

Paw Print

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Thank You!

We want to express our appreciation for all those who read this newsletter and help FACT in our mission to help pet ferrets. It's been a tough year for a lot of people and for our shelter. We couldn't have made it without your help!

The shelters in England who are fighting canine distemper have had a very difficult time, also. If you want to keep up with their status, the best place to do that is Facebook. There are groups that are fundraising for them there. Try these links for info:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Kent-Ferret-Club/377203532645>

<http://starescue.org.uk/>

<http://www.ferretsforum.co.uk>

On Tuesday, November 29, there was a radio broadcast on BBC Radio Leeds - Veterinary Surgeon Simon Thomas did a phone-in interview and answered questions about ferrets and distemper. Simon answered questions regarding the distemper outbreak and gave advice on ways of preventing the spread of this terrible virus in the UK. You can listen to the program on your computer [here](#) up to December 6.

Apologies to those who have already received our annual request for donations via the postal service! For those who haven't, we've included it below, and hope you are willing to support our work for 2012. Thank you!!!

L. Vanessa Gruden, Shelter Director

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Dear Ferret Friend:

You'd never know, to look at this playful little fellow, that he lived through a deadly disease – canine distemper. Thanks to the wonderful, 24 hour a day care he received from a dedicated caretaker, Dexter is alive today.

The remainder of the ferrets in our shelter who contracted distemper early this summer were not so fortunate. While two-thirds of the ferrets never showed any signs of illness, the ones that did, succumbed. The costs – physical, emotional, and financial – were high.

The Ferret Association of Connecticut has survived, too. After two months of self-imposed quarantine, the shelter has tested clear and we are able to continue our shelter work. The support of friends, volunteers and donors helped us carry on. Improved vaccination protocols are in place to try to make sure the ferrets we accept are protected, as much as possible, from any illness. The vet bills have been paid and our lost animals put to rest.

The ferrets who continue to arrive still need your help.

Everyone who donates receives a thank you card. Those



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Dental Scaling Available at Ferret Treasures Store Sale

Tamara Von Ouhl has again agreed to visit the FACT shelter on December 3 to provide dental services for your ferret. For \$25, Tamara will chip off tartar and inspect teeth for further dental problems that should be seen by a vet. For \$10, you can obtain a thorough ear cleaning and nail clipping. Combine all three services for \$30, and the funds help support Tamara's ferret rescue work.

For those who have multiple ferrets but limited funds, Tamara and FACT are working together to accept credit card payments for her services so you can spread payments over time. FACT can accept MasterCard and Visa payments.

You MUST contact us to make a reservation! Please [e-mail](#) us asap so we know how many ferrets to expect! We do ask that your pet be current on vaccinations, please.

While visiting, we hope you'll shop our annual "store sale" - lots of wonderful ferret goodies will be available.

Hours are noon to 3 pm and you can get directions [here](#).

Hot Tip!

Everyone with ferrets uses paper towels. A LOT of them! This week, CVS has a deal on Bounty paper towels. They're on sale for \$9.74 for a 12-roll package. The best part? If you spend at least \$30 on Bounty and/or a group of specially marked products, you can get a free \$10 gift card. Their gift cards include restaurants or "spend-nearly-anywhere" ones like Visa or American Express. You do have to have a CVS "Extra Care" card to get this deal, but they are free. The sale ends Saturday, so act fast! And yes, FACT would LOVE to accept any gift card you collect and feel like passing along! ☺ Bounty is the "preferred" paper towel of choice for this shelter director!

donating \$10 or more receive a small magnet photo of Dexter as a token of our appreciation; donors of \$50 or more receive the same photo in a mini-calendar. FACT is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Please talk to your veterinarian about maintaining canine distemper protection for your pets. We can tell you from sad experience, it is a devastating disease. Just because you haven't heard of distemper in your locale does not mean it isn't there. Many people and rescue groups are fearful of publicizing an outbreak. They may not even know the cause of the illness they encounter. While vaccinations are not a perfect preventative, they are the best preventative available.

Thank you for reading this and caring about ferrets.



Please note: I've had trouble getting a link to us at paypal to work properly; sorry! Just visit [paypal.com](https://www.paypal.com) and make your donation payable to donation@ferret-fact.org. ***Thank you!!***

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