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How did it get to be December already? I guess time flies when you're incredibly busy! But December brings good things for ferret lovers!

Locally, there's the Ferret Treasures Store Sale featured at right. We'd love to have folks come out to visit the shelter ferrets and purchase items for the special ferrets in YOUR life.

For those who can't make it, you can always shop our Winter 2014 flyer. It features some of the new items we have for sale as well as a number of old favorites. We're also offering a special for anyone buying as a shelter gift: Your purchase, sent direct to a shelter listed on the Ferret Shelters Directory, is 10% off. Send us a note with your payment and we'll refund the discount.

One cool gift, made for FACT, is a miniature rescued ferret statue. This little fellow would be a wonderful gift for your vet, local shelter operator, or to remember your own rescued furry buddy. And he's only \$6 plus shipping! The complete flyer is at : <http://ferretassn.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/2014-winter-flyer.pdf>



Here's another way you can try to snag some Ferret Treasures products...for FREE! Our long-lasting hammock and a matching FurBall are the Product of the Month at smallanimalchannel.com. You can enter to win a set, valued at \$28, on their site. <http://www.smallanimalchannel.com/ferrets-magazine/product-spotlight/fact-hammock-and-furball-combo-1412.aspx>

Happy holidays to all, and here's wishing for EVERY ferret to have a warm, loving home for Christmas.

L. Vanessa Gruden, Executive Director

Ferret Treasures Store Sale - Sunday Dec. 7, noon - 3 pm.



Have ferrets? Love ferrets? This is the ultimate shopping event for you! Held at the Ferret Association of Connecticut offices, the sale features ALL the wonderful hammocks, sleep pouches and blankets handmade onsite by Executive Director Vanessa Gruden. You won't find quality bedding like this in any pet store. Built to last and time-tested in the FACT shelter, these luxury items are bargain priced.

There's also an array of ferret lover gifts. Plush toys, statues, toys for the ferts, and all the handmade bracelets and necklaces created by Vanessa. And, of course, ferret socks! What better way to get revenge on the ferrets for stealing YOUR socks than by symbolically stomping on them in your very own ferret socks?

Proceeds help support FACT and our work for homeless ferrets. The address is 14 Sherbrooke Avenue, Hartford, CT. Please drop us a note if you need further info; there is plenty of street parking.



Crowdfunding for Alvin

Alvin was rescued in 2013. He's had a series of health issues - most recently, he needed to have his spleen removed. We've signed up with a new animal-oriented crowdfunding site, [LoveAnimals.org](http://www.loveanimals.org), to try to raise funds for Alvin's \$700 surgery. You can read all about his needs, see more photos, and donate if you can, at: <http://www.loveanimals.org/help-alvin-the-ferret.html>

Thank you!!

How to Wrap Gifts with a Ferret

This is an old, but still totally relevant, description of ferret "help." It was published, with edits by Patty Krywos, in the Concerned Ferret Owners newsletter back in 2003. We hope it will give you a laugh!

1. Gather presents, boxes, paper, etc. in middle of living room floor.
2. Get tape back from ferret.
3. Remove scissors from ferret's mouth.
4. Open box.
5. Take ferret out of box.
6. Remove tape from ferret's mouth.
7. Take scissors away from ferret.
8. Put present in box.
9. Remove present from ferret's mouth.
10. Put back in box after removing ferret from box.
11. Take scissors from ferret & sit on them.
12. Unroll paper.
13. Take ferret off box.
14. Cut paper being careful not to cut ferret's foot or nose that is getting in the way as he "helps".
15. Let ferret tear paper remaining to be cut.
16. Take ferret off box.

FACT Open House

- Sunday, Dec. 7, noon - 3 pm.



While you're shopping, stop into the shelter room to see the ferrets for adoption! We have a bunch who would LOVE a new home for Christmas. While we're not able to do adoptions the day of the sale, we're happy to give you an application and let you meet the ferrets. Someone may steal your heart.

Please see Sale, above, for directions.

Special! We received a Marshall Ferret Mansion cage in nearly new condition which will be sold to benefit the shelter. Selling online for \$150-\$200, we are offering it to the public for \$100. There's only the one, so come early if you want it!



FACT Member Party & Open House

- Sunday, Jan. 25 (heavy snow date Feb.

17. Wrap paper around box.
18. Remove ferret from box & take wrapping paper from mouth.
19. Tell ferret to hold tape so he will stop stealing it.
20. Take scissors away from ferret.
21. Take tape ferret is holding.
22. Quickly tape one spot before taking scissors from ferret & sitting on them again.
23. Fend off ferret trying to steal tape & tape another spot.
24. Take bow from ferret.
25. Go get roll of wrapping paper ferret ran off with.
26. Take scissors from ferret who took them when you got up.
27. Give pen to ferret to hold so he stops licking your face.
28. Remove ferret from present & hurriedly slap tape on to hold the paper on.
29. Take now soggy bow from ferret & tape on since the sticky stuff no longer sticks.
30. Take pen from ferret, address tag & affix while ferret tries to eat pen.
31. Grab present before ferret opens it & put away.
32. Clean up mess ferret made playing tug-of-war with roll of wrapping paper.
33. Put away rest of wrapping supplies & tell ferret what a good helper he is.



1), 11 - 2 pm.

Held at FACT headquarters at 14 Sherbrooke Avenue in Hartford, this is a day to relax, meet other members, and relax. A light lunch will be served and yes, you CAN shop in the Ferret Treasures store!

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Including all new contact addresses. Come check it out!



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