

Issue: September, 2014 - Upcoming FACT events, new website launch, and Totally Ferret news...

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Here's hoping you each had a wonderful summer! Many of us are buckling down for fall and winter, and FACT is no exception. Like the Grooming Workshop featured at right, fun and informative ferret events have been scheduled throughout the fall for local residents. We'd love to see you!

Thankfully, the "last blast" of summer surrenders happened over Labor Day weekend. We're looking forward to less people trying to give up their ferrets and more wanting to ADOPT one. If you are interested in adding to your ferret family, shelters everywhere are full with delightful little critters who would love a chance at a forever home. Outside of Connecticut? Visit [www.ferretshelters.org](http://www.ferretshelters.org) for a shelter nearby!

FACT is unveiling our brand new website: [www.ferretassn.org](http://www.ferretassn.org). Endless hours of effort by volunteer designer Ann Gruden has resulted in an updated site with great functionality, easily readable on multiple devices. It's still a work in progress! Over the winter we plan to upload more of our library of ferret information. Meantime, in place are new sections detailing FACT governance, detailed information about adopting and a direct link to our adoption application. Donors can now give right through the site. Foster sponsors can choose to have paypal invoice you periodically. The donation tab also features ideas and tips for other ways to help the ferrets. Bookmark and come back to visit!

We want to apologize to anyone who has previously unsubscribed and is receiving this! We have switched to using MailChimp and it required we re-upload our private list of contacts. Some who may have opted out may need to do so again. We're sorry for the inconvenience.

**L. Vanessa Gruden, Executive Director**

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## Totally Ferret Production Issues

Is your ferret hooked on Totally Ferret? If you've tried to order it recently, you may have been frustrated by long waits and "out of stock" messages. Performance Foods told us that the plant in Ohio which manufactures Totally Ferret normally closes for two weeks in August...this year they were closed for an additional two weeks for equipment repair. This led to all the backorders and shortages. Ferret.com and their related site, Petfood.com, had enough angry customers that they discontinued carrying Totally Ferret and were offering a discount to Marshall food. Like many readers, I don't consider this a viable substitute! Ferrets that love Totally Ferret will not easily switch to Marshall, and owners seriously concerned with ferret welfare dislike supporting Marshall Farms.

### Options

Right now Ferret Depot is showing most sizes of Totally Ferret as in stock; but honestly, I'd call to doublecheck. At Drs. Foster & Smith, they list 15 lb. in stock but that 4 lb. will not be in until October 3.

## Ferret Grooming Workshop - Saturday Sept. 13 & Sunday Sept. 14, noon - 3 pm.

Held at the PetSense store, 42 Town Street, Norwich, CT. Not sure how to clean ears, clip nails, or brush your ferret's teeth? Experienced volunteers will teach grooming basics. Bring your ferret (on leash/in carrier) & we'll do all three for a \$10 donation.

This event is part of PetSense's annual Adoption Days weekend. Contact us in advance for an adoption interview, pick up your new friend at the store, and PetSense will donate a gift pack of goodies valued at \$100!

## Ferret Picnic - Sunday, September 28, 11 am - 3 pm.



Rain or shine! Held at Northfield Brook Lake Park, Thomaston, CT. Just north of Waterbury, a gorgeous location to relax, play with your ferrets, and chat with other ferret folk. Look for Shelter #2, close to the

You can also order directly from Performance Foods at <http://performancefoodsinc.net/zencart/> or just call Liz in their office at 1-877-545-5462. She's very helpful and they have a greater range of sizes for each formula available. Remember, the larger the bag you can order, the lower the price per pound! Just make sure you have a good, airtight container to store larger amounts of food for freshness and safety.

We're urging those who want to purchase through ferret.com to contact them and ask they bring Totally Ferret back. You can call them at 1-888-809-0752 or via their online contact form at <https://www.ferret.com/CS/Feedback.aspx> Really, how can you claim to be "Everything and Anything Ferret" if you don't carry Totally Ferret?



### Featured Adoptee of the Month

Bron is a Special Needs ferret who requires a home with a lot of love and understanding. A handsome chocolate fellow, only about a year old, Bron was found outside. We believe he was either seriously overcaged, abused, or both. He was very frightened when he arrived and would bite at any hand he could reach. He has improved greatly but still has a habit of going for arms and legs. Unexpected noises or different places still scare him. He really wants to play with people and just doesn't know how – he will take a good nip out of a leg even while trying to playfully leap at you. An owner experienced with ferrets and willing to invest some time and effort into working with him will have a delightful little pet in no time. Bron gets along very well with other ferrets. Obviously, he's not suitable for a home with children or for anyone unwilling to accept a few chomps while he learns!



lake (sorry, lake closed for swimming). \$5 donation per family to cover pavilion rental (no extra parking fee). Tables & grills available. Please bring your own lunch; ferrets must be leashed on grounds. We suggest transport in a pet taxi for their comfort.

## Upcoming Events:

### Halloween Costume

**Contest** - Sunday, Oct.

26, 1 - 3 pm.

Pet Supplies Plus, 1142 Silas Deane Hwy., Wethersfield.

### Ferret Grooming

**Workshop** - Sunday, Nov.

16, noon - 3 pm.

Pet Supplies Plus, 283 Middle Turnpike West, Manchester.

### Ferret Treasures Store

**Sale** - Sunday, Dec. 7,

noon - 3 pm.

Held at FACT, 14 Sherbrooke Avenue, Hartford.

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