

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Neat Sleep Spots

All ferrets love to lounge in hammocks! At the FACT shelter, we don't use cages. So we hang one of our handmade hammocks to a baby swing, just like the one in the photo at left. Our large (18" x 22" hammocks fit perfect and last forever. Add toys from the top bar for the ferrets to play with and it's a complete entertainment center!

Our regular heavyweight hammocks are only $13.00 + $2.50 shipping within the US. Each is made of faux fur with a poly suede backing and are fully washable. You can just paypal your payment to: donation@ferret-fact.org and let us know whether you'd like one with solid or patterned fabric. E-mail us if you'd like more than one and we'll calculate discounted shipping.

Hot tip! We're working on a totally revised new online store where you can purchase hammocks, sleep sacks, and lots of other great ferret-related goodies all in one place. Watch this space for details!

Helping Hands
Community Thrift Store & Furniture Bank

Located in New Haven and Orange, Helping Hands is a special type of thrift store. Clean, neat and well-organized, this nonprofit store is dedicated to helping other nonprofits as well as people in need. Part of their mission is to operate a Furniture Bank so people in need can obtain household goods at very low cost. They love regular customers, too! If you live in the area, they will even arrange pickup for large donations such as furniture. They ask donated items be GENTLY used, please! Visit their website for a list of items they accept as well as their hours and maps. To ensure a portion of sales from your donation goes to us, just write "Ferret Assoc." in on the top of the donation form. Thanks!

Running for Rescues

Like to run? Like to help animals? Running for Rescues is the group for you! All you have to do is run a race – any race, any length, any speed – and get your friends, family, and co-workers to commit to donate. It's totally flexible – they can donate a dollar amount per mile or by the race.

You don't have to be a dedicated runner! If you're just starting out, they will hook you up with a FREE 5K training plan designed by a respected instructor. All you need is the dedication to complete your goal

I spoke to the Associate Producer and they would LOVE to include a ferret! The show will have 6 episodes. While they are concentrating on the northeast, they are willing to travel across the country for that SPECIAL owner and pet. She is adamant that they aren't making fun of people who may get a little carried away with their affections, but trying to celebrate the enthusiasm and special bond between people and pets. It sounds like fun!

Shelter Ferrets Get into Trouble, Too.

As we all know, ferrets have a way of getting into things we just never imagined they could. This little cabinet sits in a corner of FACT's shelter room and holds supplies. More than one of the ferrets has learned to climb the drawer handles, get to the top shelf and knock things off. Quite a few learned how to open the drawers. We THOUGHT we had solved that problem by securing the handles with an elastic bungee. Wrong! The ferrets – and I think there were several working together – learned to open all 3 drawers at once. Even I had to laugh when I saw the results. Nice how they stole the FerretVite, too. BTW, the drawers have now been TAPED shut!

and some enthusiastic supporters!
While RfR is based in Middletown, CT, you don't need to live locally to participate. They give you links to online fundraising sites where you can collect pledges.
Running for Rescues pools the donated funds to help animals in need. They take no salaries and keep expenses low so as much money as possible can go directly to the animals, and they particularly like to work with small shelters who have a specific animal that needs extra care or has significant veterinary expenses.
FACT is a grateful recipient of RfR funds to help our little friend Malin. We are thrilled to be able to promote their organization in return, and hope lots more healthy running continues to help shelter pets. Keep running!

Thank You for Helping!

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